

Dear Pastor Daniel and Sherry,

I greet you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Happy New Year!!! I want to thank you all for your continued prayers and support towards the orphans and especially your prayers at the hardest time when I lost my only sister. We thank the Lord for His protection and upon all the orphans. We are praying for a successful year 2018, for the Lord's protection and provision throughout 2018 upon us and all the orphans.

Last year we were faced with a lot of hardship and we do believe that with God's grace we shall overcome them in 2018. This year (2018), we have an addition of six orphans but we have a long waiting list of children who want to come to the orphanage. We are working on how we can accommodate some more children.

Last year Betty and I were able to visit a few friends of mine in the USA but our visit was cut short upon receiving news that my only sister Risper had passed on. We were so shocked that we had to cut our visit short, travel back to Kenya, and make arrangements for her burial. We're still grieving and it's my prayer that the Lord will heal our hearts.

Schools opened in January and we're praying that the Lord will meet our needs. Please help us pray for children's uniforms. The new children need at least two uniforms each (including school/black shoes). The rest of the children also need uniforms since the ones they have are torn. We pray for uniforms and shoes for all our children.

We're also in need of stationery (exercise books, textbooks, storybooks, pens, erasers, sharpeners, and pencils). We need many boxes of stationery to match the number of orphans we have. Over here, the government makes students do many subjects and the subjects are also subdivided. So the children end up needing a lot of books to read and write with.

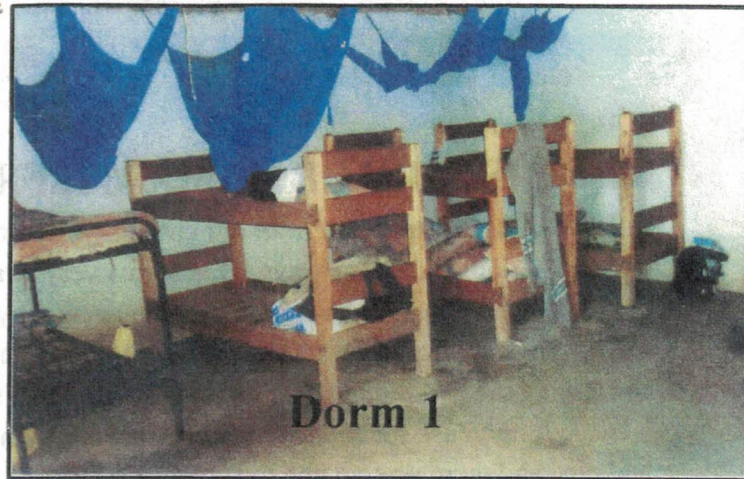
We know that with God all things are possible and do trust Him for all the mentioned needs. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers and it will be good to hear from you soon. May the Lord bless you always.

Yours in His Service,

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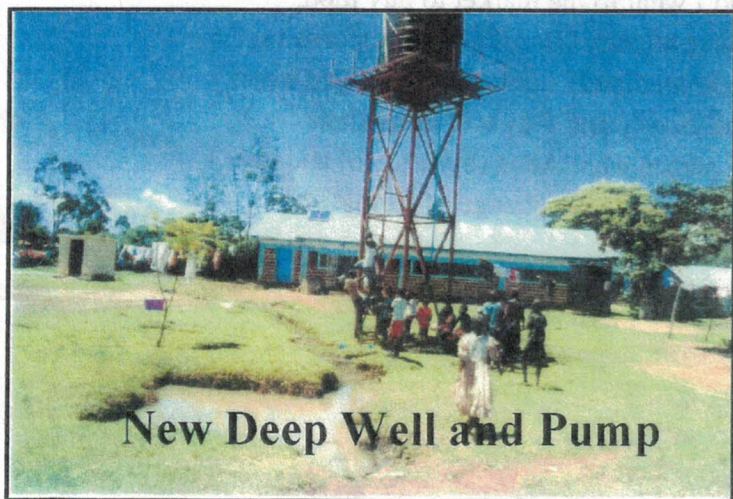


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THE HISTORY OF MAMA WILFRIDA CHILDREN'S HOME

In 1993, as a ministry team from our church was doing door to door evangelism, we came across children sitting at the door ways. This seems very strange to me to see many children just sitting. I asked the members of the team if anyone knew why these children were sitting at the door ways. "They are orphans" was the reply. This was new to me. I questioned the team members concerning the children's situation and was told that some of the children lived in the streets and were waiting to ask for food. While others were living in there homes alone because their parents had died and there was no one to take care of them.

