

# *Thank you from Rebecca & Dave & Kenya Kids!* Sept-Oct 2017



**We give thanks** for all the gifts for (1) FOOD, (2) Medical Care and (3) Education for the needy orphans and destitute children on Rusinga Island. Due to 2+ years of drought, the children need our help even more for 2018.

## **What's Happening? Why the greater needs now?**

- Children are currently out of school for the long November-December break, with FOOD, medical care, and educational activities at the Safe Haven program on Rusinga Island, feeding kids year round.
- After over 2 years of drought, there are food shortages and high prices. The year round feeding program has tightened its belt, and food security is still a real challenge for the many kids we serve.
- Children will start the new school year in early January, with the greatest needs for the 6 kids going away to schools for the deaf and blind.

## **Who are the Children?**

- We serve over 30 children, and most of them attend a school near our Safe Haven year-round feeding center. They are orphaned or living with destitute parents, where there are no jobs and subsistence farming is their best chance at survival. After over 2 years of drought, there is little food anywhere.
- Several of the children we serve have physical challenges such as being blind or deaf, or born with HIV or sickle cell anemia.
- They live on remote Rusinga Island on Lake Victoria, where the HIV rate is extremely high, where children may lose one or both parents, and kids often have malaria and/or typhoid fever.
- Without help, these children frequently go without food, medical care, and education.

## How Can I Help?

*What better way to express gratitude for our many blessings than a gift to a needy child!*

- Sustained support for a child or children.
  - \$30/month supports one child with food, medical care, and education. (Deaf or blind slightly more.) More information on each child will be sent to you shortly, also available on request now through email. One child, Ruth, is introduced below. [Rebecca.Rowson@outlook.com](mailto:Rebecca.Rowson@outlook.com)
  - Any amount on a monthly basis helps to sustain the children.
- One-time gift always helps to support the children.
- Visiting the children. We welcome you to join us on any upcoming visit with these precious children in Kenya. Just contact us for more information. [Rebecca.Rowson@outlook.com](mailto:Rebecca.Rowson@outlook.com)

**100% of every gift goes directly to the children's needs for food, medical care, and education.**

## Introducing Ruth



We have known Ruth since we were Peace Corps volunteers living next door in 2012. She was 4 years old and her primary jobs all day were taking care of 2 younger children, shooing birds from the drying fish, and finding sticks for firewood. Her parents are very poor and had no extra money for her to attend school.

Ruth is one of the top students in her class, and her teacher reports how bright she is. She is a born leader and often leads in songs and presentations in class. We love you, Ruthie!



### *Dave & Rebecca*

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We are scheduled to travel on November 30 to Kenya for a 3-week visits with the kids . . . “the Good Lord willing and creek don’t rise,” as my dear father says. We will get there as soon as possible, if not on the 30th. Can hardly wait to see the children!