

## STILL HOPE WINTER 2018 NEWS LETTER

**Isaiah 55:10 & 11:** *“For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

We trust you had wonderful Christmas Season and are having great year so far, in 2018! Enclosed below is an update from our Director, Chris Osunga, of the Still Hope Orphanage in Kenya.

### **Water tank**

*For a couple of months we’ve had a serious water crisis. Children have to walk long distance of almost 3km to fetch water for their personal hygiene and domestic use. Many times they would come back home in the night because of the long distance. To help reduced these problems and the risks of kids fetching water at night; through our board and the sponsors we received funds to buy a 10,000 liter water storage tank to tap the rain water. Unfortunately, we haven’t had rain since November so we are still trusting God to bring us the rain soon.*



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## THE CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY OUTREACH



*The Bible says there are more*

*blessings in giving than receiving. This is the culture that we have been able to cultivate in the lives of the **Still Hope children**. Our community has a big number of widows and elderly who are very poor to an extent that they can't even afford a proper meal on a Christmas day. Every year the children go on a door to door outreach mission where they pray with the sick and also present a bag of Christmas gift to such people. In 2016 we reached out to 18 households, and last year we reached 26 widows and elderly, prayed with them and presented a Christmas gift to them.*







*After a long day reaching out to the community , we had a Christmas party for the kids where they had varieties of food and drink. Through the contributions from the sponsors and the New Union Baptist Church Missions we also bought several school supplies such as shoes for all the children, backpacks and stationery to resident children.*





### **JANUARY 2018**

*For the past three year we have been able to effectively and promptly pay school fees. In, January 2018, we had five students who joined Form One (high school) as boarding students. For the resident children we not only paid for their schools expenses but also their boarding school supplies such as uniforms, stationery, personal storage boxes, mattresses and many more.*

*Home-based students receive partial sponsorship i.e Still Hope pays for their school fee expenses while the guardians provide their boarding school supplies. This is to give them a sense of responsibility and also to involve them in the life changing process. Every year the cost of school fee expense go up because new students are joining high school. This year alone we have eleven children who are going to sit for their primary final exams (end of grade 8). They will be joining their colleagues in boarding school next year.*

*We couldn't have managed this great responsibility without the support of you our sponsors, friends of Still Hope and the board. This is why we want to take this early opportunity to thank you for supporting us financially,*

*emotionally, spiritually and even physically. As you trust God for greater things this year we want to thank you so much for walking with us every step in this noble calling of changing lives. We speak God's blessings, increase and abundance to all our partners/sponsors out there. 'May the Lord cause **whatever you do to prosper, and richly gives provide all that you need in Jesus name!**' This is based on Psalm 1:3, Matt 6:33, and 1 Tim 6:17.*

*Shalom!*

From all of us at Still Hope, we are truly grateful for your prayers and financial support. As Chris stated, we could not do anything for these children without you!

May the Lord keep thee in his care,

Rhonda Smith and the SH board -- Landal Smith, Elizabeth Na, Nate Schwenk