



MAMA ORPHANS CHILDREN'S HOME (MOCH)

Giving education, hope, empowerment and quality life to orphans

Newsletter

January-back to school

First quarter 2010



New admissions in the home and the school

which is basically a kindergarten within the compound. Of course January is usually tedious as getting more than 60 children ready for school on the same day is not something you can do normally.

The orphans on the other hand were so happy to get back to school, although two of them were made to redo their classes because of their previous class performances. it is important to note that after the first quarter, (end of first term) they both had outstanding performances which is by all means a good start.

The pupils who also qualified for class eight have promised to give their best shot when they sit for their end of primary education around November. The minimum mark that one can get is 250 and what MOCH can do is to prepare them well for the exams so that they can secure good secondary/high schools next January.

Also registered for the final examinations in high school is a girl with whom we hope will do well and join a public university. All candidates have been given a good and conducive atmosphere which includes exempting them from all activities so they can have ample time to prepare. Also being taken seriously is the prep and extra tuition. Those that the institution feel are still weak undergo coaching.

Our long term project is to put up a school that all the children will go to. This will help us reduce costs and if anything make it one of our IGA because the public will need to pay as they enroll. In public schools, children do not get quality education as its 60 children to one teacher. This is very unrealistic because the teachers only concentrate on the ones on front desks as the rest play behind. Its for the same reason that we need to give extra coaching to our candidates as the schools' general performance is low accrued to the overwhelming number s of children in the classrooms which one teacher cannot deal with. We are looking for donors to partner with two others who have already committed to this project.



The children who hope to join secondary school next year.

SPONSORSHIP



Until the above project is realized, Our primary school expenses are still covered by sidcole, a Swiss organization, but secondary school fees still have no such support. At the moment we have a handful of children joining secondary school next year. The fees is usually so high as they are required to live within the school premises (boarding) in their respective schools. We are requesting all well wishers to help give these children education by putting them into secondary school next year beginning January. If you come forward to sponsor a child, you will be giving her/him an opportunity to a brighter future.

Despite numerous challenges, MOCH strives to give the right meals to sick children to avoid opportunistic infections which come about as lack of proper nutrition. Food

prices in the region fluctuate a lot thus disturbing our budget. during this rainy season, we hope there will plenty of food in order to maintain the budget although it is already bad that the much awaited rainfall has become a disaster creating havoc and destroying food crops. Tomatoes have been the most affected where as we could by three tomatoes for only ksh 10, now just one tomato goes for ksh 15 which is really high. All the same the budget is still high.. In early January Mumias Sugar Company, a company within the district that produces sugar donated few bags of sugar to the orphanage.





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FOUNDER



PROJECTS As the number of children increases so is the task force. Early this year we lost one of our staff who succumbed to a tumor. The lady has been in the home for the last three years and was one of the best employees who loved children a lot. MOCH has grown little by little through the years and with more children, more activities and projects so is the need to have a trained personnel. Through consultation MOCH will probably hire an administrator or manager who will work alongside mama with an aim of helping her realize her vision by meeting the set objectives of the home. This will also be the first step into formalizing most of her activities.

Just behind the children's sleeping halls is the goat and poultry house which has been doing well through the sell of eggs. By December we had about 80 birds although by the start of January they had lessened to just a handful because most were eaten up during the festive occasion. Since we have come to the realization that poultry keeping can do so well, we hope to put in more effort so we can have good harvest.



POULTRY

As MOCH provides education and basics, in place is the process of incorporating other strategies that will help take into account other difficulties that children experience. This is because most of the children brought to Home come from very bad and poor states of living with completely little education, very limited attention span if none, and resistance to discipline and self-control. Therefore we hope to provide this children with much care using the right mechanism that will address each problem they present putting more emphasis on children affected by HIV/AIDS.

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ISAIAH'S HOME: His siblings and a widowed relative.

Community empowerment and re-integration of orphans.

Communities around MOCH especially where the orphans come from are in poverty conditions. Through needs assessments we have located those that are in dire need of micro development projects and empowerment. These are communities that cannot wait any longer and if their conditions are unchanged they will have a permanent effect on children's cognitive and social capacities.

Children are usually allowed breaks twice a year to visit their homesteads. Its during this time that they get to face the bitter truth about the reality of where they come from. Most of these children have siblings not absorbed by the institutions and they are usually traumatized to see how their other halves are living. The facility has tried to take in a few groups of siblings in order for them to live together, but it cannot accommodate every child in the community because budgets are over stretched.

Therefore we are looking for ways to promote these circles of care by improving the poverty conditions of such families. The strategy we have in place is to empower the communities through economic enhancement. This will go along way in making them self independent and as such, they will be able to provide for themselves hence providing a good environment for a child to live in. Only then, children can be taken care of in a family setting. We hope to fundraise in order to make this happen as it will be a step into re-integrating some of the children back to the communities. As always, numbers of children into the home is still on the higher side and there fore it is necessary to strengthen the capacities of caregivers and families as this will enable us to remain with only those children whose identity and roots are not known.

volunteers

Our children have always enjoyed visits and overwhelming support from international volunteers. Its takes one with a big heart to come all the way to be with the children and for this reason we thank all those who have been here before not to mention their efforts in trying to help our children in all manner of ways. We have a German volunteer who arrived in February and is helping prepare for the arrival of her seven colleagues who will be coming in august. Those who wish to volunteer can contact the website or write to us directly.

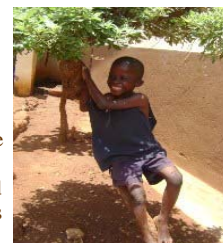
As we are working on other projects, we still hope to purchase a van that will help us reduce such cost of hiring private vehicles to rush sick children to hospital, bring in firewood or even transport our young choir to various destinations. Having an institutional van is no longer a luxury but a necessity.

MOCH has set aside a room which can serve sick children as required. Through efforts of the Kenya Orphan Foundation



Play time

we are able to buy a few assorted medicines that can help us administer some first Aid to the children. Having a sick bay is favorable in order to avoid expenses that comes along with taking sick children to the hospital. At the public hospitals, some sort of fees is paid to every person regardless. There are moments when we have to take them to private clinics in a bid to save time since the public hospital is always very busy. Its for the same reason that we are putting in efforts collectively, to furnish the sick bay with necessary equipments so that these trips to hospital can be reduced to urgent ones that requires complete doctors attention. If this goes along well, it will only mean that our children are well taken care of both in health and in sickness.



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pictorials

Walking through paths in a bid to visit villages where orphans come from.



Setting out with the orphans to visit other orphans in their homesteads during Easter



Susan embracing the orphans on arrival to her home. Outside their house which she shares with her two brothers and grandmother.

Linnet

Mark, Mambo and the children inside Peter's (11yrs) uncles' house.



Isaiah and grannies'

Eli's granny

Josephine's home

Betty with Isaiah's siblings



Looking scared

sibling to one of the orphans

Mambo talking to Ritchie as the orphans look around

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