



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

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JANUARY 2018 UPDATE

I'm writing from my room at Ahadi Family Kenya where I have been for 3 weeks now, excluding a few days spent with my son's family in Kijabe where he teaches at Moffat Bible College. It is great to be back and to be with the boys and staff again and to reconnect with the Board of Directors as well. Thankfully, I arrived before many of the high school boys had reported to school, so I got to see most of them, as well as college boys who have come and gone to visit me. Yesterday, I attended an Open House for the first of the Ahadi Alumni to go to university and now, the first to buy

a house. He also was celebrating the 5th birthday of his daughter. He is the customer service head for Transnational Bank, and one of the Directors on our Ahadi Board. Several Ahadi Alumni were



there as well. On week-ends, I have attended my former church—the one that started in our home 7 years ago, stayed with my former neighbors, and visited with the people who are renting my house (which is in the process of a sale). So, many happy days, and more to come. Interspersed with all of this was the hard task of working on the Ahadi financial records, getting them ready for the

auditor. That was very encouraging at first but after days of looking at figures for hours at a time, really got to be a drag. We hoped to be all done by now, but ran into some snags, so the work continues this coming week. My dad was an accountant, but unfortunately, his expertise didn't get genetically passed on to me.

The social worker/manager, worked non-stop during December and the two weeks of January to get the 8 boys who are starting their first year of high school ready to go and fees paid. I went with him for

two of his trips to bring boys to their new schools, and it is no joke. Last minute, after fees were already paid for two of our boys, issues came up, and we had to transfer them to other schools. So, what was already an overwhelming task became worse. Somehow, we all survived, however, and the boys are settled (except one already came home sick for a couple of days).

I'm happy to report that we have sponsors for the college boys I had mentioned in December, and even one more who finished high school two years ago and decided he would like to teach primary school (after he volunteered in a school in the village where he had grown up, and realized how much he enjoyed it). He was talking to me about his plans and about his acceptance in a Catholic teacher's college, just a day or two after I had received a check to be spent any way I chose. I chose to put the boy in college since we had funds enough to more than cover our current bills, and he seemed so clearly motivated. He had been our junior staff person a year ago and had proved himself. So, "as we speak," we have 16 boys in college/university, thanks to their sponsors.



Ian, who is about to begin his final semester at Daystar University in Environmental Science, was chosen for an exchange program in Morocco for about 6 weeks. That was an exciting opportunity for him to become acquainted with another culture, and was especially challenging since it is a French and Arabic-speaking country. He is grateful to his sponsor for covering the cost of this experience.

CASE IN POINT Nine of our boys are now in primary school, but one of them disappeared from school just two days after school started. His name is Moses and he is 17 years old and in 7th grade. He obviously ran away since we later realized he had packed his clothes in his school bag. We have no idea why he took off. He had just come back from a visit with relatives when he disappeared, and his relatives didn't notice anything alarming during his stay with them. The police and children's officer have been notified, and we pray that he will be found. School has been very challenging for him because he had a very weak beginning, missed a lot of school, and had a lot of trauma at home when his dad was put in prison and his mom became mentally ill and disappeared. Please pray for him.

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