

Introducing....

the ACF Cheetah Express

To our ACF friends and family;

Summer is here and hopefully many of you will be enjoying family gatherings and time spent with loved ones.

In Kenya, all our students are back in their respective schools and most will not be on break again until August.

The April gathering was a huge success and each time we do this it reinforces our commitment to these children. They are so appreciative of the opportunity we have given them, made possible by your support and generous contributions.

I emailed updates to sponsors that have students in primary and secondary school. If you didn't receive - please be sure to let me know.

Other exciting news - we have begun talks with two more non-profits that we hope to collaborate with in the future. [Water is Life Kenya](#) (WILK) and [Just One Africa](#). Both focus on clean water solutions, but they have many other programs as well. WILK's offers **Livestock as a Business**, **Hope for Widows** and **Beaded Handicrafts**.

Just One Africa supports the **Lenkai Christian School** in Kimana, an area close to many of our villages. They are developing workshops, guest speakers and mentoring much in the same way we have - but on a much larger scale.

Both organizations are very familiar with the Maasai and we all have the same goal of trying to help these amazing people build a better life for themselves. Remember, there is no government or public assistance in Kenya; what we do really makes a difference!

Stay tuned for further updates about these exciting partnerships. And as always, thank you for supporting our mission.

Shari Young

Co-Founder

AmboseliChildrensFund.org



Milton Receives Micro-Loan and Opens a Butchery!

Our eldest student Milton Saitah has been awaiting his graduation at the end of this month. During this free time, he saw an opportunity to try his hand at



entrepreneurship. After submitting a business plan and projected budget to our board, **Milton became the first recipient of an ACF microloan**. Working with Leonard, he rented space and built the structure for the shop. He purchased point of sale equipment and a small freezer to store the goats meat. He calls his shop **Nareto Butchery** and it is located in the growing town of Kimana.

Currently, all he can sell is goats meat. He will cook it if requested and even offers delivery.

Down the road additional funds will be needed to purchase a larger freezer for cows meat and further growth. But for now, we are all quite pleased with



From the left: Amy, Benson, Collins, Caleb & Susan now ride the bus to Presentation School in Kimana.



Charity attends Vera Beauty College

While Charity Sayian waits for her fall admission into the Clinical Medical program at Mt. Kenya University she is attending a short beauty course in Nairobi.

This was at her request and we are pleased with her initiative to learn a trade that will help



From Goats to Cows: Expanding Our Butchery to Serve You Better

For the last several months I have poured my heart into providing the community with top-quality goat meat, sourced locally and prepared with care.

Nareto is the name of my butchery. I have

built a reputation for excellence, and I am incredibly proud of the relationships formed with our customers. But I am not one to rest on my laurels. I am a dreamer and we see a future where I can offer even more to our community.

My long term vision? To expand my butchery to include cow meat. This isn't just about adding another product; it's about broadening our ability to serve more customers which a variety prefers cow meat to goat.

It's about offering a wider selection of cuts, catering to diverse tastes and needs. However, this expansion presents significant challenges. The initial investment in a larger freezer is substantial, and the costs associated with sourcing, processing, and storing cow meat are considerable.

Gaining larger profit margins requires careful planning, efficient operations, and, most importantly a larger scale production.

So for now, I will continue to build our brand and develop relationships with local vendors and customers.

I believe in transparency, and we'll keep you updated on my progress every step of the way. ACF has helped me to begin this exciting journey, and I aim to build a butchery that truly caters to the needs of our community!

Milton Saitah

*Strathmore University,
Business of Commerce/CPA*



supplement her income in the future.

Charity will be able to offer hair, skin and nail services to her local community when she returns home on school breaks. We are so proud of her!



Anne Campbell

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of one of our beloved sponsors, Anne Campbell, who courageously battled cancer for two years. Anne was surrounded by her loving family when

she passed peacefully on May 7th. She will be remembered for her unwavering compassion, infectious humor and deep faith.



Bob Poulton

Bob's wife, Terri Quinn traveled to Kenya last year in support of ACF and her sponsored child.

We are heartbroken to report that Bob also lost his battle with cancer after several years. Terri says Bob never had a bad word

to say about anyone. He was a man of many talents and great humor with a heart full of love for his wife and children.



Dori heads to Amboseli Institute for a Food & Hospitality Diploma

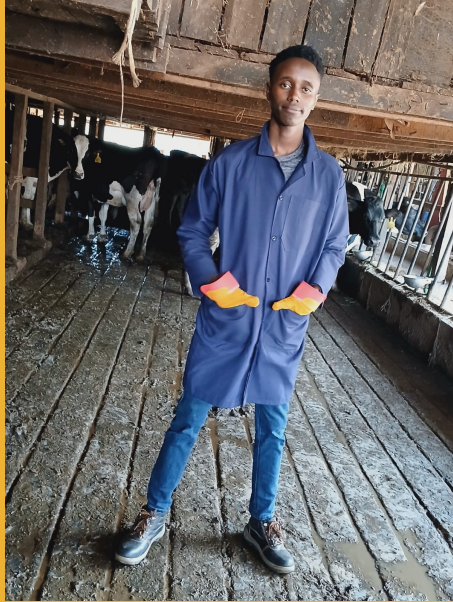


Dori Loiman (shown above on the left - note what her sweatshirt says!) joins

Katoo, Isaac and Leonard in Nairobi as they get her settled into a student apartment and admitted into school.

This is a very exciting time for this young woman as she embarks on the final leg of her educational journey. Dori's village is very close to the Amboseli Serena Lodge where Leonard used to work many years ago. It is our hope that upon completion of her diploma, Leonard can help her obtain employment with this 5 star resort.

Not only would this open many doors for her future - it would keep her close to family and home. A win for everyone!

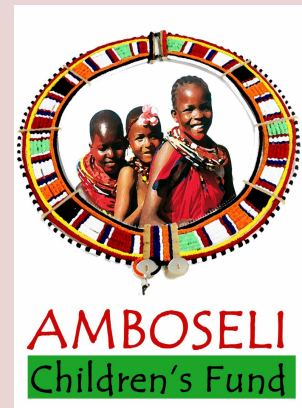


Elvis Onetu shares these great photos; he is attending Thika Technical Institute for the Sustainable Agriculture for Rural Development program. His parents have land and Elvis hopes to use his knowledge to operate a successful farm.

ACF Scholarship Fund

Our sponsorship fee of \$48 per month has literally remained the same for the last 10 years. Needless to say, expenses have certainly gone up in this time - however I've always been reluctant to raise sponsorship costs. We all receive a multitude of donation requests (think of the check out line at the grocery store when they want us to "round up") and while many of these are worthwhile causes it can be overwhelming. So a few years ago, we created the ACF Scholarship fund. Whether you are an existing sponsor, a church, an organization, a business - this fund helps us cover all those costs that basic membership does not.

What I truly believe sets us apart from the large "sponsor a child" charities is that we know each and every one of our kids individually. We monitor grades, we hire tutors, we provide workshops and fieldtrips and student gatherings. It's not about how many - it's about really ensuring change. These kids WILL have a brighter future through our efforts. They WILL be able to bring about lifestyle changes for their families and their communities.



Currently our website is being updated and the payment links are not operable. Donations can be mailed to ACF at the address below, or I can process Visa or Mastercard - just call or text me at 949.350.3516.

Any amount helps, and we'd be so appreciative if you'd make a donation to our ACF Scholarship Fund. 100% of your donation goes to breaking the cycle of poverty.

I know we are living in some challenging times. Let's come together and continue to create lasting change for those who have so little. Together, we can make our world a better place.

With gratitude,

Shari Young

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