



Merry Christmas

Dear Friends of Tumaini,

Eight years ago, my friend Eunice announced that she planned to return to Kenya with her kids, Jason and Lule, to start a home for kids orphaned by the AIDS pandemic. I thought she was crazy. "This is impossible," I thought. Then she asked me to be chairman of her board of directors. How could I say no?

It is, perhaps, an over-used phrase, but serving as chair of the Tumaini Ministries board has been a life-changing experience. Eight years ago, I could barely find Kenya on the map. Today, that country and her beautiful children are indelibly marked on my heart, and on my family's priorities for life, service, and giving. I have been blown away by the generosity of so many people who have stepped-up to help Eunice make a home and family for over 50 kids (with hundreds more to come)!

I'm pretty good at getting things started. But as Tumaini grows and matures, it is time for new leadership at the board level, to ensure that we build the right organization to sustain this mission (and these children) for as long as God allows - which we think will be a very long time. To that end, I'm thrilled to announce that Al Gardner has been selected as the new Chairman of the Tumaini Board of Directors. Al is on the management staff of the Denver Rescue Mission. He is a pastor, and a strong leader with the kinds of organizational skills that Tumaini needs today. I'm grateful to continue as a member of the board, serving under Al's leadership.

Thank you for your generous support for Tumaini Ministries.

In Christ,

Jeff Johnsen



Jeff & Heidi Johnsen, Eunice Karuku

Winter Birthdays

Steven Wachira	1/1/1990
Margaret Wangare	1/10/2000
Dennis Maina	1/15/2002
Sammy Mbugua	1/15/1993
Lucy Wairimu	1/25/1997
Martin Mwangi	1/31/1997
Terrence Nzioka	2/6/2009
Christine Mutuku	2/7/1997
Angelina Wanjiku	2/7/2004
Neema Nduta	2/15/2007
Dennis Mwangi	3/10/2002
Elizabeth Nekesa	3/18/2007
Rose Nyokabi	3/19/2008
Benjamin Mwhoko	3/20/2005
Charles Mwangi	3/25/2007
Isaac Kimani	3/30/2005
Jacob Kamau	3/30/2005
Rembo Mwikali	3/31/1996
Tony Mungai	3/31/2002



Greetings from Al Gardner, our new Chairman of the Board-



There are times when the "right thing" comes along and every thought, every emotion, and every fiber of your being says do it! My experience with Tumaini has been one of those "things" that have taken my passion for forgotten children to another level and I thank God for allowing me follow my passion alongside such wonderful people. In my new position as board chair I am extremely excited and honored to have the opportunity to work with a great board and great supporters and friends of Tumaini. Jeff has been such a champion for Tumaini over the past years and I am glad

that Jeff will remain on the board; his experience and giving heart are invaluable and I have benefited greatly from working with him in the past year.

I look forward to doing my part in helping to further advance the vision that Eunice has for children in Kenya. I am absolutely excited about what this year will hold and we are so very grateful to all of the friends of Tumaini that have supported us with your prayers, time, and financial support through the years. The way I see it, we have not yet had our best days and although it is sometimes tempting to be fearful of the economic downturn in the United States and possible similar bailout plans in the UK and other countries, I remember that God has always smiled on Tumaini and that in the heaviest rains a rainbow will still find a way to shine through.

As we head knee deep in presents, turkey, shopping malls, and all the hustle and bustle that the holiday season brings, the fact that you are thinking about children thousands of miles away that you may possibly never meet is yet another reason to be thankful for this holiday season. The Christmas holiday is based on the story of Jesus who came into the world under very meager circumstances and was not born into earthly wealth or fame, but was here to demonstrate to us the unselfish love of God to all mankind. On behalf of the board of directors of Tumaini ministries I wish you a Merry Christmas and pray that the unselfish, abiding love of God will continue to be in your hearts and that you and your families would experience much love, health, and prosperity in the new year.

Sincerely,

Al Gardner



Welcome to Esther Morra



Esther was born June 14th, 2010. Two months later her mother left, leaving her with her father who was unable to adequately care for her. He later turned Esther over to Child Services who then contacted Tumaini. Tumaini accepted baby Esther into the family in September, 2010. She is the first baby living in the newly dedicated Noah's Ark Rescue Center.



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