

Kids on School Break at Safe Haven

School break (late October – early January) is a challenging time for children on Rusinga Island, where they often do not get sufficient food, medical care, or supervision for their safety. At Safe Haven, these basic needs are fulfilled for children who are physically challenged, full or partial orphans, and/or otherwise needy.

Children who are deaf or blind and attend faraway schools come back to the Island to join their friends at Safe Haven. They receive a hot porridge drink called “uji” in the mornings and a late lunch, and their teacher and volunteer teachers help them practice their studies and supervise their play activities.



The children welcome David in September at Safe Haven on Rusinga Island. Looking so healthy!

Progress on the Well Project



David was on Rusinga Island through much of September and October for creating a well at the Safe Haven program for children. **The goal is to create greater sustainability** for the Safe Haven programs, especially the year-round feeding program. The purpose of the well is:

- (1) to provide clean water for the children and people in the surrounding village of Kolo, reducing the number of water borne diseases,
- (2) to provide water for year round gardening in this drought ridden part of Kenya, and
- (3) to provide water for sale to vendors, providing funds to assist the year-round feeding, medical and education programs.

After a geological survey of the land, it was expected that a well may need to be dug to 130 m (427 ft) but sufficient water was not reached until 180 m (nearly 600 ft), depleting all the funds. At this depth, 3000 liters per hour is available, plenty for the needs. The well was capped, to be finished as soon as funds are available to complete the pump house and storage tank. We await results on the clean water testing.

Estimated cost: \$6,865 for pump, pump house, 5000 liter tank, with labor and materials.

This assumes no filter is required. The Skyhydrant filters would cost \$3,875.

New School Year Starts in January

Education is one of the 3 main programs for the children, along with the year round programs for **food** and **medical care**. Safe Haven works to help children start the new school year with school fees, their workbooks etc., and a child receives, as needed, the required uniform and shoes (used).

After the long school break, spent at Safe Haven, children are well nourished and healthy, ready to start the new school year in January.

Right: Children take school lunch break at Safe Haven, wearing school uniforms.



How Can I Make a Difference for the Kids?

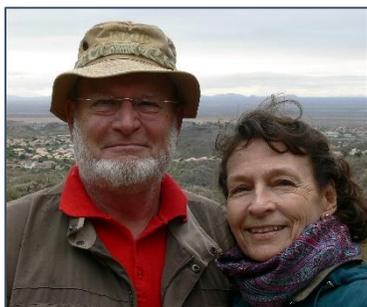


Your contribution of any amount will mean so much for the children!

Year-Round Programs: FOOD, MEDICAL CARE, EDUCATION

There is always a need for nutritious FOOD for the vulnerable children. MEDICAL CARE for children with sickle cell anemia, malaria, typhoid fever, HIV and other diseases is necessary and ongoing. EDUCATION makes a difference once the physical body is nurtured.

Happy Holidays & thank you for all you do for the children in Kenya!



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