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### "The Promise Land"

When we think of describing all that was accomplished in 2014 and early 2015, what comes to mind is that the Lord has been gracious to us. Before we dive completely into a new year, making plans and casting vision for the remaining 2015, we want to pause and give thanks for God's goodness, His faithfulness, and the favor He has shown this past year.

# HIGHLIGHTS from 2014-2015

A new home, built late in 2013 and completed in 2014, made it possible to rescue 22 more orphaned children. We are now at full capacity! In October 2015 a team will travel to the Orphanage to construct another Dormitory. We will also expand the eating and study areas. This additional space will accommodate anther 16 children.

If you'd like to participate on a travel team, let us know!



### **EXCELLING in EDUCATION**



Four "Promise Land" students completed CLASS 8 and have been accepted into Victory Academy, equivalent to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. This is a private boarding school. We're proud to say that our students are placing academically in the top 3%! It's amazing to know that these children were all dramatically under grade level when we received them into the orphanage. Not only have they caught up – but the dedication of the staff has taken them to the top of the class! A special thank you to their sponsors and the generosity of many who have made this possible.

## KILIMANJARO TREK for the kids

In January of 2014 we were privileged to host a banquet dinner and fundraiser. This event was also the send-off to the team of climbers who trekked Mt. Kilimanjaro to help raise funds. We are happy to share that this event was a fantastic success raising over \$30,000. With these funds we were able to add a van for transportation which was badly needed. The additional funds provided for the support of the new 22 children this year.



#### MEDICAL UPDATES

When we bring in children – there's always a big demand for medical and dental attention. Each child is screened for their overall health and include HIV and Malaria testing. The saddest realization, is that without the loving care of their new guardians, they may never have had care. We now have two boys with HIV and made a decision to take one girl with Cerebral Palsy.

In addition to the normal health maladies, we've treated children for tooth decay, ruptured ear drums, ring worm, rotting feet, boils, and rashes.

It's because of caring people such as yourselves that these children are being closely observed and cared for. Thank you!



### WATER & CROPS

The frustration we've continued to encounter is the exorbitant cost of drilling a well. While early fundraising gathered funds to supply a water tower and piping access to water, the cost and unreliability of good water creates a lot of difficulty.

We are praying that generous donors will help to partner with the funds gathered already to permanently solve the access to clean and abundant water.

When we have adequate water, we will be able to plant crops that will grow year round – not just during the rainy season. If you'd like to help with a gift, please go to the website and click "donate". Be sure to send us an email and let us know how to designate your gift. (Soon we'll have an Orphanage Wish List where you can make a specific donation for the Orphanage or even a gift to a specific child.) Stay tuned......



### SPONSOR A CHILD

Many people ask, "How can I help"? Each of these children need a sponsor. A sponsor commits to \$35 a month. Your sponsorship covers the needs of the child, such as food, medical, clothing, education and gives them hope and displays love, knowing that someone is caring for them despite great distances.

The beauty of sponsoring is that you can maintain contact with your child. You can send email, honor their birthdays, and celebrate their achievement. They'll know you and your family – and believe me – they'll be praying for you!

Go to www.orphanagesofkenya.org/sponsor-a-child/

