

*Psalm 118:23, "This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."*

We have had a wonderful year in 2016 and trusting that you have as well!

We recently returned from our annual trip to Oyugis, Kenya. We were privileged to have all of our board members present.

There is so much to tell about, so I will just hit the highlights.

Once again this year we had a five day crusade. The Still Hope children are out of school and were able to attend all the services. What a marvelous time we had! We witnessed more than 100 souls come to Christ, many delivered and encouraged. We had a baptismal service in a nearby river the following Sunday morning. Twenty of the orphaned children and two elder men were baptized, one being a former witch doctor.

As you may already know, we have twenty-two residential and forty three home-based children in our care. The reason for the home-based children is due to lack of space. Our facility (a small abandoned church) is very small and we are in **great** need of a much larger one. However, we are thankful for the provision that we currently have. There has been a tremendous improvement in just two short years. The children are adapted to their new environment and there is now laughter and joy where before there was silence and despair. They have improved physically, mentally, spiritually and academically. We give God the glory! We can only imagine the feeling of destitution of losing parents and grandparents. Every Saturday they sit down to write a letter to us. One of the children wrote in his letter to us, "*Some are fat, some are medium, but no one is thin!*" We are now seeking sponsors for each child at \$2 per day for residents, \$1 for home-based. Sponsors will receive the weekly letter from their child via email and can write back.

This year we were able to install a solar panel for lights and electric, a new and larger latrine with a male and female individual restrooms and individual spaces to bathe. A small approximately 20 x 15 kitchen and dining room was built. These are all very small and basic. However, they are so thankful because now they do not have to cook outside in the rain and the children have a place to eat. Also, the dining room serves as a recreational room and study hall. There are two widows that volunteer cooking for all the children. They are still cooking over an open fire which is very unhealthy. We have promised to get them small "burners" that operate with propane.

We would like to say, "Thank you" to everyone who made all of this possible. We

can not do it without supporters like you. No gift is too large, no gift is too small, but is received with a grateful heart. " I Cor. 3:6 "*I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.*"

We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous year in 2017!

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