



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

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A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Boston Marathon Fundraiser and to Cara Hehn who ran again for us this year. We had the best-ever fund raiser with approximately \$16,000 received in donations to date; we are hoping to still raise \$1,000 to meet our unusually high goal of \$17,000.

We thank God that the 6 boys who were to change primary schools in order to be better prepared for high school, have done so, and are settled nicely into a school about 10 miles from Ahadi. They are very happy with the school and reportedly already doing better in their studies with fewer students in each classroom (20 compared to 60) and better facilities. (See photos on the left of these boys at Monark School.)

In their place at the Ahadi home, we have received six of the expected eight new boys, ages 8 to 12, and they are happy to be at Ahadi. Three of them are siblings (on the right side of the photo on the right) who have been in a rescue

center and out of school for three years, and the other three are from a variety of situations where parents and relatives were unable to care for them. The before and after photos I was sent are very encouraging. They are very pleased with their surroundings, and look relaxed and "at home" already. The manager has enrolled them in the nearby government school where the other Ahadi boys in K-6 are attending. The children's officer didn't manage to set court dates before bringing them but was anxious to get them settled at Ahadi, so the court dates are still pending. **Please continue praying for these boys, our staff, and the "original" Ahadi boys who need to adjust**



to having so many new brothers all at once. Each new boy comes with a unique set of heart, soul, and mind needs according to their age and uniqueness of their former situation, before coming to Ahadi. Our youngest boy, Morgan, is getting used to not being the “baby” any more, and at nine years old is probably quite ready to not be thought of as a baby anyway.

GOOD NEWS. Gilbert, who plans to begin university in September, now has a sponsor. This is so encouraging for him and is an answer to our very long prayer on his behalf. He is meanwhile almost half-way through a Discipleship Training Seminar with Youth With a Mission (YWAM) and reported that he is becoming so much stronger in his faith in Christ and that God is shaping him to be a better person.

One of our biggest prayer requests is that our Ahadi alumni would get jobs. Several of them are really struggling to find employment, even though they have graduated from colleges and universities. Unemployment in Kenya is about 50%, and recent grads with no experience are especially vulnerable. Two of them have been evicted from their apartments because they haven’t paid rent because of no income. Please pray for Sammy, Reuben, Geof, Moses and Nelson who all need steady employment, though they have finished training in their respective fields. Others have had issues with the universities they attended losing some of their records and are claiming they didn’t take classes, that they, in fact, took in previous years. Please pray for Moses and Rickson as they try to sort out these issues. In a paperless society, we depend on having that information available “in the cloud,” but people manipulating files apparently mistakenly deleted some, and we have no papers to prove it. It is keeping them from proceeding on with employment or finishing their coursework. Others have ongoing health issues and need prayers: Ken, Kelly, Rickson and Kiririu. It is so hard on these guys to be facing these challenges with very little or no support from relatives. Our staff have their hands full handling the current boys at Ahadi, so don’t have the time to follow up with all of the issues being faced by our “alumni.” We have an awesome God who will respond to our prayers, but in the meantime, life is tough for these guys.

We thank God for blessing Ahadi with nice facilities, competent staff, and committed supporters whose prayers and financial support keep us going strong. I am looking forward to being at Ahadi again in July for a Trustees meeting, getting acquainted with the new boys, and hopefully seeing some alumni though my stay is only 10 days.