

Summer 2012

**KENYA
Newsletter**



Manuel and Miner came to our Home malnourished and wondering when they would eat their next meal.

Manuel and Miner: No Longer Malnourished or Plagued by ‘Jiggers’!

Miner and Manuel* are two of our newest young boys who were brought to our Kids Alive Karundas Home last September. They had been living with their mother in a small, thatched house with holes in the walls.

Since their mother does not have a job and relies solely on well-wishers to help her provide for her family, they often went without food.

When the boys joined us they were extremely malnourished and were infested with jiggers, which is similar to a tick. With no resources for food, let alone medical care, the jiggers

continued to infest their hands and feet and caused major problems. When Miner and Manuel arrived, they had lost all their fingernails and toenails! It was too painful for the boys to wear shoes so their feet were battered and bruised. However, with proper nutrition, healthcare and tender help from our loving caregivers, the boys have greatly improved both physically and emotionally.

Manuel and Miner were withdrawn, shy little boys when they first came, but that’s all changed! Today they are lively, healthy, fun-loving kids. They are now enrolled at Hall Mead

School and are progressing well. We are so thankful that Life has turned around completely for these precious little ones!

**name has been changed to protect privacy*

About Kenya

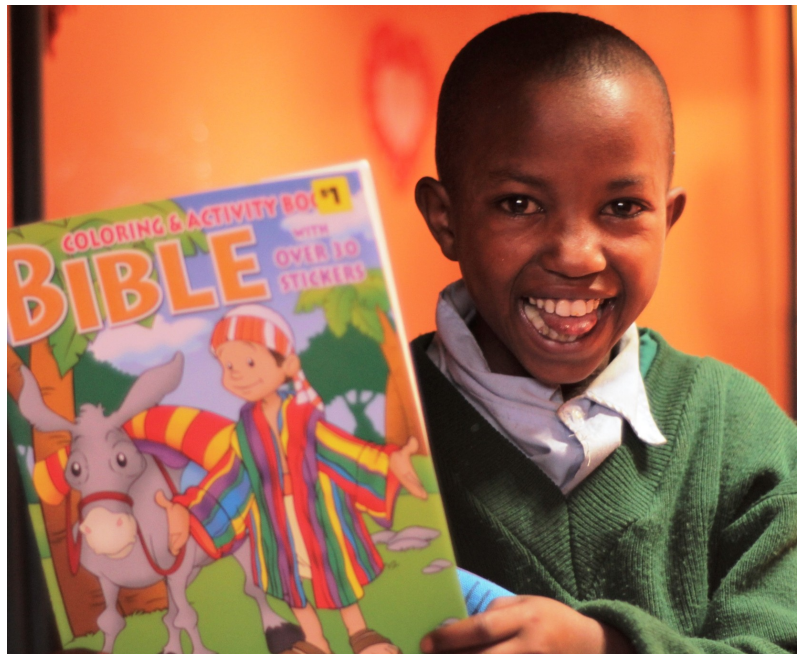
- 31% of Kenyans have indoor toilets
- 1.5 million people in Kenya are HIV positive
- 2.6 million children in Kenya are orphans
- 8% of Kenyan children will die before they reach the age of 5



With no toenails or fingernails, these boys were constantly in pain.

Building and Programmes Teams, Training and More!

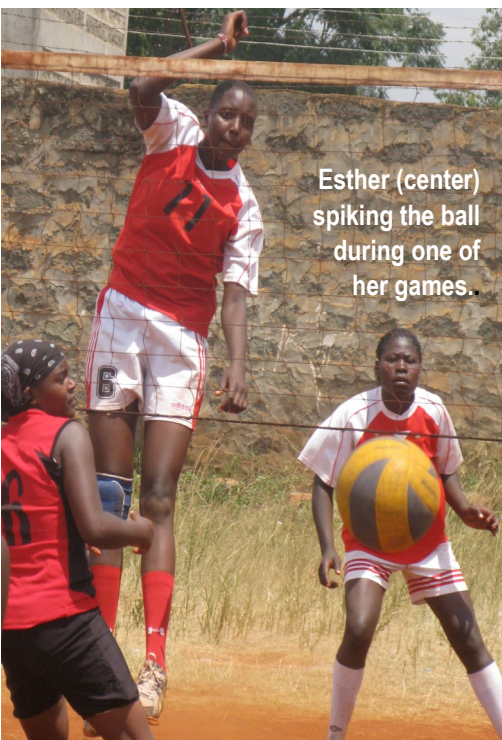
Short-term Teams from the US and UK are a great encouragement to our kids and staff alike. Teams play a major role in the Kids Alive ministry for several reasons. They not only encourage the kids and are great role models as they play and interact with them, but they also help with hands-on projects like building children's homes, fences around our properties or making a playground safe for kids to play in. Teams plan well in advance for their trip, bringing all the supplies needed to host a weeklong camp. This is not only a great time to share Christ with the children in our programmes, but an effective outreach to their families from the neighbouring communities.



Ongoing Improvements at Kids Alive Kenya this year included teacher training seminars on finance, child care and protection, sponsorship and healthcare.

The Esther House, our independence home for older girls, was completed and is home to nine of our girls. Living here gives them opportunities daily to experience what it's like to manage a home—from planning meals, cooking, staying on budget and more with the goal that one day they will have their own family and homes to manage.

A road was moved and more land designated for gardening with the hopes of growing all of our own produce for our Homes and selling any excess to the community at a low cost to help subsidise our expenses.



Esther (center) spiking the ball during one of her games.

Esther Wangechi, Kids Alive Kenya Alumnus and Kenyan Olympic Volleyball Team member, is making a name for herself in the world of Kenya sports!

Esther is the youngest girl to be chosen to play on the Kenyan Olympic volleyball team! Her coaches have told us that she is one of the best players on the team and they have high hopes for her career as a professional volleyball player!

Esther has travelled to Japan and Algeria with the National Team this year and has been interviewed on national television and in several national newspapers. Always giving credit to the Lord for her talent and accomplishments, she is a great inspiration to our children. She often spends time training with some of the younger, promising volleyball players at the home when she comes home on breaks. Of her four siblings living in a Kids Alive Kenya Home, two are also athletically gifted. Her brother, Carl, has been named the best basketball player in the district and her sister, Sydney, has recently shown great promise in athletics and cross-country running. The Kids Alive International family is proud of Esther's accomplishments and her use of the gift God has given her!

Esther (middle) at a Volleyball Tournament.



Our work in Kenya at a glance...

# of residential children	215
# of non-residential children	196
# of community families helped	102