

Dear Friends of Chosen Children International:

Our Children's Village is on the Move!

Our Children's Village is growing rapidly now. In our last newsletter we told you that we built a church as the first building in the Village. Our church is doing fantastic and the people in the community are overjoyed that they now have a church to be a part of. You will read more about testimonies of people whose lives are being transformed further on in this newsletter.



Marilyn Cohn leaving for Kenya

On March 5th our Director, Marilyn Cohn will be leaving for Kenya and staying for two months till the end of April. We hope to accomplish much during those two months. We are very excited as we are planning on building the first of the twelve homes for twelve orphans during this time. In addition we are hoping to build at least 4 classrooms for our elementary school so that the children who are living in our Village as well as the children in the community will have a place to attend school. In keeping with our plans for our Village to be self-sufficient we are also growing our own crops and raising animals so the children will have plenty to eat. During the time Marilyn is in the Village we want to build Talapia fish ponds, build a chicken coup and buy chickens, and also bring in goats and possibly cows as well.



Our Greenhouse for Tomatoes:

In December we started construction of a greenhouse for growing tomatoes. It is now finished and the tomatoes are growing nicely in the nursery. By the time you receive this they will have been transported to the greenhouse. Than in one and a half months from now we should have a great harvest of tomatoes. Our greenhouse is a half an acre big. This is only one of the income generating projects we intend to have to bring in income to our Village.



Our New Saturday Child Development Program in our Village

In September right after we completed our church building we opened our new Saturday Child Development Program in our Village. Read what some of the children attending our program have to say about it:



George Maska-12 years old:"

The Saturday lessons to me are like a springboard to greater heights of achievement later on in my life", asserts George. He continues by saying: " by learning matters of spirituality I will live peacefully with others and that will keep me away from trouble. I already understand from attending these classes that it is important to forgive my friends when they offend me. I also ask for forgiveness now too. By attending these lessons I am helped to demonstrate a very strong resolve to better my life in the near future."



Lydia Kakai, 13 years old:

"Last year I took my end year examination to join 8th grade. I scored above average and when school opened I went to join my new class. However shortly afterward my Mom informed me that she could no longer afford to pay my school fees. This news was like a bomb shell to me. From then on I knew there would be very little I would be able to accomplish in life. Then one day a few days later,

Chosen Children International gave my life a turn around by the good news of the sponsorship they offered me. When the news came to me I was so excited that I shed tears of joy. It is like a dream to put on the brand new school uniform that CCI bought for me" She sighed and then said : "I will literally bury myself in books to make the best out of this wonderful opportunity."



Ruth Nekesa 8 years old :

" Since I started attending the Saturday Child Development lessons I have come to understand that as a child I can do something small within my ability to bring positive changes in my life and in the lives of other children too." When we interviewed her we marveled at her words since she is only 8 years old. So we asked her how she could bring positive changes

to herself and others and she replied, "by praying for others since prayer changes everything. Also by washing my hands after visiting the toilet and before eating and when I come in from the playground. Washing my hands will keep the germs away and I will not fall sick from germs that are in the dirt. This is what I have learned by being at the Saturday classes.

"...prayer changes everything."

- Ruth Nekesa

Pastor Anthony is our Village Pastor. He goes out evangelizing daily with a team and people's lives are being transformed: Here are a couple of examples of how our new church and our team are helping to change lives:

There was a couple who had separated because of financial reasons. The husband had not been able to find a job for some time, and so the wife left with their two children. When the evangelism team came to visit this man, they prayed with him to be able to be reconciled with his wife. Upon hearing that the man needed employment, the team shared with one of their church members who needed some help on his farm. Thus the church member hired this man to help him. When the wife of the man heard that her husband was able to get a job, she came back to him with their children. The man is so grateful to God and to our church. He says it isn't just an ordinary church. But it is a healing center for many families.

Husband and Wife, pictured below. Nimsy, pictured on right.



Testimonies of Lives Being Changed continued...

One day when Pastor Anthony and his team were out evangelizing they came across a man named Nimsy Obwoga. Nimsy is a 40 year old former professional soccer player. He has never been married and told the team he had no desire for a wife. This is how Nimsy's daily life has been: Every morning he would wake up early and walk to a local school where he would play soccer with the school children. He would carry around his soccer ball everywhere he went and never put it down! Nimsy used to play for a first league team, but he was a drug addict and this caused him to lose his position with the team when he was only 28 years of age. For the last 12 years Nimsy has not tried to get a job nor has he done anything responsible on his farm. Our evangelism team taught him the Word of God and shared the reality of life and work with him. He accepted Jesus into his heart and God has changed him. Now he attends our church and even attends our men's fellowship meetings.



He also is coaching our children in soccer at our Saturday School. The team has recently visited him at his home and found that he had planted kale on his farm and was preparing his farm for planting maize. Nimsy also says he now desires to find a wife and have a family of his own.

Prayer Requests:

- 1) For safe travels for Marilyn as she travels to Kenya and for good health
- 2) We are going to have to hire some staff while Marilyn is in Kenya. Pray for the right staff people to come to us. We need to hire house-parents for the orphans, a watchman, a social worker, teachers and other staff as well.
- 3) Pray for the money to come in now for all of these building projects.
- 4) Pray for our evangelism team as they are leading many people to the Lord. Pray for the Lord's covering and protection over them as they walk into many people's homes. Pray for people to get saved and healed.
- 5) Pray for our children as they are also being transformed. Pray for sponsors for them so they can have their needs met.

Get Involved-

Our Needs: (Can you help out with these?)

- 1) \$13,400 to build the home for the 12 orphans
- 2) \$ 4200 to terrace our land as the land is rocky.
- 3) \$2000 for Fish ponds
- 4) \$2053 for Chicken Project including 250 chickens
- 5) \$ 16,666 for 4 classrooms

Visit us at ccikids.org to help fund our Children's Village or mail a check to our P.O box with the attached donation form. We also gladly take credit cards and debit cards by phone and you can make a monthly pledge with your credit card.

If you are already giving to our ministry please consider giving something extra this month to help us with these building projects, and may God richly bless you.

*Jesus said : "When you do it to the least of these, you are doing it to Me."
Mathew 25:40*

His Outstretched Arms are always there for you,

Marilyn Cohn



CEO and Founder



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