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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM CHALLENGE FARM!



Agriculture Dept.



Education Dept.



Kitchen Dept.



Maintenance Dept.



House Parents



Pastor Nicholas & Maggie, Directors



Social Work Dept.



Security Dept.



Administration

## THIS SPECIAL THANKSGIVING NEWSLETTER IS DEDICATED TO OUR KENYAN STAFF...

...Who day and night, 7 days/week, work with hurt and troubled children. Currently, over 106 children live at the Farm and 100 more are on home-based care! Their work is challenging and very intense. It takes a great deal of love, patience, and wisdom to help these precious kids heal and rehabilitate.

They teach, instruct, counsel, encourage, mentor, comfort, and several times a week lead devotions and Bible studies for the children. They hold parenting training, do home visits, search for safe relatives, and meet with families. Each Monday as a group, they pray for all the kids. They cook meals, sew and repair school uniforms/clothes, and raise fruits, vegetables, chickens, bees, and cows. They keep our village safe, repair our buildings and vehicles, build furniture, and handle all kinds of administrative duties and record-keeping.

*"It takes a whole village to raise a child." ~ African Proverb*

# THANK YOU

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# STEPS OF HOPE

Psalm 82:3-4a

**We love to see transformation in the children's lives!** Rehabilitation and successful reintegration take time. The first part of the reintegration process is a brief home visit. Arranging for that first visit may take months, even up to a year or longer after the child is enrolled at the Farm. Once we feel the child is ready and we've located a safe family member/guardian and surrounding community, arrangements are made. We assess how the child is doing with his/her relatives, in the home, and how the family is responding to the child. This is just the first step of the lengthy process of one day placing the child safely into a community.

**We received very positive reports from recent home visits for some of our new kids!** Most of the children really improved in their behavior. Junior's mother gave a great testimony! She literally cried when she saw the tremendous change in his life. He had even helped her with chores which he had never done before. Seeing him change was something she had long hoped for! Despite her home being in a slum area, she believes her son is reforming and won't return to the streets. **God is changing these kids' hearts and lives!**

As a group, the staff pray for the children regularly. Sometimes the cases are hard, and often the hurts are deep. Sometimes change is very slow. They encourage each other not to tire, especially of praying ~ that God is still working!

*Please pray for strength and encouragement for the staff ~ they work with the kids every day!*



Junior

## GIVING THANKS...

**WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT** this year, especially your prayer support. Together we have raised young men and women who are impacting God's Kingdom in Kenya and around the world. This would be impossible without YOU! ~ Cheri



Julius serving with the media team at an ICC church plant in Kitale – Immanuel Christian Centre Kitale



Julius invited Charles and Owen to church before they left for University and National Polytechnic (L to R: Nicholas, Julius, Emma (CF staff), Magdalyne, Charles, and Owen)



Thank you, Brian and Diana for bread and soda for all the kids and staff!



Thank you, Arjen and Volkmar for visiting and blessing our kids and staff! They coached the boys on responsibility and did a session with the staff on handling difficult behavior.

A special **THANK YOU** to Church 3.0, Westminster Maryland for supplying **300 bags of corn** for the children's meals. They did their own "Challenge"!

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