



R.O.C.K. Ministries International

Reaching Our Children in Kenya

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Dear Partner in Ministry,

This letter comes with tidings of Good News we have waited for, for several months. We finally got the approval of our kitchen plans so we can commence building. The bricks, sand and ballast are on order, the foundation was poured months ago so we are ready to run.

We are in a very hot, dry season with no rain since mid November and we have had gale force winds during this time, which is to our advantage for what we still need to do. We are ahead of the rainy season which will also be a help. However, we do not take our situation for granted, as the entire country is in severe drought and famine.

All of our children are back in school and are beginning to experience life away from home. Our two senior students, Agnes and Nathaniel were launched into Secondary Boarding School for the first time.

Our upper class students in our school, decided to challenge the system so Sandra asked for tutoring during the two month break from classes. One by one, other students joined her and at the end of the holiday approached the Head Teacher of a neighboring school and asked if they could be interviewed and take the appropriate exams to better their position to sit for the National Exams at the end of class eight. We know the curriculum we are using is more advanced than the public schools but we didn't know by how much.

Sandra was moved from class six to class eight and Winnie was moved from class seven to class eight. They will sit for their National Exams at the end of this school year. Lornah & Molly are in class six and Shem, Omondi & Moses have moved from class six to class seven. They are all now settled in the new school and walking in confidence and self assurance. We praise God for their accomplishments.

The children in our lower primary grades all came into our home as infants or toddlers and are doing well in their respective grades. We also started our second year level of pre-school for those who were with us last year and we began a new, first year class of Pre-school children.

All of the above is a tremendous blessing and thank God for the progress. However, there is some bitter with the sweet and I am soliciting your prayer support for us as we make some unexpected adjustments. The unexpected exodus of our seven senior students, has left us with no senior class and therefore no need for two of our senior teachers. This is one of life's difficult decisions but proper Stewardship dictates that we lay off two of our teachers who have served us well. Please, please pray for us during this time of transition and for God's will and purposes to be fulfilled.

As always, we remember you in our prayers and pray God's richest blessings for you and your family.

Blessings in abundance,

