

FALL 2020 NEWSLETTER

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BUY THE VAN FOR THE FAM!

Kenya Matters Family,

It is that time when we need to request your support for a special project. In 2007, we raised funds to purchase a car for transportation. An excellent used vehicle was purchased, and it has served us well for the past fourteen years. It is still sorta running for trips to the market.

We now need a vehicle to get the children to school! In 2007, they were walking to the local school that was and remains severely underfunded. During the past fourteen years, the children have been improving their studies. Most of the children now attend a school in the nearby town of Naivasha.

Our Kenyan staff has identified a gently-used passenger van that is well-equipped to get the children to and from school each school day. The cost for the van, including inspections, will be approximately \$25,000.

Our U.S. board discussed this project at length, including our board member who resides in Nairobi, Stephan Lutz. We believe that a purchase of a van such as this is a wise decision at this time.

Now, we need you to help make this a reality. Let's make this happen sooner rather than later.



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MARY WAMBUI GRADUATION (again)



Mary graduated from college several years ago. Since then, she found a good job working at her church. She served as both the church secretary, and she did some pastoral care.

Unknown to us here in the States, she saved money and began taking additional courses at night. She recently sent us the following picture and a bit about her degree.

"I got a certificate in counseling psychology that focuses on how people function both personally and in their relationships at all ages. I love working with people who live on the streets, and I am considering additional schooling in this area in the future."

Congrats to Mary Wambui for always striving for her dreams of helping people. These dreams all began in 2008 when she joined the children's home after her father had died and her mother was struggling with serious health issues.



TWO MORE GIRLS GO TO UNIVERSITY!

LILIAN'S STORY:

Some 123 miles away from our hometown, we accompanied an excited Lilian to embark on a new journey! Becoming a freshman at a university, to undertake a medical biotechnology degree. *"If Aunty Kathy made it, I too will make it,"* Lilian whispers.



 Lilian with her brother Peter and with friends

Lilian came to the safehouse when she was barely seven. She had just lost her dad, and her mother was battling disease. Nobody had envisioned that she and her siblings would make it to school because of the hardship they were going through!



 Lilian at the university gate and in her dorm room

Friends, the visits, prayers, moral support, financial support, and good thoughts all count to these children. All this time, we did not know Lilian had found and admired a strong, go-getter, Kathy Buist.

We are thankful as we wish Lilian the very best in her new journey!!!

ESTHER'S STORY:

Esther is another of our children who has worked so hard in her studies. This fall marks a new beginning for Esther. She has joined GREYSA University to study community development.



 Esther at the university gate and in her dorm room

We are in jubilation as we enjoy all this goodness. We are grateful friends. We celebrate you for making things happen!

Love from Kenya!

Milka

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