



Children With Hope - December 2007

Merry Christmas! We continue to see God's blessing on *Children With Hope* in a number of ways. God has used the prayers and financial support of so many of you, and we have some exciting news to share.

You have heard of our need and request for prayer for the title for the six acres of land near Eldoret... God has begun to answer those specific prayers as just in the last couple of weeks, **He has provided the title for four of the six acres of land!** The six acres is in two parcels and we expect that He will provide the title for the other two acres, literally any day now. This is a tremendous step forward and answer to prayer. We can't thank each of you enough for lifting up this critical issue. Please continue to do so for the remaining two acres of land. Our trustee Justus Amunga will be holding the land titles for us until our Kenyan organization is established.

As we shared in our last letter, the Leister family from Idaho is now in Eldoret and is settling into life in Kenya and into the ministry God has called them. Please also lift them and their children up in prayer for wisdom and protection as they are laying the groundwork for the building and organizational process.

As we are now gaining the titles, it is so exciting to realize how close we are to "breaking ground" for the initial buildings needed. The prayers and financial support that have already been given have helped to get us this far and we know that God will complete His work.

Just today I received an email from the Leister's which demonstrates how God is already using them in Eldoret, before the first building is even established. I wanted to share part of this email with you as well as a couple of the pictures which they refer to:



"God is continuously opening doors for us to be involved with the homeless and orphaned community. The pictures of Rachel and Marvin with the group of children was taken out on the Tumaini (Children With Hope) building site. We had a great time playing games and singing songs with them. The other pictures were taken at a dedication of a rescue center site, the Pastor and His wife in charge have a children's church program they run

for street children. We had such a great time that day, loving on the children! The last picture was of our younger children with some friends we have made here in our neighborhood!”



Another blessing we can share is that God has provided the funds AND the vehicle needed in Eldoret. We are pleased to report that the vehicle is paid for and is an All-Wheel Drive vehicle that is even newer (2000 Model Year) than we originally thought we'd get for the approximately \$15,000 investment. I wanted to include a picture of this answer to prayer. Thanks to each of you who specifically prayed and gave toward this need.

Clean drinking water as you can imagine is such an important need. We have a church in Michigan that has generously agreed to partner with us in raising the funds for the well which we will need on site – yet another blessing!

Next...time to start building! My hope is that as you read through this update you get a sense of how God is answering prayer and providing the needed resources. He is using each of you who have so generously given financially and in prayer. What's exciting is that we've only just begun to see Him work.

Having said all of this, there is still a need for funds for the buildings. We have been very blessed with finances to begin the building process, however, there is not currently enough funds to complete all of the initial buildings we would like to establish. In addition to the Children's Homes and the Administrator's home, we also would like to establish a common kitchen and meeting area. The initial buildings will also require some extra funds to set up the needed infrastructure such as electric and plumbing needs.

I'd like to encourage you to prayerfully consider a donation prior to the end of this year. The donation form is included, which you can use to mail with your gift to *Children With Hope*. Our address is also listed below.

Thanks to those of you who are making monthly donations! I'd encourage you to continue to do so. If you're interested in starting to make a monthly gift, now is a wonderful time to begin. Included are some friendly monthly reminder forms which you may use.

Thanks for your ongoing support of *Children With Hope*. I look forward to sharing pictures and stories with you in the months ahead of how God is using each of you who are giving through prayer and finances to literally build this Children's Home from the ground up. Blessings to you and your family!

For *Children With Hope*,

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