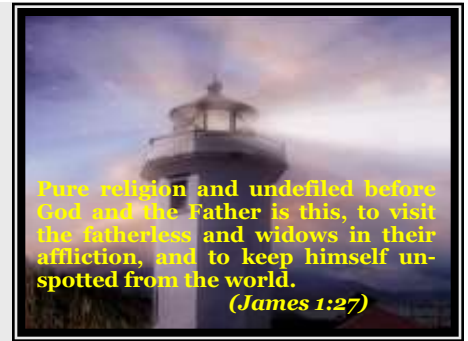


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Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.
(James 1:27)

Dear friends and partners:

We can't adequately express how much we appreciate you, your prayers and your financial support. We know that without your contributions and grace from our Lord, many lives would have not known the love of Jesus.

Kenya update

Well, here we are at the end of another year. This year has been a year of maturity at Haven. Our youngest boy, John Mwangi, started school this year. We have two young men in secondary school and four others have completed their Kenyan rite of passage from childhood. Next year, two more young men will be attending secondary school.

LP Gas was installed in our kitchen to replace firewood for cooking, resulting in a cleaner and healthier kitchen.

After two years of construction, our multi-purpose **Hall** was placed into service. The Haven boys enjoy eating their supper meal together.

We built a small **storage building** to store supplies for the Hall.

Sewing classes were started in October, utilizing the six sewing machines our partners contributed to. Currently, the students are making Kenyan themed hand bags and aprons that we hope to take orders for and sell to help them pay for their machines and take them home to start their own business-



es.

Plans for 2020

Plans have been drawn up for a **new two story building** designed for our older boys, guests and Mission teams to have a place to rest and sleep. Currently our five older boys, along with Mr. Gichia, their mentor are sleeping in the Bunk House which is designed for 10 people and soon there will be more boys to join them. Visiting Mission teams are sleeping wherever we can make room for them. We had always planned to have an additional home for more children but we have adjusted the floor plans to make the building more multi-purpose.

Janice and I will be travelling to Kenya in March for end of year reporting and, hopefully, to oversee the beginning of construction on the new building and also to bring back the bags and aprons that our students have made for the purpose of selling

*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)*

them.

We will also be hosting our first **Pastor's conference**. Pastor Matt Whistler from Faith Alive Church in Wind Gap, PA will be leading this event. Please keep him and this ministry in your prayers. We will be blessing the Pastors with lunch, sharing God's word and giving them Bibles and curriculum to share with their churches. **Phil**

We have extended our Haven family! The rescue center in Nairobi had six boys that needed a home. Five of them now call Haven On The Hill home. The sixth is scheduled to arrive on 23 December. Then there will be 34 boys in our Haven family! We serve a BIG God!! As we received pictures of the boys like so many times before their faces tell a story of fear and not knowing what will happen to them next. The tallest boy had no name so we asked the Lord to show us his name. He was given Samuel David. The boys also have no birthday recorded. We have to test them and guess at their years of birth. Usually the first sponsor is given the honor of assigning the month and day.

We were told that when the boys arrived at Haven our youngest, Mwangi, was very happy to see them and showed them their beds and around their new home. Mwangi was acting like an older brother.

He liked being in charge. LOL **Janice**



Jacktone, Samuel, Sultan, Timothy and Kuria

Current needs. Your prayers are important! (James 5:16):

- The new boys at Haven. That we bring light, love and stability into their lives.
- Pray for sponsors for the new boys.
- Funding for new building and septic. Estimated budget is \$150,000.
- That the articles that our sewing students make will be blessings to them and others.
- Many souls for the Kingdom of God.

May you have a Merry Christmas and a great, joyful 2020!



John Mwangi is very happy and has now started to school. They grow too fast.



Mom Beatrice bringing food to Monica, founder of a neighboring Children's Home.

Our Boys getting new pajamas donated by a dear friend.



Godfrey Owino in 2008

Godfrey Owino
Godfrey is one of the first three boys that came to Haven in 2008. He was about two years old and needed someone to love him and care for him. He has grown into a very robust young man and has aspirations of becoming president.



Godfrey Owino in 2019 age 14

When you choose to sponsor one of these children for \$10 or more per month, you are changing a life forever!
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