



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

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AUGUST 2017 UPDATE

Greetings this time from Whitinsville, Massachusetts, where I just moved to two days ago, to live in the town where Jon and I had lived for 22 years before going to Kenya, and where I will once again be a part of the church where we were active and which has been so supportive of Ahadi Family Kenya for 18 years. I am hoping to feel more settled now that I will be surrounded by familiar people and places after 5 months living with our daughter and family in Maine, which was a wonderful transition time for me following Jon's death. I am now living very near our church and near the house we lived in, so am feeling very much at home, and have room to entertain friends if you would like to come for a visit.



The Ahadi boys had a very brief time with relatives, due to the fear of unrest, following the contested Presidential election in Kenya. So far, things have settled fairly well, though the election results are still being contested in court. Our social worker was very busy during this time. He took two of our boys to see their sisters (see the photo), who are in a rehabilitation home. The four of them had been abandoned about 4 years ago, and the girls have been shifted from place to place, but we try to keep contact with them so the children will remember each other as they grow up. The

older boy is Kelvin, who was featured in the Case in Point in last month's update. (See this month's Case in Point for another visit that the social worker made, along with one of our house parents.)

The boys will start back to school in a few days, for third term which is September to November. December is a long break, but November is very stressful for those finishing primary school (8th grade) and those finishing high school (12th grade), due to the intense and lengthy national exams. In anticipation of those exams, third term is a time of cramming since the educational system is based on memorization of facts from the textbook. Some of our boys are still struggling with English, and the curriculum is taught in English, so please pray that they will be able to get caught up in language skills.

The committee from the Children's Department that visited Ahadi concerning our need to renew our registration, has not met, so we still await the outcome. We do know that we need to do a lot of painting and fixing up to do, and are getting quotations to do this. It's been 5 years since we moved in!

Julius, who would like to begin studying at Daystar, has not found a sponsor yet, but someone is willing to "share" his sponsorship (~total \$6,000 per year) if someone else can cover the other half (\$3,000). Let me know (phyllismasso@gmail.com) if you find this option "do-able" starting January 2018.

CASE IN POINT



Musau, one of our older boys who is still in primary school, has been really suffering from severe headaches, and many trips to the doctor have not helped. He is the "chairman" of the Ahadi boys, and very well liked and well-behaved. His mother died 5 years ago, and afterwards the

father turned to drink and marijuana, and was unable to support the family of boys and a girl, who afterwards either lived on their own or, in the case of the girl, stayed with a grandmother and aunt. The social worker took Musau last week to see his grandmother and aunt who live several hours away, and the father happened to be there. Before this visit, Musau had just seen his father as someone who didn't care about him, found him to be a burden, and was a useless drunkard. As they visited, some healing took place, as Musau realized how his father was really grieving the loss of his wife, and couldn't face the burden of taking care of the family alone. We pray that Musau's healing will continue (and his father's, too). Earlier this year, Musau wrote, "...thank God for the chief and the manager who came to my rescue. It's my pleasure and great thanks to donors who give funds for my schooling and good home. I am proud of new parents, food and many other things."

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Phyllis Masso for Ahadi Family Kenya.

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