



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

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017 UPDATE

I thank God for a very smooth transition to my new living arrangement in Whitinsville, Massachusetts. It's been great being among old friends once again, and God has granted me several opportunities to be involved in church and community.



The Ahadi boys have already completed the 3rd term, except for those finishing primary school (8th grade) and high school (Form 4). For them, the grueling exams begin that determine their future, to a large extent. **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE 8 BOYS WHO ARE FINISHING PRIMARY SCHOOL (the six who live at Ahadi are pictured; 2 others are orphans living with a poor relative), AND THE ONE FINISHING HIGH**

SCHOOL. This is a very stressful time because they are tested on everything they have learned to date, and much of the exam is based on memorized facts.

Twenty-five of our boys will be attending various Christian camps in the coming weeks and will also go to visit a relative over the holidays. (In Kenya, the November/December break is roughly equivalent to summer vacation in the US and is the warmest time of year.) Before they go, many of them need new (usually good second-hand) clothes, shoes, and replacement of worn-out uniforms to be ready for next year. That will be a huge undertaking for our house-parents and social worker and will cost thousands of dollars. We thank God that the generous memorial giving earlier this year will enable us to meet these costs.

KENYAN RE-ELECTION CHAOS... You may have heard of the High Court ruling that the presidential election in August was fraught with irregularities, and thus the results were determined to be unreliable, and a re-election was ordered. That took place last week, but the opposition party noted that the proper checking of the computer system by 3rd parties had not been carried out, so that the

results could not claim to be any more accurate than the original vote. The opposition party, as a result, boycotted the election and voter turn-out was very poor. Some violence took place as well, and the existing president was declared “the winner.” I would guess the opposition party will continue speaking out against the irregularities. Our household supervisor’s family was affected by this, and his personal residence in Kawangware was looted by the very ones who had been called to help. In the resulting chaos, his wife and 4 children could not be found at first, and his wife ended up in the hospital for a short time in a state of shock. We thank God for answered prayers on their behalf in that the children have been found, and his wife has been released from the hospital. Several appliances were stolen, and the family was quite traumatized. **PLEASE PRAY FOR DAVID MUSUMBA’S FAMILY’S RETURN TO NORMALCY AND CALM.**



I am monitoring the situation and hope to go back to Kenya for January and February to help with audit and attend board and trustee meetings. **I thank God that we are now officially registered as a corporate body, Ahadi Family Kenya Trust.**

We thank God that our greenhouse is nearing time for harvest again, and the tomatoes look good, thanks to the work of our gardener and oversight of the house parents.

We are also thankful that Julius, who I have mentioned several times, now has two sponsors who will share the cost of his education at Daystar University, beginning in January 2018. He is very grateful and anxious to begin. He now hopes his brother will also find a sponsor. More about him next month.

CASE IN POINT This month, I will share with you the case of an Ahadi boy whose name and photo I will withhold. He came to us after the police took him into custody for living on the street a couple of years ago. He is now 16-years old and in 7th grade. His mother was mentally ill and had disappeared from their one-roomed house, and his father raped his own daughter so is now serving a prison sentence. Who could blame this teen for running away from such a situation? He has now settled at Ahadi and is doing his best in school. He wrote a letter of thanks to me and my husband last year and expressed his gratitude to you donors who make it possible for him to eat good food, live in a safe place, attend school, and has parenting through our house parents. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS THAT MAKE THIS MINISTRY POSSIBLE.**

Phyllis Masso for Ahadi Family Kenya.

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