

## Christmas Newsletters

Dear friends,

Greetings from the children and staffs of Hope community center - Kenya,

The year has been busy with so many excitements and much were accomplished because you got involved in making difference in the lives of these children. We have been able to see their dreams come true through your support.

*Education by providing all that is required for them to perform well in their studies.*



*Volunteer: Mandy and Kristen (summer student) at the orphanage.*

I believe we must never stop advocating for children then another, and then another after that, can produce a force so strong that no bad headline can deter the momentum for positive change. We have to make a difference...a difference that may not be earth shattering but may dramatically change the life of one child, one man or one woman. It could be in the form of a kind word, an act of kindness, an hour of volunteering, and yes - even in the form of a financial donation. 2009 has been amazing despite we started low because of post election violence that caused many people to loose their lives and the prolonged drought which has made prices of commodities hike. You have been amazing and we thank you for taking your time to pray, visit with us and for your lovely gift which have made difference in our orphanage.

## Center of passages and events

This year we have been able to accomplish much through your support and prayers.

- 1. Babies:** We were able to rescue 22 babies of whom are less than 2 weeks olds.
- 2. High school:** We opened our High this year and our grade 9 children were able to study without interruption.
- 3. Electricity:** We were able to have electricity from Kenya Power and lightening. This will help develop our technology.
- 5. Volunteers and Visitors:** we were able to host volunteer from within east Africa and oversea.
- 6. Our Performance:** Our grade 8 was able to sit for their final exam. Among the top best students in the districts were from our orphanage. This was through the good cooperation between our students and teacher plus your prayer.
- 7. Music group:** We have been able to recruit children and produce our own cds and video music.
- 8. New technology:** We thank our friends and volunteers for the new ideas and technologies they bring to help reach the community

## Our wishes and 2010 prayer

It is our mission to restore the joy in the lives of children from newborn to 20years of age, who have been abused, neglected and abandoned by providing a safe and nurturing environment. Today, we serve over 300 children and reaching - out to women's in the community mostly who are HIV affected/infected .Once in a while, children are received under our care with only the clothes they are wearing. We strive to make every child feel welcomed and loved by providing a sense of family and meeting all of their individual needs. This Christmas, you can make a difference in the life of a child by giving.

Take the first step by selecting your most preferred category below:

- **Clothing and food** - sponsor a cottage with a casual or dress clothing set for each child. Currently we have over 22 babies btw 2month and 3 years.Or help orphanage meet monthly food spending.
- **Shoes-** provide casual or dress shoes for children to wear.
- **School tours/picnics:** support the children with one trip a years (study tour)
- **House items-** Fulfill the house wish list items (i.e. bath towels, curtains, paints),
- **Education Partner-**Sponsor a child's tutoring program (chalks, black board, desks, books, pens, pencils)
- **Gift Cards-**Sponsor an activities event or clothing for children who arrive after holidays. (College students)
- **Vacation/retreat** - Sponsor a child's retreats/vacation.
- **High school:** support the new high school with facilities like books, lab materials and teachers aids.
- **School choir:** support our music group to buy video recording instruments plus training.

## Thank-you

We thank you for your consideration this season as we prepare to put smiles on little faces. You can choose from becoming a partner, friend, sponsor even a volunteer or you can Help to fulfill the wish lists of children by committing to one or more of the above Categories. We look forward to hearing from you.

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