



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

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## UPDATE NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2018

Greetings from Massachusetts, in the North-East US, where we are experiencing a little snowfall now and then and freezing temperatures. In less than a month, I will be at Ahadi, experiencing warm weather, but more importantly, experiencing warm hugs and greetings from the Ahadi boys, staff, alumni, and the Board and Trustees. I will leave my house on 18 December and stop enroute to see my grown-up children, and all 13 (baker's dozen) grandchildren, so I decided to combine the November and December Update since I won't have time to write later.



We have much to celebrate and praise God for. The younger boys are at Diguna, a Christian camp now, and then will go to visit relatives. Two of them do not have someone to stay with over Christmas, so please pray for Kelvin and Innocent who will remain at Ahadi Family under the care of some of our Ahadi Alumni, while staff take their holiday breaks. **Simon, the one boy to sit for the KCPE end of primary school exam, scored very well so has a good chance of being placed in a good high school.** In Kenya, the placement is done by the government, and the candidates may

be placed in schools very far from their homes, to integrate Kenya's many ethnic groups. Most high schoolers go to inexpensive government boarding high schools. Results aren't in yet for those who sat for the end of high school exams. These exams (like the SAT exam in the US), determine if they qualify for college/university.



Two of our alumni have recently received national attention. **Gilbert Ngaira**, who is now Chairman of the Ahadi Family Kenya Trust, **was featured in a national newspaper** (copy this link to see more: [bungomas-small-scale-farmers-reap-big-from-kilimototo-work\\_c1849193](https://www.bungomas-small-scale-farmers-reap-big-from-kilimototo-work_c1849193)), **and shortly afterwards on KTN, National TV as Hero of the Week** (Shujaa wa Wiki), for **Kilimototo**, his initiative to help promote Early Childhood Education, by helping rural mothers who are small-scale farmers living in marginalized communities, to learn good agricultural and

marketing skills (local and international), to enable them to earn enough to pay for the education of their children and make a decent income for themselves. The other person to earn an award is **Godwin Okiki as Real Estate Excellence Award 2018**. We are proud of these guys who have really struggled in life to get this far, and now are making this world a better place by using their God-given gifts and training. They were both sponsored by some of you through their university education.



That brings me to another point. Our current Junior Staff person, Gilbert Kimathi, who has been waiting for years to start university, has been accepted at a government university, Kenyatta University, to study Criminology. **He needs a sponsor to be able to be able to start in January.** His expenses will be determined by whether he manages to get limited on-

campus housing or not. So, his first-year expenses could be as low as \$1,500 or as high as \$4,000. On-campus housing is only for Freshmen, and there's not enough for all of them. The fees can be paid through Ahadi as a lump sum or in monthly or trimester (January, May, September) payments. See donation info below, and e-mail me if you would like to sponsor Gilbert.

**Those of you who do online shopping through Amazon.com can have a small percentage of your bill go to Ahadi,** if you shop through their website <https://smile.amazon.com>. It doesn't cost you any more than shopping on Amazon.com. You just select SCREAM USA (our registered name in the US) as the non-profit for them to support. They send a check to us about every quarter. If many people do this, it can make a big difference.

January is the most expensive month of the year for Ahadi Family, and **as you consider end of year giving, please consider making a donation to support the work of Ahadi Family's care of these orphaned/vulnerable school-aged boys in Kenya. One hundred percent of your contribution goes to Ahadi Family. And please recommend us to your friends. Send them to our website at <https://ahadifamilykenya.org/>. You can download a brochure from there, any past Updates as well, and even watch a home-made "documentary."**

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year, and thank you for your prayers and donations throughout the year. Rolly Gjeltema, the volunteer who handles the donations, will be sending out documentation for you to use for claiming tax-exemption on your donations for the whole year. God bless you.

