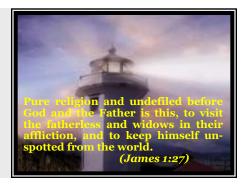
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# THROUGH THE STORM MINISTRIES

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### **Dear friends and partners:**

Again we want to say "THANK YOU" for your prayers and financial support. Because of your faithfulness we continue to grow and spread the love and salvation of Jesus Christ.

## Janice's April trip to Kenya

On April 16th, I traveled back to Kenya, This trip was planned to spent time with the boys they were all home from school. We had lessons in proverbs. They had races to see who could find the scriptures and be the first one to read it. Then we discussed the meaning of the scripture. They loved doing that.

I had many visitors. I would share Jesus with them and pray for them. One Lady asked if I remembered her. She said that about 15 years ago I took her and son to the hospital, then I remembered. She was so grateful and remembered I told her it was the Lord that had sent me to help her, because He cared for her and her baby. She is now serving the Lord.

I was also blessed to have my sister Debi come to Kenya and visit for a week.

Debi kept busy decorating our new mission building and the library. The boys helped a lot and loved seeing the pictures of them when they were small, and of them now.

#### Janice

#### The improved library



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)

## Kelvin's In America! Kelvin shares his story - On Back Page

Lucy, Naomi, Naomi's baby (David) Tonny and Kuria. Little David has bought a lot of love to Haven.





Ayub starting trade school to become a mason. Please keep him in your prayers. We are proud of him. He has turned into a Godly young man.

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

- The Lord's guidance as we continue to take the love and salvation of Jesus to the hurting.
- Continued safety of our Haven family and community
- For all our boys and young men, that they continue to walk in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4).
- We are praying for you!

# Kelvin Waithaka Mugure

Many have asked me how did Kelvin come to Haven on the Hill Children's home. So we decided to let him share his story with you.

My name is Kelvin Waithaka Mugure. I am 21 years old and I love Jesus. I was five years old when I first learned about Jesus when my older brother John and I had just been received at Haven on the Hill Children's Home.

We had been living in the Kayole slums in a 5ft x 6ft mud house with a tin roof. In the absence of my single mother, John was my protector. I remember one late night when a thug tried breaking into our house. We were alone and scared but John fought him off. He actually screamed the whole time, scaring the thug away. I did not feel the need to scream or worry greatly. I thought if the thug broke through, he would get John first and that was somewhat reassuring. I knew but took it for granted that John loved me. He showed me all the little holes where I could get food. Sometimes it was a charity running a feeding program, but mostly it was a garbage heap.

My journey to Haven on the Hill began when our area chief started a program to remove street children from the streets. I was placed in a crowded children's rescue center and I was grateful to be there. They served one meal a day and John and I shared a mattress that we laid on the floor. We learned to survive.

One day, the officer running the rescue center summoned us and said "You have a new home." Mom Janice picked us up in a white sedan and we drove to our new home at Haven. We were enrolled in a local school and I was ecstatic; education had never being an option before.

Some months later, John got really sick and he did not survive the illness. We had been through rough times but we had always survived. I was devastated. On the day of his burial, I sat with Momma Janice and she was crying and hugging me tight. I felt consoled. I remembered she had led John to receive Jesus in his heart. The love and wonderful moments he had at Haven in his last months had brought a smile I had barely seen in my big brother, and that gives me peace.

I worked hard in school and graduated from high school two years ago and did so well I was admitted into the Equity Leadership Program, which mentors and supports the best students in East Africa to apply for universities abroad. I applied to top universities in the USA but I was placed on a waitlist in most of the universities and rejected by all. Trusting my own brilliance definitely failed, and I decided to trust the Lord as I had many times before, and won. I got accepted into the College of the Ozarks and I will be enrolling this summer.

I last saw my mother sixteen years ago. The best information I have of her are rumors, that are sometimes decades old, of places she might have been spotted. I pray and remain optimistic I will see her again one day. I never knew my father. I know my future is bright in Jesus name. I am truly grateful to God for your love and support. I love you all. *Kelvin Mugure*.







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