

## STILL HOPE NEWS LETTER FALL OF 2017

2 Cor. 9:10, "Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness."

Greetings to our Still Hope supporters and sponsors!

I am amazed that we are already in the fall season of 2017. Time is swiftly passing and here we are again in Harvest time. We are truly thankful to all of you who have supported us with taking on sponsorship of children and your generous faithful gifts that make provision for the orphanage.

The Still Hope children are doing well. Currently, they are in school and will conclude on October 25<sup>th</sup>. This school term was cut short due to the re-election that will take place on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Please keep this election in your prayers as there is much turmoil in Kenya.

I am enclosing an overview of just a few high lights of what has transpired over the past few months. This comes from our Director, Chris Osunga.

- **YESH – PROJECT (Young & Energetic Still Hope Project)**

*Aim: Create a platform for economic learning activities and nurturing young entrepreneurs*



We started this project during the August holiday when the kids were at home. It's specifically meant for the older kids in high school and a few in primary school students. The purpose is to prepare them for the reality of life that awaits them for when they leave Still Hope. Also, this adds more emphasis on the type of generation we are raising. Through participating in this activity they learn to be responsible kids as they follow the teaching of Paul in 2 Thessalonians 3:10, "If anyone does not work then he should not eat"



Cowpeas /Kale

Sweet potatoes

Carrots

Currently, they are planning to use the harvest to bless other orphans and widows that are not in the Still Hope program. They will also sell some to enable them to buy more seeds to plant in the coming

November/December holiday.

## 2) **HOME MEDICAL KIT**

*Aim: To Offer quick and easy medical attention and treatment*

For the last two and half year we have been doing a medical examination for the kids, both the residents and home based. This is an exercise we've been doing twice a year as required by the authority. However, we realized that it was a very expensive process in the long run. This is because every time they went for a health exam we had to pay for their transport to and from plus some drinks for lunch because it could take the whole day.

Secondly, in times past we had an emergency especially at night, and because of no transportation and the distance to the health Centre is far ,it became a very big challenge.

About four months ago I met this doctor who works at a nearby health Centre. After sharing with him for a while I ask him if he could volunteer to help us at Still Hope. By God's grace he accepted and that's when we thought of establishing a home medical kit which majorly contain the first line drugs.

When we received the funds for health exams we decided to buy some few and necessary medicine and also made this wall unit for the safe storage.

The wall unit has got lockable doors.. The meds are arranged according to what they do and their prescription varies from age to age.We are using the lower drawers for keeping the books. A lot is still needed for it to be complete. However, we thank God that now we can do our own health exams whenever the need may arise.



For the second year we have embarked on another project to help orphans in DR Congo, the poorest country on earth. We are supporting 100 by paying their school fees at slightly less than \$100 each for the entire year. Without this help, they would be sent home from school with no hope of return. Combined with this is evangelism and Christian teaching. It's a great opportunity to make a life difference for such a small sum. And this is in just one school of many! There is almost unlimited opportunity to reach children for Christ – if we will seize it.

Our new web site is still under construction, but it is nearly there. We apologize for the unexpected

delay and hope that the many of you who have requested auto-payments will soon be able to sign up.

Once again, we are truly grateful for your giving! We send a special thanks to all our supporters and The New Union Baptist Church of Tennessee for taking on the sponsorship of many of our children. We could not do what we do with your generosity. There is no gift too small or too large. The larger gifts get us where we need to be and the smaller keep us going. So, with that being said, every gift is important and greatly appreciated!

May the Lord bless and keep you and yours in HIS care.

Rhonda Smith and the Still Hope team