

## STILL HOPE SPRING 2017 NEWS LETTER

**“For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.” Song of Solomon 2:11 & 12**

Greetings and Happy Spring! Trust you had joyful Resurrection Celebration Day as we remember the life, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Still Hope is doing well, thanks to partners like yourself. I can hardly believe we are already in April 2017. I would like to take a few moments to share what has been taking place since the last newsletter in December.

The following information is an update from our director in Kenya.

December 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 2016

- Community outreach gospel mission

It is more blessed to give than to receive. (Acts 20:35) This is the principle that we are teaching at Still Hope, with the children sharing the gospel in the community through a door-to-door outreach mission whose major aim to pray for the sick and for different needs of the people.

- Giving back

Jesus had a holistic ministry meaning he cared not only the spiritual needs of the people but also their physical needs. During the door-to-door evangelism the children also shared a small gift bag with the widows and very the very elderly in the community.

**Outcome: A total of 43 widows received a gift bag. The children prayed for 29 sick people and lead 11 of them to Jesus.**

January – March 2017

- Six children sat for the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (K.C.P.E) national examination and all of them qualified to join high school. Three of them are residents and the other three are home-based. Still Hope has made great strides in enrolling the six children to some of the best boarding schools in the county. So far since last year to date we have 10 students in boarding secondary schools, 4 in form two and 6 in form one. (Boarding school is the normal practice in Kenya.)
- We also provided the supplies for the 3 resident children which was quite expensive since the school requirements are so many.
- Last year September 2016 we installed a solar system to the orphanage but it's not been serving effectively as it should. Therefore, last month the board decided to upgrade by adding another solar panel. Now they receive light past 8:00 pm and also can use it for morning study and preparation.



April 2017

We want to congratulate Chris and Terry Osunga on their wedding, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. They are a wonderful couple who truly love the Lord and so willing to serve in their calling. Chris has a degree in finance and Terry is an attorney. We are so thankful for the both of them.

There are no words to describe our gratitude to all of you who prayerfully and generously give to make all of this possible. Please continue to remember us as we have serious decisions to make concerning a more accommodating facility for the many orphans that are waiting for a home to call their own.

May the Lord bless you and yours,  
Rhonda F. Smith  
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