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**Quarterly Update** 

## Dear friends & supporters,

Hey there! This is Joseph, the Communications Director of World Reach! I have had the pleasure of writing and designing the Children's Home newsletters for almost two years now. Last month, I was given the opportunity to visit the Children's Home in Meru, Kenya to see and experience it with my own eyes! So we'll be doing things a little different this time around as I take the wheel! Wanna know my takeaways from the Children's Home? Read on to find out!



## The Inevitable Question: "How was it?"

It's surreal stepping into a world that you recognize only through pictures and videos. But I can indeed confirm that the Children's Home is a real place (just in case that was a concern)! And it's brimming with color and personality. But the heart of all of it was of course, the children.

They're kids, what more can I say? We were all children at some point. Many of us honestly wish we could go back to when times seemed simpler.
Unfortunately, things aren't as simple for most kids in Kenya...





You've heard it all before: abandonment, neglect, illness, addiction, abuse, death, all things Kenyan youth has to face. Rarely do they have the option to just enjoy being a kid, rarely do they have the option to just smile.

What I have been told (and what I have told others) is that the Children's Home takes these kids in and gives them a home and family that shares the love of Christ. This is absolutely true, but I don't think I fully understood the weight of it all until I saw how depraved the kids that fill the streets are. It changes how you see the kids at the campus running around, playing soccer, laughing, being just...kids! And I think they understand that weight too.

As a photographer it's my job to capture "perfect moments", things that are pleasing to the eye. Anything other than that usually doesn't make it past the editing process. But there are some moments, no matter how imperfect or silly they may be, that are worth capturing. I believe these pictures truly embody what the Children's Home is: a place that gives kids a reason to smile again. And smiles like these are worth fighting for.

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I want to thank you. Not as a World Reach employee, but just as a guy who wants to see the smiles of these Kenyan children prosper and multiply. Your support is making a world of difference. God is clearly at work here and at the end of the day, aren't we all children in the eyes of Christ? So from one child to another, thank you.

—Joseph Falgort



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