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## "THERE'S NO SHORTCUT TO THE TOP OF THE PALM TREE." — AFRICAN PROVERB

**There are no shortcuts in our village!** It's notable what the staff do to serve the children! The cooks prepare all the children's meals over wood fires ~ 3 meals a day! Maintenance staff trims and cuts the grass with wooden-handled slashers. Greenhouses and vegetable gardens are weeded, cows are milked, our farm is tilled, and all the wood we use for cooking is chopped by hand. Even the kids wash their clothes, bedding, and towels by hand! Most of the staff walk to and from our village, or commute on a motorbike, bicycle, or by Boda boda.



*"She works with her hands in delight." Proverbs 31:13*



**Christine**, our seamstress, has been serving the children for 15 years, spending *most* of her days sewing. Except for buttonholes and reinforcing stitching, **she uses a manual sewing machine to make all the boys' and girls' school uniforms**, boys' play shorts, and repair torn clothes. All this is done without paper patterns. After taking a child's measurements, she cuts the uniform pieces directly from the fabric and then starts stitching! Counting just the uniforms alone, she makes about 150 of them a year. Christine has made about **2,250 uniforms** to date! When she's not sewing, she helps with cooking.



*"It takes a whole village to raise a child!"*  
- African Proverb



**Thank you for visiting our village, Diana!** And for doing art projects with the children! Some of Diana's family and colleagues visited for a day, played field games with the kids, and provided bread, milk, and juice for all the kids and staff.



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**Kids with hearts for Missions!** Instead of receiving rewards for memorizing Bible verses, many of the children in the ROCC Kids Ministry at River Oaks Community Church (Clemmons, NC) donated their rewards to Missions to help the Challenge Farm children ~ \$1,000. Thank you, ROCC Kids! Wow!



We have a new calf named Cynder!

## REACHING INTO THE COMMUNITY, TEACHING, AND SHARING GOD'S WORD...

Staff and children recently did an outreach to two slum areas in the community. Kids and adults were encouraged by the Bible! Our staff also spoke on drugs, teenage pregnancies and their effects, and hygiene and health. Along with bread, sodas, and lollipops, we took some donated clothing to the needy families.

**The lives of 208 adults and 296 children and teens were touched!**



July 2024 Birthday Party!

## MAY DOUBLE CHALLENGE

### - TAKE THE BIRTHDAY CHALLENGE!

**Make a birthday card for each child! (or buy 1!)** A great mission's project for the whole family! Or encourage your Sunday School class or youth group to participate. Don't forget to use international postage! Mail the cards to:

Light & Power Centre at Challenge Farm  
PO Box 3625  
Kitale KENYA 30200

**A birthday party for the kids ~ a special birthday meal, singing and dancing!**

**Fun facts:** Most people in Kenya don't celebrate birthdays. For those who do, the custom is for the person who is celebrating their birthday to taste the cake first, then feed all the others at the party. When a child publicly feeds his or her elders or parents, it shows respect and love.

Since we have so many children, just the smallest ones do this on behalf of the others. For fun, the kids will smear icing on their faces.

To give: visit [www.challengefarm.org/projects](http://www.challengefarm.org/projects), then select "Birthday and Christmas Fund". Or send a check to Globe, PO Box 3040 Pensacola, FL 32516. Include a note: CF Birthday.

**Take the Challenge:** We want the kids to know how precious they are. They've been created with value and purpose! (Psalm 139)



LOVING AND REHABILITATING THE ABANDONED, ORPHANED, ABUSED, AND STREET CHILDREN IN KITALE, KENYA.