

# THROUGH THE STORM MINISTRIES

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## Dear friends and partners:

We take the responsibility of the care and welfare of the children that God has entrusted us with very seriously. Every day, decisions are made with love for them and preparation for their futures in mind. Your prayers and financial support enable us to continue this work. Janice, our board and I appreciate you, your friendship, your prayers and your financial support and we believe that you are lending to the Lord—and that he will repay! (**Pro 19:17**) *Phil*

## New Children at Haven:



Mom Cecilia , Charles (left) and Collins.

On 27 March, two more boys, Charles Kisenge and Collins Wayne, arrived to live at Haven on the Hill. Charles is believed to be about seven years old and Collins is believed to be about five. As is the case with most of the children that Haven receives, their origins and the whereabouts of their families are unknown. These boys were found hungry, cold and afraid on the streets of Kenya. The Rescue Center in Nairobi

has tried to locate their parents for almost a year but no one has come forward for them. These boys need the healing touch of Jesus on their little hearts, education and a place to call home. The Rescue Center called our home and asked if we would help. After visiting the Rescue Center and checking out their situation, we started the paperwork and now they have a home with those who love them. Neither [Charles](#) nor [Collins](#) have sponsors at this time.

**July mission trips:** In July, we will be joined in Kenya by a team with [Inheritance World Ministries](#) led by our dear friend Dave Dowling, and a team with [The Plans HE Has For You Ministries](#), led by our dear friends Robert and Barbara Sims.

*We love and appreciate you!! Thank you for all you do. We could not do this without your prayers and support! (Little by Little makes a bunch)*

We will focus on taking the Word of God to the hurting and needy.

Dave's team will show the Jesus film (in their language), giving hundreds in the area an opportunity to receive Christ as their savior, host a Vacation Bible School at a school with close to 300 children, help with construction around Haven, host another orphanage at Haven, give out blankets and Bibles and teach the Word of God with stories, games and crafts. It will be a busy, fun and exciting two weeks.

After they leave, Robert and Barbara's team will arrive. Their team will host a VBS at another school, giving 300 children school uniforms, shoes and school supplies and teaching the Word of God. They will also host a VBS at Haven for the deaf school that [John](#) attends, giving them shoes and hopefully, blankets (if funds are available). Also we plan on visiting the needy in the area, giving the love of Jesus with clothing and prayers.

Please cover us in prayers as we go out as soldiers to bring these precious children into the kingdom of God and defeat the evil that is trying to steal, kill and destroy them.

If you would like to help purchase a Bible, blanket or shoes or help with the meals we will be supplying the visiting school and orphanage with, here are the costs:

- ◆ **Bibles in their language - \$10.00**
- ◆ **Blankets - \$6.00 each**
- ◆ **Shoes for deaf school - \$15.00 each (there are 28)**
- ◆ **Meals - any amount will be a big help**
- ◆ **Prayer - priceless**

We appreciate you and pray for you often. *Phil and Janice*

## Current needs. Please pray over these:

- Our country (USA), and our people. Our nation needs to seek God (2 Chronicles 7:14).
- Finances for the Haven's monthly operating expenses via special gifts and sponsors for the boys at Haven.
- Finances to begin construction of Dining Room to be connected to the Haven Kitchen. Floor plans are currently being redesigned.
- Many souls for the Kingdom of God.
- Wisdom and patience for our board to make the right decisions as we carry out this assignment and fulfil this vision.
- God's protection over the Haven on the Hill family. And the welfare of our children, staff and neighbors.

## Hezekiel

In early March, we received word that a lady identifying herself as the mother of Hezekiel, our second to oldest child, was looking for Hezekiel and wanting to see him. She had with her an old picture of Hezekiel when he was a toddler and had been relentlessly searching for him for several years.

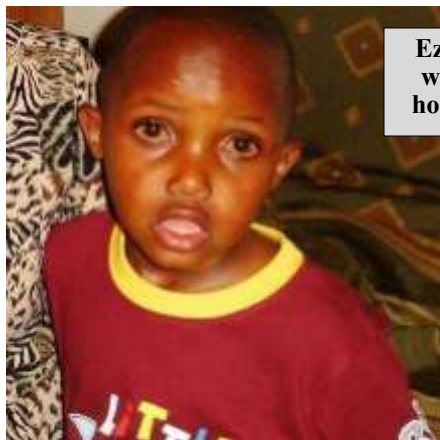
A meeting was arranged at the local Child Services office with Naomi our social worker, Hezekiel and the lady. When they saw each other, Hezekiel immediately recognized the mother, whom he had not seen in more than eleven years when he was around three years old. They were overjoyed! His mother told her story of being sick, depressed and hospitalized after her husband, Hezekiel's father, died. She had left Hezekiel with his grandmother and when she returned from the hospital, Hezekiel was nowhere to be found. She also told us Hezekiel's correct name (Ezekiel), and his birthdate.

Because his mother indicated that she is not well and is frequently hospitalized, we agreed to keep raising Ezekiel at Haven while this bright young man continues his education. He has comfort in knowing that he has a blood mother who loves him and that he was not abandoned. Ezekiel will be able to visit his mother, with supervision, when he is home from school.



Ezekiel and his blood mother.

This was Ezekiel (around 5 years old) when we received him from the Recue Center in Nairobi. He was very sick and afraid. The police record said he was recued from a man who had taken him. So for the 2 years between the time his mother went in the hospital and when we received Ezekiel into our home, there is no way to really know what this little boy had gone through.



Ezekiel in 2009  
when he came  
home to Haven.



The picture Ezekiel's  
mother had of him at  
age three.

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