



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

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Greetings from Ahadi Family Kenya, and **Happy Thanksgiving**. It isn't a holiday in Kenya, but the boys are very thankful for your support and know that they would be very stranded in life without it! This has been a busy month with boys coming and going to visit relatives, going to Christian camp, and some of them getting circumcized, etc. The three boys who will attending a different school during their 6-8 grades have completed the interviews and now are getting their uniforms. **The two who finished 8<sup>th</sup> grade have received results from their KCPE national exam and await "calling letters" from high schools.** One of them scored above average, and the other one below average. **The boys who sat for the end of high school exams are awaiting their results.**



Our head house parent, David Musumba (in the black shirt in the photo), is quite a handyman, and he fixed the culvert that was needed at the entrance to our property, due to the heavy rains. The bigger boys took part in the process. We are hoping that the rains will result in a good crop of veggies in our garden. The boys also got to help with planting since this is the equivalent of summer in the US. Our caretaker had to resign due to medical issues, so it was good that the boys were home on break to help out. This hands-on experience will serve them well (though they might not appreciate it right now).

The new school year begins in January, and school fees are always more the first term (and due the first day of school). I received notification from the manager that **school fees plus the expense of putting 2 boys in high school (boarding which requires buying a mattress, bedding, uniform, books, etc. for \$400 each) will come to around \$4,000.** This comes hot on the heels of this past week when our expenses were \$4,500 for end of month expenses on top of sending boys to camp, to visit relatives, etc. **We need your help before end of December so we can have time for checks to clear and online transfers to be made. I know you get many requests at this time of year. Thank you so much for considering our need.**





Our manager, Humphrey Chegome (on the left, front in the photo), recently attended a meeting of area heads of children's homes. It's an encouraging time to be with those who are facing similar challenges and celebrating successes. **We initiated this group, called Vulnerable Children Caregivers of Athi River (VCCAR) about 10 years ago, and it's great to see it still going.**

## AHADI ALUMNI NEWS

**Sammy**, whom I mentioned last month as having both an injury from a bus accident and ulcers, has now recovered, and he and his wife, Mary, are starting a business of buying rice which grows in central Kenya where Sammy's wife is from, and selling to businesses in Nairobi. Mary has reported that the heavy rains are causing the rice to take long to dry, so they are meeting challenges right away. **Please pray for their success in this venture.**



**Congratulations to Victor Odhiambo and his bride.** He has just married, and several of his Ahadi "brothers" were able to attend and even help out with the wedding transportation with their cars. Victor graduated from Daystar University 10 years ago.

The alum on the far right is **Ken**, who also graduated from Daystar many years ago, but **is suffering from a neurological disorder** that causes him to shake much like a person with Parkinson's Disease. As a result, he has been unable to find work and sometimes falls. He has recently

gotten a physician's report that should enable him to receive consideration since he is disabled, but he keeps being told to "come back" from the government office that should be making that happen. **Please pray for success in his attempt to get official disability status.**

Thank you again for your donations that keep us operational and boys thriving. **As you begin shopping for Christmas, if you use Amazon online to shop, use this website <https://smile.amazon.com/>,** instead of amazon.com, and Amazon will give us a percentage of your total purchase. Select SCREAM USA as the charity you would like them to send a percentage to. The cost to you is the same as if you had gone to amazon.com, but we will get a percentage. The products are the same on both sites. If many people do this for Christmas shopping, Ahadi Family Kenya could get a sizable donation.

**Also, pray for me as I make plans to visit Ahadi, probably in February.** I'm planning a shorter stay, which puts a heavier burden on the Manager, Humphrey Chegome, and CEO, Christine Karimi, to do things on their own ahead of time; but it's a transition I believe is necessary in the handing-over process.

Blessings to each of you this festive season. May your hearts be grateful to the God who planned such a beautiful salvation to those who believe Him and follow his only begotten son. May his son "be born in us (both you and Ahadi boys and staff) today."

*Phyllis Masso for Ahadi Family Kenya.*

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