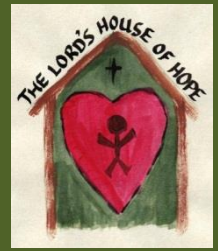


The Lord's House of Hope

"Now glory be to God! By His mighty power at work within us, He is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope." - Ephesians 3:20

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A Note from the Staff at TLHOH

Yesterday marked a historic day in our country! After a peaceful election and the opposition accepting the verdict of the Supreme Court, the new president, Uhuru Kenyatta, was sworn in.

We believe that the peace we have kept will continue and propel us to achieve much as a country.

Let us all thank God for answering our prayers. I take this chance to thank all that have taken time to pray for our country Kenya.

Gifts from Waithaka Riverside School



An Easter Surprise!

The Waithaka Riverside School, where the children attend, brought an amazing gift to TLHOH for Easter! Items included sugar, wheat flour, maize flour, and rice, bars of soap, cooking oil, as well as biscuits and juice. What a treat!

This very kind gesture was so much appreciated by Badi, the staff and the children. But one young child took their appreciation a step further...

Fridah (the Social worker) and Mom Fridah visited the school to check in on the children's progress after Easter break. When the short meeting was over, one of the teachers went over to her desk, opened the drawer and pulled out a folded piece of paper. The teacher handed the paper to the 2 Fridahs. Tears filled their eyes!

The children's teacher explained that she had received this note from an unknown child on the day the children returned to school from Easter break. The paper wasn't signed but using her keen teacher skills, she was able to determine which child wrote the note. I will not reveal which child it was, but on the paper was written,

"This is from The Lord's House of Hope, I thank you teachers and children for bringing food, clothes and money. May God bless teachers and children."

What a gesture from an appreciative child!

See pictures to the left.

TLHOH Mission: to provide a home where orphaned children feel safe and loved. Through spirit focused care, are given hope and are nurtured to love others.

Let the Dancing Begin!

Thanks to a generous donation the orphanage now has a music CD player!
Curious... the CD player is kept in the 'library' --- isn't that usually a quiet area? Actually in Kenya, the library is like the play room 😊 I imagine there will lots of new dance contests now that they have this new music machine!



CD Player



Library (aka Play room)



Library (aka soon-to-be dance hall)

Update on the 2 Guard Dogs

For those of you who are dog owners and/or pet lovers, you know that pets require some upkeep. The next step in Cyrus' and Nevaeh's 'training' is to get their shots. Next, official training will begin! Currently the children can interact with the dogs but are not encouraged to give any orders or discipline the dogs, which is the job of the guard. When training dogs, only 1 person can be the master 😊



You wouldn't get me to put my fingers in that mouth!

What a beautiful day for a short field trip just outside the grounds.... ***and before the rains come!***



Did I say *rains*?!

It's been an unpleasant week or so at the orphanage due to the rains! As I type this newsletter, I look out my window in Seymour Wisconsin and I watch the rain fall, once again, on my already saturated lawn. But then I read an email from the staff talking about the rains – plural! We don't refer to it as 'rains' only 'rain'. What's the difference you ask? So much rain that it fills the water supply (like our sewer system), fills clean water tanks with mud, electricity goes out for days, toilets back up, roofs leak, mixers leak, even faucets leak due to too much rain!

While the rainy season is to be expected in Kenya, the toll it will take on any structure or equipment can't be predicted. The orphanage, like everywhere else in the area, has had its share of difficulties due to *the rains*.

That's the bad news...

Now for the good news...the generator has proved be a worthy investment! The orphanage has lost general electricity, but the generator has continued to run, bringing electricity to the building, especially at night when the surrounding area is dark due to no electricity.

Have you ever experienced a total black out? When not only are your house lights not working, but neither are the street lights, lights from the town/city you live in? I, for one, am afraid of that kind of darkness!

If you'd like to offer support for the orphanage to help offset some of the newly incurred expenses due to *the rains*, please contact Judy Wilson at juds.wilson@gmail.com

Every donation is welcome, no matter how small!

Another piece of good news!

When it rains...get out your rain coat! Thanks to another big hearted donation, all the children have new rain coats.

Even though it's the rainy season, school and church endure on. So the children continue to walk to school and to church...but now they stay dry in their shiny new rain coats!



CURRENT NEWS/EVENTS

Are you interested in purchasing a House of Hope T-Shirts? We have various sizes available. The shirts are \$12 each. Please contact Barb Braun at Braun574@gmail.com



Sweet Sixteen = Land = Garden=Food!

Here's a note from Tim:

Hello friends of TLHOH,
Tim here...a quick update on TLHOH Sweet 16 Challenge. We're close to reaching our goal to purchase the first parcel of land next to TLHOH!

"10 ½" of the 16 spots in our Sweet 16 Challenge have been claimed! Only 5 ½ more to go!

If you or someone you know would like to claim one of the remaining spots, please consider sharing the attached document that Lynn Hammen created. If you have a donation of less than 1k, we are combining those for the "11th" spot.

Thank you and God Bless!
Tim

Parcel of land divided into 16 spots



Just hanging out!



For you Facebook fans, check out the link below to see tons of amazing photos by Scott Eastman!

<http://www.facebook.com/TheLordsHouseOfHope>

If you know someone who'd like to learn about TLHOH, please forward this newsletter or send their email address to ajs21@uwm.edu to be added to the list