

and from Rebecca & Dave!



In January, all the children start their new school year. On the right, Kevin and Collins head back to Kibos School for the Visually Challenged in required uniforms. At left, Ruth and Gloria help care for a little one at Safe Haven program during midterm break.

Back to Africa in April for 3 Weeks

After a brief delay for medical treatment for Rebecca, we were given the go-ahead to visit the children and work on more programs in Kenya during the April school break.



Building a Well: How could a well help the kids? A garden of FOOD, clean water to prevent typhoid fever and other diseases, and the possibility for sustaining the year round feeding program at Safe Haven.

Where is Rusinga Island? On Lake Victoria, in far western Kenya. We are talking remote!

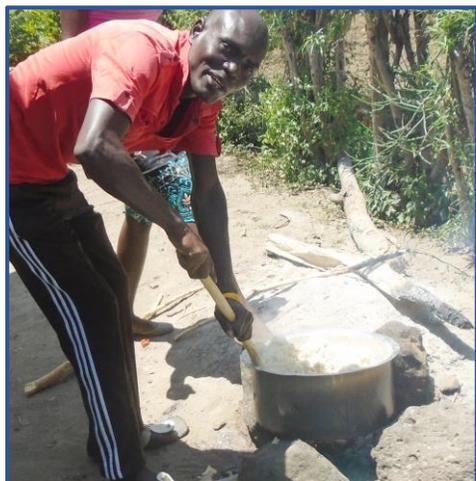
Rusinga is a beautiful, tragic island, among other islands. Lake Victoria touches several countries, including Kenya. We are on the Equator, with the HOT sun rising at 7 am and setting at 7 pm year round.

The heavy rains come in April, with little else all year except smaller rains in October. We will be there in heavy rains, but only because April is school break for the children we are anxious to see. All kids from schools for the deaf and blind come back to Rusinga for lots of good food, education, and medical care.

Praying for end of drought: There has been a 2-year drought, and we pray for enough rains this year for the life-sustaining crops to grow. Hunger, water borne diseases, and suffering will be diminished with good rains!

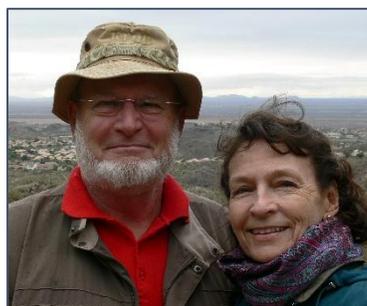
Plans for April Visit

- **To distribute clothes, books and gifts** to the children from friends, especially those at Unity Church of Raleigh. It means so much to the children to realize that someone, somewhere, cares for them.
- **To create a small building to house a stove** and to install the stove. This will replace the current cooking platform – 3 rocks with a cooking pot on top (as demonstrated by Samson below).
- **To meet with Peace Corps personnel in Nairobi**, seeking resources on new water projects for feeding centers, especially the possibility of a well, which would do so much to improve the lives of the children and other locals.
- **To have medical needs of the children reviewed**, especially those we serve who were born with HIV or sickle cell anemia, to ensure that they are being cared for.
- **To evaluate the feasibility of a pilot goat project** to help the children to learn responsibility while they earn future school fees. The Safe Haven feeding program children will need fees for high school.
- **To determine the feasibility and cost of a “bore hole” (well)** so that Safe Haven can grow its own vegetables, can prevent water borne diseases such as the frequent typhoid fever, and to assist in sustaining the Safe Haven programs. Please help us to pray for this assistance to the children we serve.



Left: Samson cooks on 3 stones; a stove is needed!
Right: younger children in school uniforms.

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



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