Upon hearing those words, my heart was broken for these young children. I remembered losing my own mother, Mama Wifrida when I was 12 years old. She had a great love for the Lord and the children; before she died our home was always filled with the children of our community. At her death the joy that was once in our home was gone. Because of this personal experience, I understand the looks of despair and feel pain for the orphans. I knew that most of the children could not survive living in the streets much longer.

A spirit of compassion came upon me and I cried out "What should I do Lord? What can I do? They have no hope!" At first it seemed as if the Lord was not going to answer me, He said nothing. During the entire trip home I could not get those children out of my thoughts. I did not know what to do to help. It did not seem right to me to leave the children in the situation in which they were living, but I did not know what to do. My wife, Betty, had seven children of our own. Yet pain of seeing the children on the streets would not go away. I told Betty that we needed to sit down and talk. I shared what I had seen on the streets with her and she also became gripped by horror of thinking of the children living in the streets and in homes without adults taking care of them. We knew that a lot of those children would die soon of exposure and starvation.

It was after praying together that God answer came, "start a children's home" I asked "God where will I get the kind of money that it take to start and support this kind of space?" His answer was, "I will stand with you" Because we knew that with God being for us no one could be against us, My wife and I decided to begin taking the homeless children. It was still very hard to get started because it was going to be a challenging faith work to feed, cloth, educate and supply medical care for the seven(7) children that we already had and others. After a month of anguish and knowing that we had to get started, Betty and I went to the market to buy food. Upon reaching the market, the Lord gave us our first chance to obey Him. There was sitting on the ground near the market was a small boy and girl. We immediately knew that they were street children, we stopped to talk to them. We asked if they had family and they told us no their parents were dead. They were living in the streets. Their names were Anna (8years old) and her brother Pascal (6 years old). They were very dirty, had no blankets, no change of clothing and

They had to dig trash cans and trash heaps to find food. With one look at each other, we knew that we had to convince them to come home with us.

They were the Lord's first fruits of the children's home. We asked them if they would like to come with us in our home and to our great surprise they said "Yes, please take us with you!" When we got home we bathed them, clothed them and fed Anna and Pascal. A few hours later, they were happily playing with our youngest daughter as though they were our own children. People in the community began to send orphaned children, grandparents who could not care for grandchildren, and even the Chief's Office did the same.

There are no agencies to care for the orphans nether are there any social welfare programs in Kenya; so the government depends on the church and private citizens to help. Especially now with the droughts, the government has called upon churches and community leaders to come to it's aid, by contacting friends from around the world to help Kenya to stand through its great time of need. And so we give the "Macedonia Cry" to the body of Christ around the world. "Come over to Kenya and help us!"

Pastor Samson and Betty Nyameche have accepted a challenge from the Lord of caring for orphans to live in their province. Currently there are 120 children living in Mama Wilfrida's Children's Home. There are 25 children on the waiting list.

Proverbs 19:17 says, He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again. God is asking for a loan.

ANSWERS

1. The Home is in Nyando District, Nyando Division, Kano East Location, Kakmie Sub-location, Wagunga Village.
2. We have nine acres of land, three acres in one place and six in a different place.
3. We have children from different parts of Nyanza Province.
4. We house children who are orphans of age 4-18 years.
5. We have boy's dormitory, girl's dormitory, kitchen and dining hall built.
6. We are housing sixty children per dormitory.
7. The children sleep on the mats and cover themselves using one blanket per two children.
8. The children eat rice and beans, meat or fish and ugali, when there is money, tea and bread too.
9. They eat as the Lord provides once or twice a day.

OUR PRAYER NEEDS

- 1. Monthly support**
- 2. School fees = \$600 a year per child**
- 3. New computer = \$300 each**
- 4. TV = \$499**
- 5. Bibles to carry to school = \$9 for 120 children**
- 6. Pick up truck to help us carry children's food from the market**
- 7. A Posho Mill to grind corn meal**
- 8. Building Library \$7,000 that includes books**
- 9. Blankets = \$6 each**
- 10. Mattresses = \$12 each**
- 11. Clothes = \$14 each**
- 12. Shoes = \$14 each**