



WORLD REACH KENYA ORPHANAGE

August 2021 Update

Dear Partner of our Kenya Orphanage,

We are pleased to report that Tim Prewitt, Director of World Reach, was able to travel to Kenya this summer. Tim was accompanied by World Reach missionaries, Tony and Tina Meinhardt, and also Pastor Rick Searle from Faith Presbyterian Church in Anniston, AL. This team of pastors from the US conducted a retreat on the Meru campus for our staff from Meru and also our staff from the medical clinic in Muthetheni. The purpose was to encourage their hearts in Christ Jesus after the numerous challenges they faced during the pandemic. The retreat was a wonderful experience for all involved!

Tina Meinhardt, a first grade teacher from Alabama, had the opportunity to minister to our orphans, and we thought you would appreciate a letter from her:

Meet The Sweetest Children Ever!

Hello Friends,

My name is Tina Meinhardt. I am Tony's wife, and we joined World Reach in May 2019 after Tony retired from serving as a pastor for 38 years. I had the privilege of going on a mission trip to Kenya, Africa in June. I wanted to take a few minutes and share what an amazing experience I had with the children at the World Reach Orphanage.

There were 13 primary school children staying at the orphanage full time, and I understand there are 9 more boarding at various high schools. In the afternoons when the children came home from their primary school, I got to do Bible School with them. The youngest child was 10 and the oldest was 16. I did a bible story first, and they were so attentive and very knowledgeable about the bible. We did a coloring sheet the first day, and I gave them new crayons. They were so proud, and they literally worked on their picture for almost an hour. In my classroom in America, my kids would be finished in minutes and have very little pride in a coloring sheet! It was very delightful to see them enjoying a simple activity.

Throughout the week we did more bible stories and fun arts and crafts and games. We did playdough one day and the children thought you were supposed to eat it. I immediately explained what to do with it. They then made all kinds of things out of the playdough. Another day we played with bubbles and balloons. They had not seen either one of these things. I would look outside the window early in the morning and some of the girls would be outside before school blowing bubbles. Such a small simple thing that brought so much joy!



The children love to color!



Blowing bubbles!



Tony and I joined in on a couple of soccer and volleyball games too. The children love when you are involved in what they love doing. I took one of the small automatic cameras with me, and they couldn't get enough pictures with each other and with us. The adults even got in on the picture taking!!

I know Jesus loves these children and they love Him! It was such an honor to be His hands and feet for a few days. I was reminded how grateful and blessed I am to live in America. Please remember these children in your prayers and also the faithful dedicated staff that help take care of them daily.

Just a reminder - your giving is definitely going to make a huge difference in each of these precious lives. I met two young men who grew up in our orphanage and now one, Frances, has a beautiful family in Nairobi and is doing electrical work and coming up with new innovative ideas for business. The other one, Ken, is interning as a nurse at our Medical Clinic in Muthetheni and will soon earn his nursing certification after interning with a government clinic for a year. Ken hopes to come back in the future to work in the World Reach Clinic. Wow, Our God is Good!

Blessed,
Tina Meinhardt

We do thank you for faithfully praying for our children. The US team brought back some new photos of our 13 children in primary school, and we have prepared a collage for you so that there are names and faces to include in your prayers!

Below are also some prayer suggestions:

- Minds open and eager to learn truths from the Bible
- Salvation by grace through faith in Christ
- Good health
- Obedience to those in authority at school and at the orphanage
- Protection from evil
- Ability to excel in school so that one day the child can provide for himself or herself and contribute meaningfully to Kenyan society
- Pray for funding to add more orphans and another house mother – we currently have 22 orphans and 2 house mothers

Thank you for your partnership with this life-changing ministry to orphaned, abandoned, and rejected children of Kenya.

Blessings,

Heather Thornburgh
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