

Good News from Kenyan Kids!

Long School Break

School Break! Sounds like summer fun to most of us. For poor children anywhere, especially on Rusinga Island, it can be a desperate time. From late October till early January, when the new school year starts, an indigent child can be desperate for food, doing anything it takes to get some.

Safe Haven was started 5 years ago and provides a place for children year-round, with food, medical care, and learning activities. Safe Haven children who attend local schools, and those attending schools for the blind or deaf far away, come back to Safe Haven for the 3 school breaks each year, in April, in August, and for this long school break. **Below**, volunteer teachers Josephine and Joseph engage the children.



Josephine teaches smaller kids a song with clapping.



John & Ruth pay close attention to Joseph.

Garden in Production

This is normally an extremely dry time on Rusinga Island, having months without rain and with very hot weather. Because of the well, and the recent fencing to keep out hungry animals, the garden is producing food for the children. A little part of the garden is shown below, with the well.



Our cook Jacqueline is so happy with the miracle of a big green garden with the new well. We feel it too!

Sponsorship Program

We are very glad to see 4 local grammar school children in the Safe Haven program sponsored for this year, and other generous donations help to get all the children started in school for another year, with school materials, along with food and medical care.

When one thinks of the needs of children throughout the world, it can be overwhelming. Or, we may think of making a difference in the life of one child! One child who has food and medical care and can attend school on a regular basis! Yes, one child!



There are nearly 30 children supported at Safe Haven, sponsored by Rusinga Island Children's Fund. Most are working very hard at school, hoping there is some chance they will get to high school one day. That happens for these kids only if there is a little help. Every year a few more will be ready for high school.

The new school year just started, and it's the perfect time for sponsorship. The \$30/mo. for full sponsorship, or any amount you give, makes a difference in a child's life.

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*We wish you a great new year
filled with joy and abundance!*



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