



ACF FOOD DRIVE

WANT TO HELP?
Any amount is welcome!

We have another 2 food runs scheduled for this year, but are in need of just \$400 more to make this happen. We provide basic needs such as grain, vegetables, fruits and beans. Please help us ensure our kids remain healthy until they return to school!

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Fall Greetings to all our ACF Sponsors and Friends...



I'm so thrilled at the generous nature of our sponsors and donors! Last month I sent out photos of our efforts to provide basic food supplies for our students. Shortly thereafter we received many unsolicited donations to help in this endeavor. **THANK YOU!** Reports from the children tell us that the ACF Food Drives have improved their lives tremendously; in short, the babies no longer cry and no one is going to bed hungry!

Co-Director Leonard Mpaayo is now in Kenya re-connecting with all of our students and their families. Several sponsors sent letters and gifts for their kids and we purchased clothing and solar chargers to help with their lack of electricity.

In this newsletter are several recent photos; needless to say, the kids were thrilled to receive items from their sponsors and didn't shy away from modeling their new clothes!

On another note, we are excited to be sending five of our girls back to school (Cynthia, Nelly, Faith, Dory and Seleina). You can read more about Kenya's re-opening of certain grade levels in the article below.

I've also included a letter from Cynthia that I wanted to share with all of you; it will most certainly touch your heart and confirm that we are truly changing lives!

As we are living our new "normal", my sincerest wish is that all of you and your loved ones remain healthy and safe. Your continued support through these difficult times is more than generous and much appreciated.

Shari Young
 Co-Director



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Kenya Partially Reopens Schools, 6 Months After COVID Shuttered Them

NAIROBI - Kenyan schoolchildren in grades four, eight and 12 returned to class on Monday, ending a months-long closure of all educational institutions in the country designed to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Many nations have grappled with how to reopen schools safely amid the pandemic, but in Kenya, where public and



private schools were shut after the first COVID-19 case was confirmed in March, the closures have been among the longest in Africa.

The three levels going back to school are all preparing for standardized exams that were postponed from November to March. The government will decide later whether all students can return. Many families do not have the devices and internet access that enable children to take part in remote schooling. The Education Minister George Magoha said children should return to school even if they fear they have fallen behind during the months at home. "No parent

should be ashamed to bring their child to school," he said.

More than 17 million Kenyan students have missed six months of school, the United Nations children's agency said, leading to other social problems. "We are seeing large numbers of reported violence against children, child marriage, child pregnancy, and child labor," said Marilyn Hoar, UNICEF's education chief in Kenya. Some 1.6 million children rely on school meals that stopped in March, she added.

Like much of Africa, Kenya's COVID-19 outbreak remains relatively mild - 766 deaths and just over 41,500 cases. Although testing is limited, hospitals have not been overwhelmed. Masks are mandatory in public.



Leonard's Report From Kenya

Jambo friends! Reporting here from the shadows of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Amboseli National Park. It is with great happiness that I have confirmed all of our children are virus free and in good health.

But sadly, many of the Masai are fairing poorly. Most depend on their daily earnings to feed their families and jobs are very scarce here. The pandemic has shut down local markets and business.

Nutrition has been one of our biggest concerns and thanks to the support of our generous

A Letter From Cynthia...

Hello Mommy!! It's Cynthia. Soo how have been?? How's Lindsey Steven and Bernie?? I hope everyone is doing well. I am also fine happiest than before.

First about my new phone I am sooo grateful and yes it's of great help to me and for this I will be grateful to you my entire life. You have made my face lively and smiling each day Mommy.

We are soo grateful for the support of ACF and all the wonderful people who have blessed our lives. So on behalf of all kids from Amboseli we want to let those folks know we appreciate all that they have been doing for us and most especially we feel lucky to have sponsors.

For me it's not just something so light but you fulfilled my dream. Most of us during these times lacked even sanitary towels but now we have more than enough. The lots of food we carried back home was a celebration to all. We are who we are now coz of ACF.

For Milton, Nelly and I it was also an adventure coz we travelled to the groceries shops to buy all the stuff. We got an exposure of some town after a long time of indoors life.

We travelled to some villages during the distribution of the foods and got to pass through the park route where we got lots of

donors we have been able to supplement our students food supply. We plan to continue doing this until they return to their education in January.

Shortly after my arrival, I was happy to make arrangements to transport 5 of our girls back to their various schools. (These girls were scheduled to take their national exams.)

At this time our President says the other classes will start over next year. The children are anxiously waiting for this day.

From all of us at ACF and the students in Amboseli; may you stay healthy and strong.

Leonard



game drive before we arrived. In fact I never saw a cheetah before but I saw it that day! Those days were memorable and there was not even a second that we didn't wish you were there.

We took lots of photos then sat down and decided to send some of them through Anne. I hope you got them and loved them too. I miss you a lot mom and love you Soo much.let me sign up and start my day and hoping to hear from you soon. Keep safe and always know that you're in my thoughts and prayers too.

Your Maasai daughter Cynthia



FEATURED PHOTO'S

From left: Elvis, Faith, Dory, Susan and Isaac model their new clothes and thank their sponsors for their continued support!

