

**Children start back to school in early May; Term 2 begins**



**Beatrice (left) at School for the Deaf is so happy that her small package this term contains FOOD. Seth (center) with Benard at his new school called Hope, after four hopeless years for this full orphan. On right, Ouma and Collins at Kibos School for the Blind.**

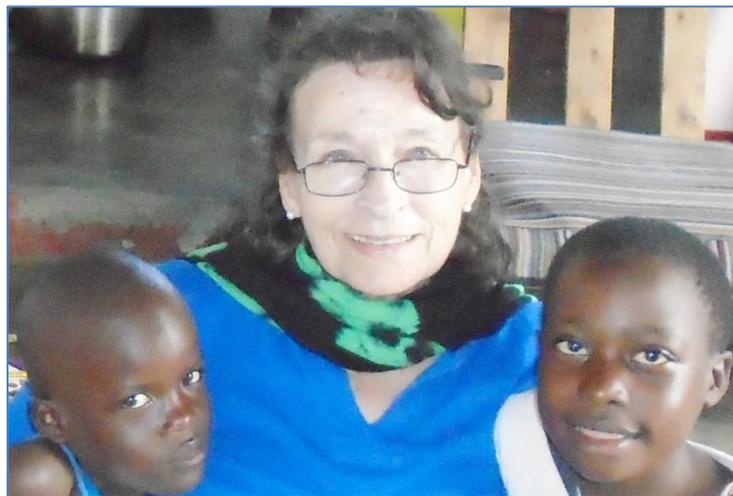
All children went back to school in early May, including schools for the deaf, blind, physically and mentally challenged, primary and secondary schools, some far away from Rusinga Island. Other primary school children, most orphaned and/or physically challenged, attend local schools and come to the new Feeding Program for breakfast and lunch.

**Feeding Program ramps up again for local primary kids**

As the April school break ended, the Safe Haven program ended and local kids returned to school. They come running to the Feeding Program at 6:30 am and 12:30 pm. Lunch examples: greens and cornbread, or beans and rice. YUM! The Program started with 12 children and now there are 20 local primary school kids for breakfast and lunch, plus 2 who come for supper.



**Queen (left) enjoys her food at lunch.**



**Rebecca with Vena (left) and Fancy. All the kids have serious challenges and are so precious to us.**

## Food from David's Garden:

The garden now contains maize, turnips, okra, sukuma (local greens), spinach, beets, and butternut squash. The maize is now much taller than David.

This garden on Rusinga Island supplies food for children even when other gardens are completely dry. The drought of 2016 is likely to leave huge numbers of people hungry. David is fortunate to be right at the water's edge and uses a pump.



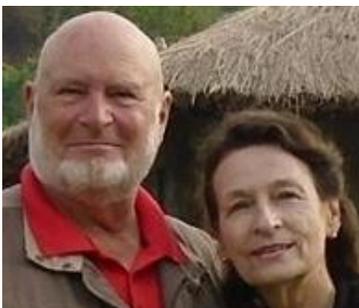
**Feeding Program Challenges:** Current drought conditions mean many more hungry children on Rusinga Island in upcoming months. Space is a critical need at the Feeding Program facility. Nearly all of our 20 children must sit on the floor to eat.

**Current Needs:** A larger space for children to eat is the most critical need. Our friend Samson donates his house for Feeding Program use, but furniture is needed. It has one sofa for 3 children and all others eat on the floor. There is also no toilet. An additional, all-purpose room for this house, along with outdoor toilet, can create the space that is needed. The room can be used for feeding more children when schools are in session. When schools are out, it adds space for a classroom in the daytime and for sleeping at night, for those who have no other safe place to go.

## What's in a name? David Otieno and Rebecca Atieno

These are our Luo (tribe) names. **O**tieno means a male who was born at night, and **A**tieno means a girl who was born at night. Our friend Samson at the Feeding Program is Onyango, which means a male born in the daytime. Imagine how many David Otieno's there might be on our Island!

*Thank you so much for all you do for these children! You are changing their lives.*



*Rebecca and Dave*

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