



R.O.C.K. Ministries International

Reaching Our Children in Kenya

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Dear Partner in Ministry,

June and July were ushered in and out in a flurry of activity as progress on the Multi-purpose Hall began to make great strides and our students began preparation for the East Africa Student Convention 3rd-6th of August. We also held our first Open House for Malava Christian Academy as a fund raiser for the convention and also to bring awareness of the school to the community as we found that many did not know we had a school under the umbrella of R.O.C.K. Ministries. The event was a great success and everyone enjoyed the carnival like atmosphere as they moved from table to table to purchase our students' art work, paper bead necklaces, photo displays of student activities and the building project at Malava, baked goods and fresh mango, pineapple & passion fruit juice. We even had a raffle for four of our rabbits. New friends were made and neighboring Missionaries brought visiting teams to participate in the festivities.

On a more somber note, one of our visitors was walking around the block to volunteer at an abandoned baby's home and happened on a young woman covering two babies with blanket and was turning to walk away. She was asked where she was going and what she was doing and she replied, "I can't manage taking care of these two, if someone finds them they can take them." She also had a four year old boy with her which she said she could manage him. She was told that if she left the children she would be arrested and she said, "Then I will wait and put them under some bushes and no one will know where to find me." A Kenyan lady also came up and our visitor asked her to stay with the lady until she found out what should be done. She then came to me and asked what to do. I immediately called for our manager and we left to pick up the lady and children to go to the Children's Dept.



Adorable little live wires – Glory & Claire

We spent the afternoon trying to sort things out and found that she had tried to abandon the babies (twin girls) when they were three months old, then a second time, and now the third time and they are one year old. The mother has just turned 20. My heart broke as we left the office not knowing what would happen to the children. We followed up the next day and were told they sent the woman home and told her to come back to the Children's Dept. the next day at 2:00 p.m. Amazingly she showed up at 2:00 p.m. and we were called. They were not able to find a home to take the children in and neither could we. In the mean time Teresa, our bookkeeper, had told me about a lady with two babies and a small boy had come to our gate two weeks ago when I was gone and wanted





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us to take the two babies. She was told we could only accept children referred by the Children's Dept. After praying about the situation, I realized this was the same lady and obviously the Lord had sent her to our door twice and I wasn't about to turn her away again.

The final outcome is that we are providing her with transport and she will bring the children to our compound during the day and do some casual labor for us while she takes care of her children and then return home at night. They will all have three meals a day before leaving for the night. We furnished her with a food supply and cooking fuel for the weekend and she returns on Monday. We will start four year old David in pre-school next term with Juliet and Lamek. She said that she could not provide food for all of them and she can't get a job because of the children. The children are from two different fathers and a Luo belief is that if the firstborn are twins, it is a bad omen. This could also be a factor in her trying to abandon the babies.

She seems to be more at ease and is willing to work and care for the children. Please pray that by God's grace she will begin to experience hope when all seemed hopeless and benefit from knowing that God is providing for her while we try to find a permanent solution for her and the children. Needless to say we have 9 little "mothers" who love taking care of the babies. A few weeks ago, I started taking furniture from my sitting room to the houses in Malava; partly to furnish the houses and partly to make some much needed room for storage. Around here if there is empty space, it will be filled. My empty space is now filled with a baby crib for the babies' nap time away from the noise of the older children.

Please pray for God's continued provision as we "Enlarge the place of our tent, stretch our tent curtains wide, not holding back; lengthening our cords, and strengthening our stakes. For we will spread out to the right and to the left; our descendants will inherit the nations and make the desolate cities to be inhabited." (Isa 54:2-3 NIV/KJ).

May God bless you richly for your continued prayer and financial support as we face extreme financial difficulties with prices doubling & tripling for staples such as beans, rice, maize meal, sugar and other essential commodities.

Many Blessings,

