



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

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Greetings from the Ahadi Family Kenya houseful of boys. They are now in the equivalent of the US Summer vacation, and the boys are enjoying having more time for soccer. It is the end of the school year for all except those who are finishing 8th and 12th grade and need to stay to take the national qualifying exams for the next chapter of their lives—high school and college.

Two of our boys are taking the end of primary school exam (seen in the photo receiving prayers at church), and three are taking the end of high school exam (two of whom are living with relatives—one with an uncle in the western part of Kenya and another with a great aunt near the Somali border). The one attending a high school not too far away is shown in the photo, wearing his back pack. **Please pray for these boys to have peace of mind and ability to recall what they have learned. These exams determine the quality of high school they can attend, or eligibility for college.**



The two houses are now full to capacity (28 boys) to accommodate those who have been in boarding schools strewn around Kenya as well as two alumni who are "between things." **Our manager and house parents will be busy in the coming days replacing uniforms that are either worn out or grown out of, and interacting with each one, meeting their individual needs.** Three of our boys will be changing schools, as well, because of our decision to put those in upper primary in a private school where they can get better preparation for high school, due to smaller classes and better-trained teachers.

Some will go to a Christian camp in a week; others will be circumcised since this is the time when there is plenty of time for them to heal. (It is the custom in Kenya to circumcise boys when they are pre-teen.) We take them to doctors to have this done, unlike those who live in villages who don't have that luxury. Both Christian camp and circumcision provide opportunities for self-evaluation, recommitment, and making deeper friendships through shared experiences. **Pray that these will be healthy, spiritually fruitful times.**



The manager has e-mailed me about the heavy rains Kenya is experiencing now, and Kyumbi, where we are living is no exception. In fact, **water rushing down**

the hillside where Ahadi Family is located has washed away the entrance to our driveway. Previously, the inside was washed away, so we built a culvert. Now the part just outside our gate has washed away so

vehicles cannot enter our compound at this time. We hope to get this fixed soon, using local people to keep the cost down to about \$300. That plus the extra uniforms, camp, circumcision, more groceries to feed everyone, on top of regular end of month salaries and upkeep for college boys has brought our expenses for this week to about \$3,000! We are thankful for the donations that came in recently that enabled us to pay for all this. Thank you, Lord, and thank you to our supporters!

AHADI ALUMNI NEWS



Congratulations to Paul Maina who has now graduated with a Masters degree from University of Nairobi! He is the one who helps me get out the Updates. He and his wife and two children are doing well, and he is setting up his own business in sourcing supplies for various companies, after years of working under contracts in IT for the Parliament of Kenya. Paul has overcome a very challenging background, and the Lord has helped him through it all to get to this point. His hard work and God's enabling has made this possible.

Rickson, whom I mentioned in August, agreed to go to a Christian rehab facility, and is doing well after two months there. He is now living at the facility while taking a one-month computer course off-site. He has just learned that his ailing mother has broken a leg so will be going with a pastor from the rehab, to pray with her. **Please join them in praying for her healing. She has had several physical challenges and lives in extreme poverty in Nairobi. And pray that Rickson will soon be stable enough to complete the college course he was working on.**

Sammy, who had informal employment, was hit by a bus and injured his foot, causing him to not be able to work for some time to support his wife and two daughters. The alumni chipped in to pay for medical treatment, but he now has painful stomach ulcers, which further complicate his situation, requiring expensive medicine which he hasn't been able to afford, and is keeping him from being able to work. Please pray for Sammy and his family. He is normally a hard worker, so being unable to work has caused stress which just makes the ulcers worse. **Pray also that the alumni group will be able to take care of their own since such things are not in the Ahadi budget.**

Victor Odhiambo plans to wed in November. Please pray for his marriage. I hope next month we will have a photo.

END OF YEAR GIVING

As the end of year approaches, some of you may be thinking about special giving opportunities. I know, I am already receiving requests from a variety of organizations who are sending me mailing labels, calendars, or various promises of gifts if I donate a certain amount. I am happy that our supporters respond to a simple statement of need, and cheerfully give. I am so grateful. So, here is just a reminder that **January is our most expensive month of the year, and we must receive donations by December to be ready for it** since the new school year begins immediately after the beginning of the year, and we have the expense of sending the boys to visit a relative and getting them back again to Ahadi by January 1. I don't have the figures yet, **but I merely ask that you keep us in mind when you are deciding whom to bless with what God has given you. Thank you in advance. The boys appreciate you, and we depend on your support to help them!**

"God bless you and keep you and make his face to shine upon you and give you peace." **Phyllis Masso**