

## Good News from Kenyan Kids!



### Growing Our Own Food

On Rusinga Island, there are normally long rains in April, with short rains in October, usually not enough for a corn crop. **We are so grateful for the new well, with water available all year round!** We appreciate all those who helped to make the well a reality! Below are photos of the children preparing the land for planting and growing traditional vegetables like kale and tomatoes and fruit trees, after fencing the plot.



Kids prepare the soil for planting.



**Above and top right:** Gloria, Ruth, Vionique, Isaiah and others till new garden plot, wet from short rains. Girls are in skirts as always. Vegetables are being planted.

**Right:** New fencing, donated by CanAssist Africa Relief Fund to keep out all hungry animals, surrounds the well and large plot. At far right, we see boys watering a new shoot from a banana tree. Several were gifts from nearby Wayondo Ecolodge on Rusinga Island.



New garden fencing!



Banana shoot gets well water.



## Sponsorship Program



### Tree of LOVE

***What better way to express Thanksgiving, what better way to share the upcoming holidays, than to give a gift of life to a child in need!***

We are so grateful for all the support for these children, and we seek to ensure they continue growing with good nutrition, medical care, and education through sponsorships, or one-time gifts.

The 30 children are all elementary school age, and there is presently no help for a bright child who wants to attend high school. Each year we have a few more children who complete 8<sup>th</sup> grade and could be left destitute without help. Even an inexpensive, local high school, at about \$30/month, would provide them with a lunch each day.

There are also 3 more children who are blind or deaf and still need sponsorship. Just \$40/month can ensure these children continue in elementary school.

***Joint Sponsorships – It's great to have friends or family join together to sponsor a child in need, and what a wonderful blessing it is to give!***

### How do I sponsor a child?

Go online to <http://www.rusingaislandchildrensfund.org/contact.html> and press the Donate button.

At Paypal, you can also pay with a credit or debit card – one time, or monthly, any amount you choose. Please contact us (see below) if you would like more information on a child, or on other ways to give.

## End of School Year – break time

The 2019 school year ended in late October, and the children are now in the Safe Haven programs with FOOD, medical care, and education until they join their schools again in early January for the 2020 school year. Even the children from schools for the deaf and blind, far from Rusinga Island, are back with friends at Safe Haven. We'll see more about their school break in our next newsletter.

*Thank you for all you do for the kids in Kenya!*



*Rebecca & Dave*



*Happy Thanksgiving*

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