



A place called hope



Update on the Children



Rose, Amos, Michael, Mary, Terrance and Daniel

With most of the children at school during the day, the babies keep us busy and entertained. Our six "babies", Michael (20 months), Amos (17 months), Terrance (13 months), Daniel (3 ½ years), Rose (2 years) and Mary (2 ½ years) are all healthy and strong. Terrance, who is the youngest, is now walking; he likes to play with the other kids and he can mumble a few words. Amos, the smallest in stature, is playful and always smiling. Michael is the complete opposite of Amos; he's quiet and doesn't like strangers. Daniel loves playing all by himself and has not learned how to share yet. The two

girls, Mary and Rose, are quiet but like to play alongside the boys.

All the kids who joined kindergarten are enjoying life in school. Most of them can now write simple words, color diagrams with crayons, recognize simple objects, and recall their teacher's name. They love to sing songs, kick a football, and play hide and seek.

Isaac Kimani, who has cerebral palsy, is progressing well with his classes. He is able to identify quite a number of objects, understand simple statements, sing songs and recognize visitors. While at school he also receives physiotherapy.

Angelina, Baraka and Issa, who are in grade one are doing well in school.

David has just gone back to boarding school from midterm break and is currently registering for the end of year elementary national exams. The kids in high school have returned to school after their midterm break. Albert, John and Linda are happy to be in high school. Peter is also registering for the national high school exams and is sure to excel.

- Charles Muriithi, Assistant to Director

Children's Birthdays

Steven Wachira 1/1/90
Margaret Wangare 1/10/00
Dennis Maina 1/15/02
Samuel Mbugua 1/15/93
Lucy Wairimu 1/25/97
Martin Mwangi 1/31/97
Terrence Nzioka 2/6/09
Christine Mutuku 2/7/97
Angelina Wanjiku 2/7/04
Neema Ndute 2/15/07
Dennis Mwangi 3/10/02
Elizabeth Nekesa 3/18/07
Rose Nyokabi 3/19/08
Benjamin Mwioko 3/20/05
Charles Mwangi 3/25/07
Isaac Kimani 3/30/05
Jacob Kamau 3/30/05
Rembo Mwikali 3/31/96
Anthony Isaac 3/31/02
Mosas Njoroge 4/1/96
Albert Raju 4/7/92
Fredrick Okango 4/13/99
Jackie Wangui 4/17/89

The University Club of Tumaini - Breaking the Cycle of Poverty

Do you realize that high school in developing countries is not free? In Kenya, both public and private high schools cost hundreds of dollars in tuition each year. This means roughly two-thirds of Kenyans will never complete high school because they are poor.

At Tumaini, each child attends both primary and secondary school.

Out of all the children in Kenya only two percent attend the university.

At Tumaini, we want to help our children break the cycle of poverty through education - a college education.

The average cost of sending a child to the university is \$4,000 annually. This includes tuition, books, room and board.

You can help by becoming a member of "The University Club of Tumaini."

For more information, please call Lisa Gallegos, Development Director at (720) 250-6494.

Jackie's Story

Jackie has been at Day Star University Athi River campus for a little over two months. She has managed to settle in quickly and is enjoying life on campus. The first week was orientation week, but now she is going to her classes.

Her day normally begins at 5:30 A.M with morning devotions in the campus chapel and then she goes for a morning jog.

Classes begin at 7:30 A.M. She is registered for six classes which include Algebra, Statistics, Geometry, English language, and Bible class.



Jackie is a sports lady; she is on the college ladies volleyball team. She also plays soccer, and

Steven was born January 1, 1990 in a small village in the Rift Valley province of Kenya. His family lived happily until the 1992 general elections when tribal violence broke out in that region. Because of this violence his parents died and he and his brother were separated from the rest of his family. After a series of events Steven ended up living on the streets and separated from his brother. He was rescued from the streets by a Good Samaritan who paid for part of his education.

Steven came to Tumaini in 2008. After moving in to Tumaini he was able to finish high school and also take a computer class where he obtained a certificate in computer

programs. Steven admits that completing high school was not easy for him especially considering his background. He further says that everything is possible if one chooses to trust God in everything and to put Him first before anything. He says, "I really have a good reason to be proud of myself. Throughout my life in high school I believed that college was only for students in the National schools such as Starehe, Alliance and Mangu but after the test results were released I changed my negative attitude and now believe that college is for every student."

