



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

<https://ahadifamilykenya.org>

## APRIL 2018 UPDATE

April 16, the day of the Boston Marathon, was a rainy day with temperatures barely above freezing, but Cara Hehn was in good spirits. I had planned to watch her run but chickened out, as did many



spectators, when it meant standing in near freezing rain, in hopes of seeing Cara run, amongst 8-10,000 other runners. Her Aunt and Uncle and parents braved the cold and got this photo. I called her before the race to try to cheer her up, but she cheered me up, and I later found out that she had finished the run with her best time ever! (Many Kenyan runners who traditionally won the race, ended up dropping out, and Americans from Michigan did the best! They were used to training in cold climates and even in the snow.) **A big thank you to Cara for running and to each of you who sent in pledges. There's still time, of course. So far, the total**

**collected to help us through the expensive April/May months has come to almost \$11,000!**

While the Ahadi boys visited relatives during the April break at end of 2<sup>nd</sup> term, we hired a mason/carpenter/painter to be a fix-it-up chappy to brighten the Ahadi walls, stairs, and ceiling, which after five years with 20 boys in the house, was much in need of a paint job. Our own Reuben, who was around during a campus closure, also lent a hand with his expertise in creative painting techniques. Our staff also got a much-deserved break. Our manager/social worker (second from left in photo) was asked



by the County Children's Officer to go for a week-long training in the use of a new database they plan to roll out soon, to track all the children who are now in various children's homes in the country. Those who went for training are expected to train the other children's homes in their area, after they have had some experience and feel comfortable with the program. He just returned in time to pay school fees at the 14 schools where our boys attend. That's a project since most schools don't accept checks, so cash deposits needed to be made in the school's bank accounts and then the deposit slip must be

presented when the boys return to school. Imagine getting all that cash out and running around to different banks, standing in line for hours at each bank, and paying the bills. And some are now living with relatives in different parts of Kenya, so it is a project getting the bank slips to them since postal delivery isn't reliable. It's quite a challenge.



As soon as that was done, it was time to round up the boys from their visits to a relative where they stayed briefly during the break. In the photo, are the ones who have arrived from the relatives, outside the church this afternoon. Two house parents are on the right. The boys hike for over an hour each way to get to church.

### **CASE IN POINT**



Two of our boys, who are now in high school, had been left in the care of an uncle after their parents' death. The uncle was a drunkard who didn't care about them and often chased them from his home. A sympathetic neighbor took them in but really didn't have the resources to care for them or put them in school. Their older sister, who had been taken in by her pastor's family, found out about Ahadi and begged us to take her brothers. One of the brothers has medical issues with his eyes. They are very grateful now to have schooling, food, clothing, good parental care and medication in a better home, Ahadi Family Kenya. One of them wrote, "I thank God that He sent Mama (*Phyllis Masso*) from nowhere and she came for my rescue. I am now in a home. God bless you, all my donors."

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS THAT MAKE THIS MINISTRY POSSIBLE.**

**Phyllis Masso for Ahadi Family Kenya.**

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