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KENYA, Nyamarambe Children's Home

In 2004, our home was opened to serve the poor and vulnerable children in the community. Because of the HIV/AIDS crisis, there are many orphaned or abandoned children struggling to survive, and many have suffered traumatic mistreatment as well. Though Nyamarambe is the smallest of our homes in Kenya, we believe that keeping the home sizes small is beneficial in order to give these at-risk kids the concentrated help they need. We currently have 27 kids living in family-style homes with loving house parents.

It is difficult to integrate these kids back into their communities due to cultural stigma and the trauma they have experienced from severe abuse and witchcraft practices, but in some cases we've been able to see relationships restored. We are currently supporting 19 kids through our Keeping Families Together program.

Some of our 2017 accomplishments included installation of an electric water pump, replacing all of our old mattresses, and our dairy cow project, which provides nourishing milk for our kids. During the next year we hope to upgrade our kitchen, purchase a new generator, and improve our farming skills so that we'll have more vegetables for the children to eat.

Experiencing tragedy can often leave children feeling a sense of hopelessness, but we continue our fight to bring hope into the darkness by providing a safe place to live and loving support. But most importantly, we share about the love and healing found in Jesus with every child we encounter.

Hope Changes Everything...

AT NYAMARAMBE CHILDREN'S HOME!

Sometimes tragedy happens in a child's life before they are even old enough to be aware of the devastation. Elizabeth* was born to a single mother who was HIV-positive. Not long after the birth, her mother succumbed to her illness and died, leaving her baby in the care of an aging grandmother. Elizabeth's health was in jeopardy, and even though her grandmother often took her to the hospital, she was deteriorating quickly. Even consistent medication did not help, and eventually a good Samaritan asked Kids Alive to help this poor girl.

When she first came to us, Elizabeth was weak, emaciated, and had oozing wounds all over her little body. It was a heartbreaking picture. We quickly worked to get her emergency care and she began a course of intensive medical treatment. Soon she started improving, regaining weight, and healing from her open wounds. Though it's been a long road, the medical care, love, and attention Elizabeth has received has made a world of difference, and today she is a grown-up, beautiful young lady with a big smile on her face and hope for a brighter future.

*names changed
to protect privacy



"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord."

Psalm 31:24 (NIV)

What's happening...

IN KENYA?

Kenya is home to nearly two million orphans, many orphaned because of the tragic HIV/AIDS epidemic. Malnutrition and malaria plague hundreds of thousands of children, and one million primary-school aged kids are not in school at all. Extreme poverty means that more than 25% of Kenyan children work in forced labor, often in dangerous situations. These realities are heartbreaking, and we want to bring the hope of the Gospel to each child.

Kids Alive is currently serving more than 400 precious children. Half of those are in residential care, living in family-style homes with loving house parents. We also reach out to community kids in many ways, through education, nutritious meals, medical care, and sharing the love of Christ. And our Keeping Families Together program is always working to strengthen families and communities.

The academic growth among our children has been exciting to watch. This year, 46 students graduated into either high school or vocational colleges, and 35

finished high school and entered college. We offered these graduates transition training, equipping them to live successfully outside our direct care and support. And we saw two alumni graduate from college, one with a mechanical engineering degree and one with a diploma in social work. God is at work in our students in Kenya.

Just a few years ago, more than half of the kids in our care didn't know who or where their relatives were. We've been able to reduce that to just 10 students, and our goal is for the number to soon be zero. We're also working to fulfill new and often stressful education requirements from the Kenyan government, including retraining all teachers, purchasing expensive IT equipment, and building required facilities.

Though there is still work to be done, we remain committed to bringing hope into the life of each Kenyan child we encounter. As we care for their physical, emotional, and educational needs, we will also share with each one how much Jesus loves them.

God is working at Nyamarambe! Please pray for:

- The provision of resources for upgrading our kitchen
- Our kids to heal from their past experiences
- The Word of God to have an impact on our kids' lives

Partner with us in prayer...

