

Dear Friends of Chosen Children International:

Marilyn is going to Kenya on November 3rd through December 6th. Our director, Marilyn Cohn, will be in Kenya to help direct the building of the high school, to hire and train a new program manager, to visit our new church that was planted, and many other things. Please be sure to see the things you can be praying for at the end of this letter.

Our New Church Plant Around Lake Victoria

Last April when our director was in Kenya, she planted our second church in the small town of Mbutu around Lake Victoria. This church is led by Pastor Peter Otieno and one other pastor. There was a great need for a church in this area, as before we came, there really were no protestant churches at all. The church is really thriving in the few months since it has been planted. Below is a testimony from one of the people who are attending our church:

A Man Who Was Ready to Commit Suicide: Owino Odidi is a 40 year old man who was born into a family of 4 sons. However the father was actually his step-father and not his biological father. In Kenya the father of the family is the one who divides land to give to his children as their inheritance. So one day the father called all of his sons to him and he divided the land to the other 3 sons, but left Owino out completely. Upon hearing this news Owino wanted to commit suicide because he felt like he was of no value to anyone. Then he came to our church and was encouraged not to commit suicide but instead to trust God, and that God would provide for him a big piece of land. God really did a big miracle in this man's life. Today it is Owino that is holding the title deed to the entire piece of land. His brothers no longer have ownership over any of that land and Owino is now praising God for how God has provided for him in this miraculous way.



We're Building our first High School in Kenya!

Plans are underway now for the building of our first high school in our new Children's Village located in the village of Buema. CCI has opened two other elementary schools plus a pre-school and a special school for homeless youth. But this will be our very first high school. Normally we would have built an elementary school first in our Village, but there are absolutely no high schools anywhere near our Village. Children from our community have to go to another Village far away if they want to attend high school. Thus our decision to build a high school came out of the great need of the community.

The school needs to be built this Autumn in time for the opening of the new school year in January.

Help us build our high school. Donate Now on our website at www.ccikids.org Your tax-deductible gift will go a long way towards helping some needy children!

The Story of Jacinta, One of our Sponsored Orphans



Jacinta is a total orphan, which means both of her parents have died. She is one of the children who started coming to our Saturday Child Development Program and because of that program we found a sponsor for her so that she can attend school. Our Saturday Child Development Program is where we get to know the children in our community who are the most needy and we seek to find sponsors for them.

Jacinta is 15 years old, which is normally the age one attends high school, but due to poverty Jacinta was not attending any school. Instead her guardians had found a place for her to be a housekeeper. Jacinta was living in that house as a house girl when one of the male workers of that household, who was the shepherd, started sexually abusing her. One night the man tried to rape her by enticing her with some food. She reported this to the mother of the house but that woman never

took her seriously. Finally when she felt too threatened by this man, she ran back to her guardians to report what was going on. They told her to stay with them and to wait till they would find her a man to marry.

This past April while Marilyn was in Kenya, Marilyn visited some of the orphaned children in their guardian's homes. One of the homes she visited was the home of Jacinta. Jacinta says it was her first time to ever see a white lady. She calls this her miracle and says "the man I was waiting for to come and rescue me and give me a home, was really a white lady named Marilyn" Jacinta was taken by CCI to live in one of our homes for orphans, and is now happily in the 5th grade. She has overwhelming joy and love, and she says she can't understand if she is really the same Jacinta or not because her life has changed so much for the better! We have so many more children like Jacinta who are waiting for sponsors. Won't you be one of them?

Prayer Requests

- 1) Pray for the right person to come along to be our program manager. Our director will be interviewing and hiring someone during her time in Kenya. This is a very key position.
- 2) Pray for the planning and building of the new high school and for the hiring of excellent teachers
- 3) Pray for wisdom for Marilyn as she always has many decisions to make
- 4) Pray for our churches in Buema and in Mbutu to prosper and grow in maturity and in numbers.
- 5) Pray for the meetings Marilyn will be having with leaders of other organizations
- 6) Pray for our Saturday Child Development Program-its teachers and students.
- 7) Pray for financial provisions to build the new high school and for the finances of this ministry in general

Get Involved

- 1) Give your most generous donation now to build the high school. Give \$1000, \$500, \$200, \$100 towards this so children can have an education.
- 2) Sponsor one of our children for \$37 a month. You can pick one from our website or fill out the enclosed response card.
- 3) Make a monthly pledge of what ever amount you desire.
- 4) Come to Kenya and work with us for 2 weeks or more. Ask for a missions application to be sent to you. We need builders, teachers, social workers, etc

Attention: We are looking for missionaries to come and live in our village in Kenya, either a married couple or two single people. If you are interested or know someone who is please contact us