



A Christian Children's Home in Kenya for Vulnerable School-aged Boys

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TIME HAS FLOWN BY and I am now at my son's house in Kenya's Rift Valley, surrounded by mountains and greenery, preparing to fly back to the US tonight at midnight (and be greeted by snow). My daughter, Kathryn Pillsbury, arrived 10 days ago to visit her

brother and accompany me on the flight "home."



On Sunday, 30 Ahadi alumni, 20 current Ahadi boys (including high schoolers home on mid-term break), staff and friends joined me for a reunion at Ahadi Family on my last day there. Several of the alumni were accompanied by wives

and Ahadi "grandchildren." We enjoyed a sumptuous meal (including roasted goat), prepared by our own cooks who are Ahadi alumni. We also were commemorating the one year anniversary of my husband, Jon's, going on to be with the Lord. Michael, my



son, joined the boys in a game of soccer and then talked to those who had come early, about the fact that we are in the process of



“passing on the baton” to the next generation and expect that the Ahadi boys and others will “continue the race” of providing a healthy, spiritually nurturing environment for current and future Ahadi boys. Already, we have one Ahadi alumnus as Vice-chairman of the Board of Directors, and two others who are Trustees of Ahadi Family Kenya Trust. May God continue to bless the work of our hands.

Our youngest Ahadi boy, stole the show later with his hip action when the current Ahadi boys performed a dance for the Alumni and guests.



Several of our alumni are employed in places of influence in the nation of Kenya, or are starting their own businesses. Pictured is Vincent, one of the first to benefit from Ahadi Family when it was called SCREAM and was located in our house in Nairobi. He is with his son. His wife has just given birth to their second son so couldn't attend. Vincent is working for a non-governmental organization that is overseeing projects in water and sanitation in many counties of Kenya. Vincent is Secretary of the Ahadi Family Kenya Trust and brings with him a wealth of experience.

His vision for the alumni of Ahadi Family is that they will be change-makers in the nation of Kenya. Following the reunion, one of the alumni who has opened several recording studios in Kenya, shared with me his vision of starting a local TV station in the city where he has settled! Another one, who couldn't attend, earlier forwarded to me some communication he has had with the procurement officer of the nation of Burundi. Another has trained 100 women in agriculture in how to attract a market for their produce. These poor women were beggars before but are now successful business women due to his efforts; his project successfully changed the culture of child labor in that area. It's pretty amazing the size of dreams these guys have! Praise God, and thanks to you who are channels of His blessings to us and have given these boys hope that they can make a difference.



We finally finished the audit, just a day before the reunion, and the trustees signed to accept it. We are happy to report that Ahadi is financially strong, and we are thankful for the donations and prayers of many of you who have made this possible. We are blessed by having our Board treasurer, Christine Karimi (pictured in green), as an Ahadi neighbour, and she has been a big help and will continue to be, in this thankless but necessary area of financial tracking. Our greenhouse hasn't been a "cash cow," but at least it, and our

vegetable garden have saved us money in our grocery bill. Next to her in the photo is the Ahadi Family Board of Directors Vice-Chairman, Rama Kitsao, who is also an Ahadi alumnus.

We have received a huge blessing from a new neighbour who moved into a newly built house across the road from Ahadi. She has agreed to supply us, free of charge, with water. Before we began construction on our present location six years ago, we went together with neighbours to put in piping to receive town water from the main line over a mile away. The water came twice and then was no longer available! Since that time, we have had to truck in water, or more recently pipe in water from neighbours who drilled boreholes (wells). That has been very costly for us, so we are thrilled with this

recent donation that will save us over \$100 per month! **We hope that other neighbours and Kenyan friends will catch the vision of providing to Ahadi the things that God has blessed them with in abundance. That is how we will be sustainable in the future.**

Many of you have expressed concern about the Ahadi boy who ran away in the beginning of January. Sadly, we have still not found him and don't know where to look. Please join us in continuing to pray for Moses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS THAT MAKE THIS MINISTRY POSSIBLE.

Phyllis Masso for Ahadi Family Kenya.

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