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QUARTERLY UPDATE

*Dear Partner of our Kenya Orphanage,*

Thank you for your prayers for our children and staff. The children have been very busy with school this year. Normally, school meets 5 days a week, and there are 3 terms of school in a calendar year with holidays in between each term. Unfortunately Kenya is still playing catch up from the pandemic, and the school schedule is quite demanding. Term 3 from 2021 actually ended in March 2022. The children are having to go to school 6 days a week rather than the normal 5. And the school day is a couple of hours longer. Can you imagine? Educators even requested that schools be open on Sundays. Understandably, parents refused this idea!

The primary school children living on our campus rise each day around 5:00 am, eat breakfast and walk together to school around 6:00 am. They finish school over 12 hours later at 6:30 pm, wash and eat supper, and by 7:00 pm are doing homework assignments. Lights are out at 9:00 pm after prayers together. This schedule is daunting to me! Please pray for the stamina of our kids and the house parents as well. We anticipate that the school schedule will return to normal in 2023.



We are happy to announce that 3 of our children – Eric, Kelvin and Ian - graduated primary school in March, passed their exams, and are now placed in various secondary boarding schools (high school in the USA). Ian did so well that he was accepted to one of the best secondary schools in the country!

We hope you enjoy the letter we are including from Field Director, David Magiri.

Blessings,

*Heather Thornburgh*

Heather Thornburgh  
Chief Operating Officer

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Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Greetings unto you all! Let me explain how the Kenya system of education works. First we begin at the primary level, then transit to secondary level (high school), and finally to the colleges and universities (tertiary level).



The primary education starts from the nursery class (kindergarten) all the way to class (or grade) 8. Nearing the end of primary education, pupils sit for final national exams to earn a Kenya Certificate of Primary education. Exam scores determine the quality of secondary education the child will receive.

Secondary education is at a boarding school for 4 years after which the student sits for another national exam to earn the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education. This exam determines which technical college, university, or trade school the student could attend.

World Reach, through generous donors like you, provides funding for both primary and secondary education which includes school fees, school uniforms, meals, room and board, etc. My wife, Janet, and I ensure that each child completes the whole system and then applies for a job or further education.

In April, World Reach Director, Tim Prewitt, and Director Appointee, Bobby Wilson visited us in Kenya. During that visit they met a child named Morris. Morris finished primary school and did well, but there was nobody to take him to secondary school. His father abandoned the family. Morris was very discouraged. His mother has two other children and has no food, shelter, or funds for education of her children. Through God's grace, Bobby and Tim met Morris and we all agreed to take Morris into our program. Morris was placed in secondary school and has hope for the future. Morris is happy for God opening a door to our orphanage where he is supplied with an education, food, shelter, clothes, the Word of God, and fellowship with other children.



Last year, we shared the success story of our former orphan, Ken Mwitwi, who pursued a medical degree. Ken completes his medical internship in December to become certified as a nurse by the Kenyan government. Prior to the internship, Ken served at our medical clinic for 12 months and was a big help. Whenever Ken is on holiday, he comes and encourages the orphanage children and shares the word of God with them. I am thankful for the difference made in Ken's life and that Ken is giving back by investing in our orphans!

Please pray for our orphanage because we have many children on our waiting list when funds are available. Currently, we support 22 children but have capacity for about 40. Therefore, pray with us so that God will continue to provide ongoing funding for the current children and also provide funds to support more children.

Please also pray for the house parents and staff that are taking care of the children. They have a big task and many responsibilities to shape the children into good and responsible citizens of Kenya. But our primary goal as World Reach is to make sure that these children will be self-supporting and will have strong knowledge of the Word of God and are ready to share their faith with others in Kenya and reach the world for Christ! We conduct Bible study with the children and leave the campus sometimes to participate in worship services in local churches.

I am thankful that even now many among the children are confident in sharing with classmates in their schools. They are able to lead prayers, devotions, praise and worship. These children are not only growing physically, but also socially and spiritually. We thank the Lord for the difference He is making in their lives.

Thank you for your partnership. May God richly bless you!

Rev. David Magiri

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