

Children eat and play at Feeding Program during School Term Break



The children had their midterm break for a few days in June, and some of the boys (left) play outside in the morning while waiting for lunch.

Vena (above) waits for lunch under a cool tree.

School Break Time -- Children who go to school far away

Most of these children cannot come home to Rusinga Island for the few days of break, and some schools do not even take a break. Our children at the Blind School in Kisumu do not come home during these short breaks. **Collins** has a mother, and she visited him at school, with a little help for transportation.

Seth's school is closer and he was able to come back to Rusinga Island for the break. He has been a full orphan since he was a toddler, and he is deaf and mentally challenged. His grandmother was unable to support him with basic needs such as food for several years, and she recently died. Relatives have taken over the mud hut where Seth lived with his grandmother. We pray for his care.



Left: Ouma and **Collins** from Kibos School for the Blind (file photo).

Right: **Seth** with a cousin's wife who will keep Seth during school breaks.

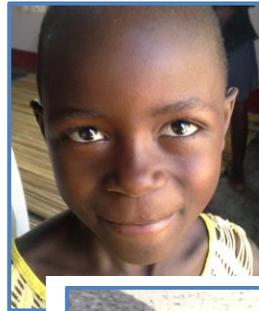
Going back to Kenya to visit the children

Someone recently asked us *why we will go back to Kenya in November/December.*

Good question. The children have a long school break from late October until early January. We used to think this was a good thing for them – time to relax and have fun, right?

So many of the children are especially vulnerable during a time when they are away from school, often with little or no supervision. Hundreds or even thousands of children in our area are hungry and often sick during these long breaks, many unable to afford any medicine or clinic. Some girls become pregnant and are no longer welcome at school. Others also drop out of school, giving up all hope.

We love to be there with the children during their long school break, with a teacher, volunteers, food, and medical care as needed. The children have a strong bond with each other, and everyone notices when any child is missing or sick.



We are all One.

The children learn to support one another with love and respect.



You are invited to visit these precious children.

We invite you to join us on November 30, for 1-3 weeks, visiting Safe Haven and other projects on Rusinga Island, even visiting the famous Amboseli game park at the foot of Mt. Kilimanjaro if you wish!

Thank you for everything you do for the beautiful children of Rusinga Island!



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