

*Happy New Year!*

Nov-Dec 2017

*From Rebecca & Dave & Kenya Kids!*



Safe Haven School Break Program: November-December. (Left) Children celebrate with special meal of fish, rice, kale, and ugali (cornbread). Children (right) have daily practice of school subjects with teacher and volunteers.

## Gratitude for 2017 !

Thanks to everyone who helped provide FOOD, medical care, and education for the kids we serve in Kenya!  
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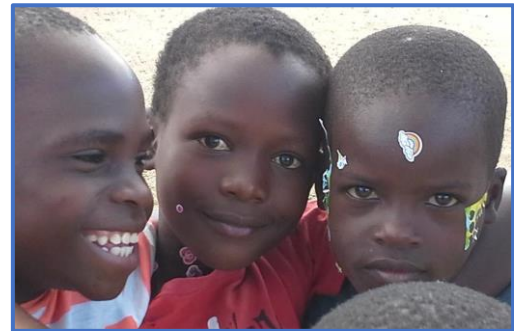
- Sustain the Year Round Feeding program for 26 children
- Send 3 children to Kibos School for the Blind
- Send 3 children to Lambwe School for the Deaf
- Send 1 deaf boy to Hope School for the Mentally Challenged (full orphan when found in 2012)
- Support 30 children during school breaks (~ 4 months each year) with food, education, and medical care as needed, at Safe Haven on Rusinga Island on Lake Victoria.
- Addition to Safe Haven building – new classroom – donated in large part by JJ Crowder Masonic Lodge.
- New 8000 liter tank and water catchment system – donated by the CanAssist African Relief Fund.

## A Look Back at 2017





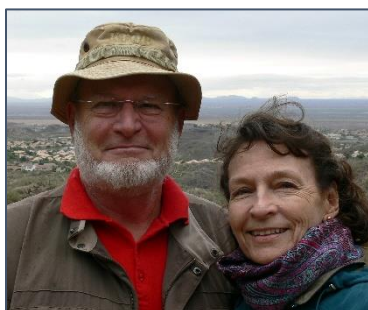
**Healthy Kids 2017!** Children have medical care as needed (Collins, malaria, above). There are good food and activities for improved health for all the children we serve.



## Goals for 2018

- To continue all the programs in place for 2017, with Food, Medical Care, and Education for needy children, most of whom are orphaned and/or physically challenged. Several were born with HIV or sickle cell anemia or blindness or deafness.
- To install an Envirofit Stove for cooking, replacing the 3 stones now used outdoors. This will save on wood and charcoal expenses and will reduce the heavy smoke inhalation by the cooks and the kids.
- To start a pilot “Goat Project,” with the ultimate goal being to assist children with school fees in the future. We expect that most of the children we currently serve will be ready for high school in 2-4 years, and there is no current means for supporting them with school fees. In this pilot project, three responsible children would be selected to receive one female baby goat each, which they would raise under close supervision from our manager Samson. Success would mean that a child raises the goat to later have babies, which are also raised. When school fees are needed, a goat could be sold to assist. So many children never have an opportunity beyond elementary school. These precious kids would have a great life lesson as well as the chance for high school.
- GOAL FOR THE FUTURE: A “bore hole” (well) so that Safe Haven can grow its own vegetables in the drought.

*Thank you for all you do for the children we serve in Kenya!*



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