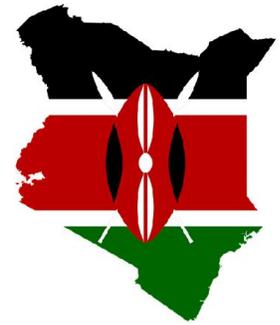


December 2018

Dear Friends of Ngorika,

Nakutakia Krismasi Njema (Merry Christmas) on behalf of Ngorika Children's Home. One of the blessings of this time of year is the chance it gives us, the NCH board, to connect with you, Ngorika's family of supporters. This Advent season, we at Ngorika Children's Home have much to be thankful for as we think back on what God has done for the ministry over the past year.



As with any large, growing family, Ngorika has had an eventful year filled with various challenges and numerous blessings in which God has proven his promise to "never leave us, nor forsake us." Through the years He has remained faithful in providing for our needs and this year is no exception. As a board, we still marvel at how He chooses to use people like you to provide a home and an education for these boys. On behalf of the board of directors, David and Peninah and all of the children, thank you for your generosity and faithfulness to the ministry of Ngorika Children's Home.

Growing Pains

Do you recall what you hoped and dreamed of doing once you finally made it through high school? Did you want to be a lawyer, doctor, nurse, police officer, firefighter, teacher, or businessman? Well, the NCH boys are no exception. Many have dreamed of training in those very same professions. However, like many of us, what we once dreamed of becoming may not be the road we finally ended up on.

Most of you can appreciate that one of the biggest challenges a young adult faces is deciding what vocation to pursue. With 4 boys graduating, this has been one of the most significant hurdles facing the ministry this past year. It began with a nation-wide controversy surrounding the Kenya national exams which resulted in many students' options for post-secondary training being thwarted. This left the boys feeling very discouraged and frustrated. They looked to their government and teachers for an explanation. They looked to David and Peninah for answers and were reminded that the Lord was still in control.

While still living in Kenya one of our board members had the opportunity to have the boys to her home for a meal and share God's promises with them. She reminded them that, though their future plans seemed uncertain, the Lord has special plans for each of them and reminded them that no matter what happened in the future, they were loved, cared for, and prayed for on a daily basis.

NCH Boys Current Academic Status

- 5 boys have completed their secondary education
 - 2 are enrolled in university programs, one in business/accounting and the other in information technology
 - 2 are set to begin training as mechanics in the new year
 - 1 decided to return to school to upgrade his marks
- 2 more boys and David and Peninah's daughter Amy, just completed their secondary education, have recently taken their exams and await the results
- In 2019 there will be 3 boys left in secondary school (youngest to finish in 2020)

God's Comfort and Protection

In the past couple of months several of the boys have suffered the loss of extended family members and have faced various medical challenges, while another, by God's grace, survived an armed robbery. All this occurred while they were working hard to do their very best in school. Please continue to pray for David and Peninah and the boys as they face various challenges and look to the Lord for His continued comfort and protection.

Our Commitment

NCH Ministry is committed to seeing the boys complete their secondary education, but we also acknowledge the need for post-secondary training to ensure sustainable employment and thereby reach the ultimate goal of independence. Our vision for these young men has always been to see them achieve their God-given potential and become Christian leaders in their community. In order to fulfill this mission we have established a scholarship fund to help with the boy's post-secondary education. If you would like to learn more about this fund please visit our website at <http://ngorikachildrenshome.org/donate/>

In addition to providing for the boy's education, we have also worked to provide for the needs at the home where David and Peninah continue to provide agricultural and medical services to the local community.

On behalf of David and Peninah, the boys and the NCH board of directors, I want to thank you for your faithful generosity over the years. Together, with the Lord's leading and guidance, we are "rebuilding lives, one child at a time."

Blessings to you and your family,

Alan Bouchard
NCH Board Chairperson

