

## Wonderful, Clean Water at Last!



Safe Haven on Rusinga Island now has CLEAN water, thanks to **CanAssist Africa!**



Pap Onditi women filled their cans with unsafe water.

Now the Pap Onditi water pump is repaired. Thanks to **Water Charity of CA!**



- **CanAssist Africa:** The “long” rains have begun on Rusinga Island, after a long drought that found most people without crops since mid-2015. We are really fortunate to have assistance from CanAssist Africa in Canada, which provided the water catchment system with an 8000 liter tank, which is now FULL. This gives our Safe Haven children clean water for many months each year.
- **Water Charity:** David’s work with the Catholic Diocese in Kenya celebrates the gift from Water Charity in California for a Pump Restoration Project at Pap Onditi in Kenya.

## Visits with Children at their Schools

While most of the children we serve live and attend school on Rusinga Island, there are no special schools here for the those who are deaf or blind or who have other challenges. Term 1 lasts January through March, so visits to these special schools are important for the children we serve. Samson made a recent visit to Kibos School for the Blind, where he met with our 3 sponsored children there.

### Kibos School for the Visually Challenged

Our 3 sponsored kids together in the principal’s office --**Kevin and Merline, with little Collins in front.** Kevin and Merline still have some minimal vision, while Collins was born blind. Merline’s father died last year and she could no longer afford school. Merline is one of our group now.

Kevin’s photo is also to the right. You might notice that childhood obesity is no problem here.



## Safe Haven Security

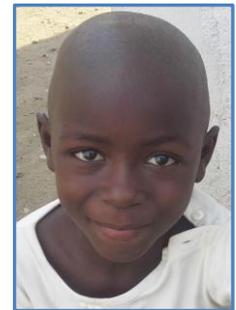
The termite infested, crumbling front door has been replaced with a new one, the rotting window case has been bricked in, and we have locks! Thanks to those who helped to make this happen! Food is now secure, and so are the children.



## Saying Goodbye in Kenya; Going Back to Visit Soon

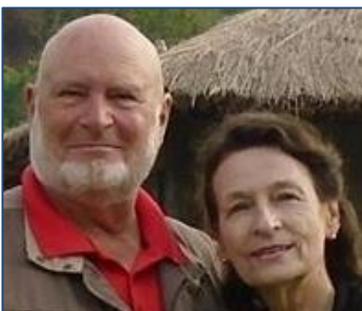
We have moved to NC in late February to be closer to family and friends, to have better health care, and because of expected violence in Kenya during this election year. We plan to be back in Kenya for a long visit later this year and welcome those who want to join us and visit with the children and see Kenya.

We have faith in Samson, the manager at the Safe Haven program for children, whom we have known since 2011 and who has a heart for the children, since he was himself so early orphaned. The year-round feeding program goes on, and the children continue to be supported during school breaks with food and medical care. Samson supplies frequent news with photos.



David says goodbye to Felix. To the right is Queen Dora, who received a clothing gift from Nicole from the Netherlands, along with other girls. Then Macreen, who is well after malaria, and finally our cook Rose with her new baby.

*Thank you for your prayers and everything you do for these beautiful children. Blessings for you and yours !*



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