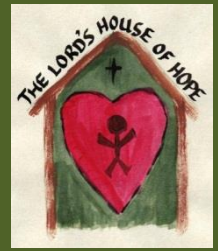


The Lord's House of Hope

"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

November/December 2013



Thanksgiving Celebration!

The children and staff had a wonderful time this year. Scripture was read. The celebration was finished by singing a song..." *rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.*"

Prayers were led by Tracy, Francis, and big Martha. Everyone thanked God for the washer and drier, landscaping, sponsors, food, cloths, school fees, and those who support them.

The meal was yummy: chips, fish and a drink. It was a late night for all, but lots of fun!



O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all;
When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency;
bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.

-Samuel F. Pugh

A Story of Compassion!

It will likely come as no surprise to read this story. But I wanted to share it, as it's a heartfelt example of the compassion these children have for one another. One of the children wasn't feeling well so she ended up missing a few days of school. She was very concerned about this. Once the doctor state the child was ok, she returned to school and was so very happy!

While the child was sick and weak, all the other children showed support and love ~ what a wonderful witness to the Christian values they are being taught. One day during the devotion every child cried out to God to restore her health. We can only imagine how moving it must have been to see even the younger kids pray that their sibling gets well. The bigger ones decided to write *Get Well Soon* notes and strategically place them on her bed before they left to school so that she could read them when she woke up. Even in her ill health, the notes and the love kept her going. We thank God for restoring her health and we praise Him for being a good God to us.

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.

Reminiscing...Thanksgiving 2012

Dinner and Dancing!



Graduation pictures of the younger children.

It's Exam Time!

Notes from Fridah, our Social Worker: We had a successful session with the kids before the start of exams so as to prepare on what needs to be done. Took this as an opportunity to let the kids encourage each other and share on do's and don'ts when taking an exam. I was happy to note that the kids know the need to involve God in everything by asking for His guidance before doing any exams. The kids also shared on the need not to be afraid and how much it pays to have all materials ready before the exam.

After getting the results, we sat with the kids yesterday and shared their progress and what their results means especially now that they are about to do the end of term exams. We shared with them that this is not the time to be discouraged rather it's the time to prepare and aim at outdoing the current results. Our school champions shared on guiding points in achieving good marks. The best performers in each subjects shared on the secret of performing well and best way for revising for different subjects. I just played a slight role as the kids encouraged each other. We appreciated the good work being done by our children.

Fridah went on to explain that she talked to some of the teachers at the end of the term. The report she heard is that our kids are doing well both academically and in other outdoor activities. According to the teachers, our children have also showed high levels of self-control. We appreciate all the effort the teachers are putting in to ensure all the children succeed in school and achieve their individual goals.

On the results of the midterm exams, the teachers explained that this portion of the exam was a bit challenging, and that the children did their best. As a result, some of our kids improved on their grades. Two of our children, Elizabeth and Daniel, emerged as champions of their classes. Congratulations to ALL the children for showing dedication and commitment to their education!



Just Hanging Out!



Anyone want to join in a sing-a-long?
Music courtesy of the sponsors!



Our Angel is finally home!!! GLORY BE TO GOD.

It was a very blessed day as Cynthia was welcomed home after over nine months of prayers for her illness. God has seen Cynthia through the thick and thin of bad health and she is now a strong and healthy girl. All glory goes to Him.

Imagine all the children waking up in high spirits and excitements as they looked forward to having one of their beloved siblings home after a lengthy illness. The evening before Cynthia was to return home the children wrote welcome home cards and banners.

On arrival, Cynthia looked so happy as she shared with the other children that she is going home. Cynthia's grandfather looked on in amusement as he watched how happy the kids at the orphanage were and how fast Cynthia belonged. As he was signing the admission papers, he shared that his heart is at peace because he has witnessed the love at the orphanage. Her grandfather was given a tour of the grounds and he was overjoyed. He shared that he is glad that Cynthia will grow up in a loving environment.

Just as he was about to leave, he requested that we give him one of the cards so he can show to other people in his neighborhood how much Cynthia was welcomed at the orphanage. A small memento of the love we share with him for his granddaughter.

Cynthia- *"There is music and I can dance. I am free to play with the other children"*.



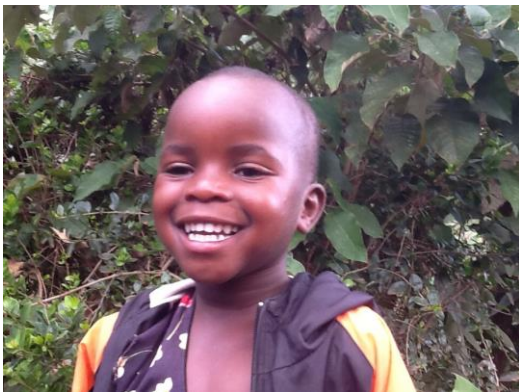
3 Beautiful Smiles!

TLHOH family welcomes these 3 sisters. With the addition of the girls, the orphanage is now full! Praise the Lord!

The girls have adjusted well and we are blessed to have them as part of our family!



Sarah, *"I love everything here; everybody loves me and my sisters. I do not sleep hungry and I have a bed. I want to stay here"*.



Makaisha, *"I will go to school and I am happy"*.



Tina, *"I have a new dad and many Moms"*.

Sweet 16 Mission Accomplished

Whether you donated \$1 or \$1000 we have reached our goal to raise \$16,000 to purchase land. Hopefully soon the children will be planting and harvesting their own vegetables!

They say that timing is everything. Well it just so happens that Judy and Joe will be in Kenya visiting the orphanage at the end of December. During their visit, they hope to meet with the current land owner to discuss purchasing the land.

Please pray for Judy, her husband Tom, and Joe for safe travels and a fruitful trip ☺



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