

**Term 1 Ends; Children Coming Home to Rusinga Island**



While most of our kids live on Rusinga Island and attend a school near our Safe Haven, a few go far away to schools for the blind or deaf. Above Collins and Kevin are being picked up at Kibos, taken home, where Benard takes Collins to his house by bike. On the right, we see the kids playing a game requiring a bottle filled with sand, with Collins right in the middle (blue shirt). Here, he's included by his Safe Haven friends.

**What's Happening on Rusinga Island?**

- **Drought.** We are in our second year of drought, and rains have been sporadic, not enough to sustain the crop of maize. Maize prices were very high when we left Kenya in February and have now gone up 88% since early this year. Most prices of our other Feeding Program items have also skyrocketed. The drought can lead to more hunger and more illness for already vulnerable children.
- **Medical Costs.** Due to shorter rainy season and unclean water, children are often sick with malaria and typhoid fever. Our children get clean water while at Safe Haven, but not often where they stay.

*Safe Haven children have food and medical care. We are blessed to be able to serve them.*



Children often come directly to Safe Haven from home or school when sick. Macreen and David both had malaria Friday, were taken by motorbike to a clinic in town, where they waited for "Daktari."

## What's Happening with Rebecca and David?

- **Time with family and friends.** In North Carolina, after weeks of minor illness, we look forward to getting settled and seeing more friends. We feel so fortunate to have time to reflect and plan after being in Kenya most of the past 5 years. We stay in close touch almost daily with our Safe Haven manager, Samson.
- **Working with the Kenyan children.** We are grateful that all is going well with the daily feeding program. We get frequent news and photos from Samson, and we plan to be back for a visit on Rusinga Island later this year. We work to continue caring for the precious children.

## The Children Need Your Help

Drought often leads to hunger and medical problems.  
**God provides abundance at Safe Haven!**

We are grateful to God for all the food and medical help through gifts from caring friends. Even with the terrible drought, the children continue to eat and get medical care.

**What can you do to help?** A sustained gift of just \$10 or \$20 a month helps children to stay healthy with food and medical care. Any gift means so much for the kids. **100% of every gift goes directly for food, medical care, and education for the children.**

Online: <http://rusingaislandchildrensfund.org/>

By Check: To "Rusinga Island Children's Fund"  
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Our American friend Linda, who lives on Rusinga, visited the kids in March and took this photo. Thank you, Linda!

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



*Dave & Rebecca*

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