



"BECAUSE EVERY CHILD SHOULD HAVE A HOME"

## Thanksgiving

As I am writing this Thanksgiving is around the corner and we are approaching the end of 2008. As we reflect on this past year, we at CCI have so much to be grateful for. This has been a momentous year in that this is the year in which we have started to work on the 20 acres of land for the Children's Village which was donated to CCI by the Kenyan government. Our first building, the health clinic, is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way finished, and we have started to grow potatoes. We are also very grateful for each one of you who have chosen to sponsor one of our children and for those of you whose contributions have enabled us to build and plant on our land. Our children get so excited when they find out they have a sponsor and they love to receive letters from their sponsors. The children are also looking forward to the day they will be able to live in the CCI Village, so please help these children to realize their dream of having a new home by contributing to our Village.

## Potato Project

In October we started our first major agricultural project on our land. After consulting with an agricultural specialist we came up with the idea of planting a new breed of potatoes which has a very high yield per acre. Most people in Kenya grow corn or maize as it is known in Kenya, but maize takes a whole year to produce a harvest where as these potatoes we are growing take only 3 months to harvest. The guardians of our children are fully involved in this project. They have been doing the planting and weeding. They are very excited about this project because at harvest time in January they will each be receiving a share of the profits. This is one way we are giving our children's guardians a way to better themselves and thus be better equipped to care for the orphans. Below is a picture of some of our people planting the potatoes.



## Christmas gifts for our orphans

We are planning on giving all the children new sweaters, shoes and backpacks as Christmas gifts this year. Please help us to make this Christmas special for our children by donating \$25 per child for these gifts.

## Prayer Requests

1. Please pray for my time in Kenya and New York from Dec. 31- Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>
2. Please pray for Pastor Titus, our Kenyan country director for strength and wisdom to lead his team in Kenya.
3. Pray for a good harvest for our potatoes.
4. Pray for the fence to be put up, the clinic to be finished and the schools to be built in the coming New Year.
5. Pray for more people to come in to join the CCI team in America and abroad.
6. Pray for the children to stay healthy, to learn well and to mature spiritually.

## The Children's Village

On my last trip to Kenya in July, I had the privilege of seeing our health clinic have its roof completed. Now all that remains for the clinic to be finished is for the inside plastering, the inside doors and the screen windows. We also need to build some eco-friendly toilets. With God's help and yours, we are believing that we will have the funds necessary to completely finish the clinic while I am in Kenya in January. Below is a picture of the health clinic with the roof completed. **Another thing that we urgently need for our Village is to put up a fence around the entire compound.** In Kenya, fences signify ownership and by putting up a fence around our 20 acre compound it will discourage anyone who might want to encroach on the land. **We need approximately \$3500 to put up a fence around the 20 acre property and we need about \$3000 to finish the clinic. Anything you can do help towards these two things would be greatly appreciated!**



## Saturday lessons about God with Pastor Titus

Pastor Titus who is also now our country director has been teaching our children about God each and every Saturday. Pastor Titus is truly a gift to these children. Most of the kids walk far just to come and learn about God. When he first started teaching them a year ago he had to teach them who God is because some of them come from families where God is not known. One of the kids stopped Titus during one of his lessons and asked "Is it possible for us to know this God who is not visible?" He had to explain to the child that yes it is very possible to know God and this caused Titus to also teach the kids about prayer. The children now know that God hears prayers and answers them. They have developed their relationship with God so much that they can not do without Him in their lives. This has opened an opportunity for our staff to minister to the guardians of the orphans because they can see a change in the lives of these precious kids. The children have come to know God as their provider and as their father. For these orphaned children who have no earthly fathers, it is wonderful that they now know that they have a heavenly father who really cares for them and will never leave or forsake them.



## The difference a sponsor can make to a child

Faith Nakesa is one of the CCI children who recently received a sponsor. When she was told that she now has a sponsor she became as happy as a barren woman about to have a child! She is now optimistic and very sure that her education will go on without interruption. For these children who have no parents having a sponsor for them is pure joy because it shows them that someone cares about them. The children love to correspond back and forth to their sponsors and it is a good opportunity for the sponsors to learn about the life and culture of a child very different from their own.

### *Yes, Marilyn, I would like to make a difference! I would like to :*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor [ ] a girl [ ] a boy (\$35/month)                               | Name _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor [ ] a girl [ ] a boy to attend high school (\$50/month)         | Address _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please use my donation for the building fund (\$10,000 builds one home) | City _____ State _____ Zip _____                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pledge \$ _____ a month to be used where most needed                    | E-Mail _____ Phone # _____                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Give a one time donation of \$ _____                                    | Credit Card # _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Order the <i>We Thank You Lord</i> CD (\$17)                            | Exp. Date ____/____/____ Security Code on Back of Card _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please add me to the prayer list  |  |
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