Steven's Story

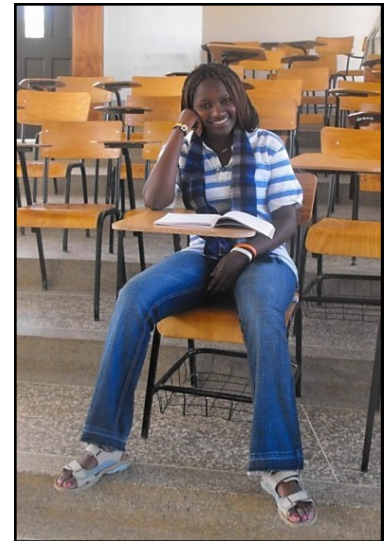
Last September Steven joined Nairobi Institute of Business Studies for a certificate course in Law. Life in college is interesting for him especially now that he lives all by himself. In college he has managed to settle in fast and gets along well with other

has joined a dance class. She has joined the campus peer educators, and the environment club. She says that students are strongly encouraged to be active in extra-curricular activities so they can develop holistically.

Life on campus is pretty interesting for her and especially in the hostel where she shares a room with three other girls. They are getting along well and are hopeful they can stay together next semester.

Upon completing her pre-university course she hopes to enroll for a bachelor's degree in commerce and specialize in accounting.

Jackie is so grateful to God, her sponsor, Eunice and everyone at Tumaini for how far she has come. She constantly reminds us to remember her in prayer for God to see her through.



students as well as the lecturers. Last semesters results are already out and he has performed exceedingly well.

A normal day in college begins at 6:00 A.M. Steven prefers to do some studying before getting ready for the day. Classes begin at 8:00 AM. This semester Steven is taking six classes. He is not so much into sports, like Jackie, but prefers listening to music and even composes his own music. So far, together with Albert, they have managed to record a local rap single.

In the evenings he prefers to study for classes and his assessment tests. His course is quite demanding it requires him to invest lots of personal time to study and group discussions.

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Noah's Ark update

The Rescue Center is in its last stages of completion. Currently, the rooms are being painted and tiles are being installed in the bathrooms and kitchen. In the kitchen, the sinks, which are formed out of cement, are being worked on. The open courtyard is almost finished, but the floor still has plenty of work remaining. The bedrooms are almost finished, just another coat of paint and the closets are being finished. The administration offices are very spacious and except for another coat of paint, they are done. The septic tank is complete along with the drainage system.

On the outside of the building, the landscaping still needs to be completed along with the installation of the electrical fittings, and another coat of paint.

The whole place is wonderful to see and once it is complete, it will be one of the most beautiful spots on the farm.



Upper entrance to Noah's Ark



Bedroom



Bedroom closets



Lounge area



Ramp from lower level to upper court yard



Kitchen— over-
looking Tumaini
farm

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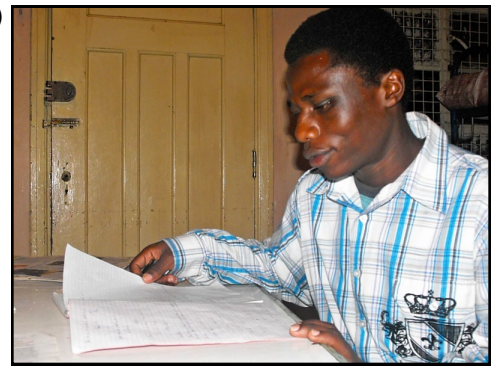
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(Steven's story continued)

When not in class or doing his studies, Steven is busy doing his laundry, sharing stories, and cracking jokes with hostel mates. On Sundays he attends church and spends most of his time indoors studying.



Upon completing his certificate in Law he aspires to proceed further to diploma level and onto bachelor's level. His desire is to become an advocate of the High Court and a Children's Rights Lawyer. Steven is determined to succeed, despite the odds. What keeps him going is his patient and persevering spirit.



How can you help?

Become a child sponsor;

You can become a child sponsor for as little as 30 dollars a month. This helps provide food, clothes, and medicine for the children

Join the University club;

You could help our older children to achieve a better future. To join the University Club simply make a donation and indicate "University Club"

Become a monthly donor;

You can help by giving monthly to Tumaini. This will help with the day to day costs of running Tumaini.

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