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**Quarterly Update** 

## Dear friends & supporters,

As announced in December, we renamed our orphanage to "World Reach Children's Home". In John 14:18, Jesus says: "I will not leave you as orphans." Our children are not orphans, but are part of the World Reach family, and we want them to feel a deep sense of love and belonging. To foster this feeling of family, we embarked on a special trip in January. Our Meru staff, along with their spouses and kids, traveled with the children to a nearby Wildlife Conservancy. What a wonderful day of experiencing God's creation and building memories and family bonds! Children's Home Director, Patrick Mutwiri, shares more below:



Patrick Mutwiri posing with a Rhino statue.

Ol Pejeta Conservancy is the largest Black Rhino sanctuary in East Africa.

"Imagine having grown as an orphan, with no love, no protection, no care, no one to take you for an outing, but all of sudden you get protection and care. This has been the story of these beautiful boys and girls. For years, some of them have found love, care, and protection in the World Reach Orphanage, but they no longer belong to an orphanage. We thank God for a trip meant to be a time of refreshing, interacting, and bonding. This trip was so fruitful. From the pictures you can see, we are having fun with the children as they now enjoy being in a home."

"We had a great time learning important lessons about life from the diversity and beauty of the creation of God. We were privileged to see the African Elephant estimated to be 6000 kgs and the largest land mammal. It was a great lesson to us seeing how the male elephant protected the young ones. As fathers, we should protect those entrusted to us. From our tour guide we learned that animals also suffer from stress, and to avoid them being stressed they set aside a big portion of land whereby they move freely. A lesson learned was that we should use the freedom we have in the Lord to work and interact with others to avoid stress."



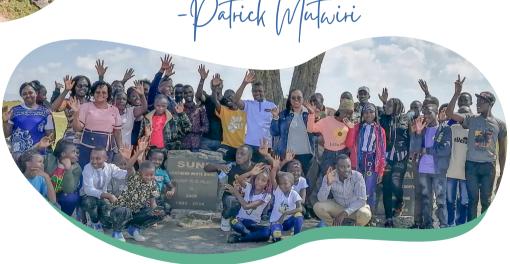
Grave of the last Northern White Rhino. Extinct due to illegal hunting.



"We also learned about the wonderful fellowship the animals had. The animals of the same family walked together, protected each other, and cared for the young ones. What a great lesson to us. It is sad to see women killing unborn babies and even abandoning their children – it is not the case with the animals. We should learn from them. We learned a good lesson about fellowship that day and we thank God for the opportunity."

"But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In His hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind."

~ Job 12:7-10





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