

Dear Sponsor and friends,

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Well I'm back from another visit to Kenya and your sponsored child. This trip I was accompanied by two new visitors to Africa. In addition they both have been sponsors for several years. What a joy it was for them to actually see their children and further build a relationship. They also got to meet the children's mothers. Additionally they were presented with "blessings" of gifts from these mothers. Laura received four fresh eggs and Deb received a live chicken. Benson had agreed to keep the chicken and report any chicks that come about.

During the visit we conducted a Vacation Bible School with the same theme that our church had done several months ago. When we planned it we could not have imagined that on the first day we would have had over 600 children. With less than half that number of plates and cups, it took many local women to serve a big



lunch, gather plates, wash them, and continue serving. It all worked out like it had been planned. After VBS, we had a one-day Women's Seminar. This event was also well attended. When the last woman picked up her meal, we handed her the last cup of lemonade. What a wonderful time everyone had.



Deb, Laura, Tom Wright and I also visited several of the children's homes. No matter the style or condition of the home, the children were proud to show them off. Then we visited one of the many schools where our children attend. Again you saw the joy on the children's faces when "their" sponsors came so far to see them. The headmaster of the school gave good remarks on our children.

And how do you bring new people to Africa without showing them the animals. One day of this trip was spent on a safari. They were able to see all the favorite animals with the exception of the elusive cats. And they got up close and personal with a rather large rhino. It was a lovely day, with the temperature continuing to favor our

visit. While in the area of this game park we took time to visit a craftsman's facility and got gifts for many of our friends.



Our Generations facility has a new front gate, a secure storage room, and one more bedroom set-up for Tom and I. This room has two windows for cross ventilation. And now our chickens are producing enough eggs for consumption and for sale. During this trip we met with government officials to plan the construction of a second children's home in the town of Meru. We were happy to learn that the government actually has "rules" for these facilities. Unfortunately every facility we've ever seen is in non-compliance with these rules. Our facilities will fully

comply. So if you would like to be part of this project so indicate on your check. Only if we can be assured of the funds for construction and operation will we begin this effort. We will not subject the children to continued uncertainty.

And now it's time to remind you of next year's school support needs. Your contribution in the past has paid for uniforms, books, supplies, and school fees. This year we want to add \$25 to your assessment, so that a fund for medical needs can be created. This fund will be used by Benson to locally treat medical issues with our children, and to finance any care at a remote medical facility. We had one child hospitalized for a week with a severe malaria attack. Only because Benson knew that I would fund this treatment did he promise the hospital that the cost would be covered. What we don't want to do is delay treatment while we coordinate payment with the sponsor. If this raise to \$125 per year causes a problem to any sponsor, then let me know. I will cover anything not provided by the sponsor. As always, I will not drop support of any child that I know. They all have become too close. I need to send funds for the 2008 school year by the end of November.



Hope you like the photo I've included of your child. And again, if you would like to accompany us on a visit to Kenya, or if you could help us financially in the furtherance of this ministry, just let us know. God bless you and yours. Call me at (405)691-1584 or email me at wdlester@flash.net

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