Dear Partner,

Missionaries Tony Meinhardt and Paul Whitmore traveled from the USA to Kenya in October. The primary purposes for this trip were for Paul to teach a "Marriage and Family Seminar" to pastors and aspiring pastors enrolled in World Reach's Kenya Bible Institute held on our Meru campus and for Tony to assist with various projects on campus to improve the living conditions for our orphans and staff.

Tony coordinated projects to help repair some broken bed frames in the dorms, replace mattresses and pillows, and add some shelves for additional storage. He helped shop for and install a small refrigerator for the guest apartment used by Bible Institute teachers and US missionaries, and the refrigerator will also be enjoyed by the staff and orphans to store food, as needed. This is the first refrigerator on campus, and we are eager to hear how our Kenyan staff and children benefit from this new appliance.

Another first which is hard for us in the USA to imagine - - - - a washing machine. Tony explored various options and pricing and was able to get a residential washing machine installed. The children historically have washed their clothes each week on Saturday by hand. We hope that clothes will be much cleaner now! Please pray that this machine operates without complication and serves everyone well.

Our children have a small garden on campus where they learn to grow various greens and also maize (or corn). Some partners, and even former orphans, have donated rabbits for the children to learn to raise (and later eat). The children also care for the guard dog on campus. Director David Magiri suggested that it would be helpful to have laying chickens for the children to tend and to produce eggs to eat. Tony coordinated the repair of chicken coups and purchase of 50 laying chickens for the children!

Please enjoy Director David Magiri’s letter and photos from last Christmas of a tree the children decorated and the special food they enjoyed. I am humbled by how excited these children are to receive a piece of fruit on Christmas Day.

Christmas at the Orphanage

Greetings in the Name of Jesus!

Please receive a letter of how our children celebrate during Christmas holiday. At this time in Kenya, people visit relatives, cousins and so on. But people are very much preparing new things while waiting for Christmas Day.
For our orphanage children this year, they will have exams before breaking for Christmas holidays for 10 days. They enjoy this year more than last because COVID-19 cases have decreased. With any extra funds received from the USA, we purchase Christmas gifts for the children - a set of new clothes, special food, and balloons. We also provide gifts to the children who do well on their exams. During the holidays, the children enjoy sweet things like candies, biscuits, cakes, soft drinks, fruit, etc. The children sing new songs about the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and organize and perform plays about His birth.

Thank you and may Our Almighty God bless richly those who are giving hope to our orphanage. The children pray always for all the donors. In the orphanage, the children truly enjoy and appreciate the advantages they have been provided - - - - payment of school fees, food, good shelter, electricity, medication, and Godly love from the World Reach staff.

We always glorify and honor God for the special work World Reach has done for the children of Kenya.

Reverend David Magiri
World Reach Kenya, Field Director

We wish all of our partners a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2022. We thank you for praying for our children and for partnering with us in this life-changing ministry to orphaned, abandoned, and rejected children in Kenya.

Blessings,

Heather Thornburgh
Assistant General Director