



# R.O.C.K. Ministries International

Reaching Our Children in Kenya

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Dear Partner in Ministry,

We are off and running head on into the New Year. As I was leaving in mid December there was a beehive of activity on the compound as the shamba was being plowed, crops were being planted, a new pump was being installed, a chicken house was being built and children were being measured for new uniforms, ready to face whatever the new year might bring. Every one has a hand in the chores from the youngest (6 yrs) to the oldest (??). No place for boredom here.

Only God knows what the months in this year will bring as we continue to wait on him to unfold His plans for further development. We are faced with challenges that we do not have answers for as yet. We still do not have a vehicle though funds are being raised (approx. \$13,000+ so far), we only have two beds available for incoming children (we need another house to be able to accommodate more children).

The region we are in is known for the high rate of teen pregnancies, many of which are as a result of incestuous relationships. The babies are throw away babies, discarded because they are a taboo in the tribal families. We don't know what all this means as far as our involvement except to provide a safe haven for the ones that come our way. We do know that God will provide, lead and guide as we wait on Him.

I just learned that two of our teachers are expecting babies about the same time and we are required to give them three months maternity leave, which means we need two replacements when the time comes. Our curriculum is special individualized instruction and there are few teachers who are trained to teach with this curriculum. God knows the challenges we face but nothing is too hard for God. He knew all of the above before I left and I know He didn't change anything just because I was gone (except maybe me).

I ask for your continued prayer and financial support as we labor together and fit into His plans ("For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"). Please don't limit your involvement to prayer (essential) and/or financial support (very necessary). There is room for hands on involvement if you care to bring a team to Kenya on a short term mission trip or volunteer for a year of service. All of our staff are required to have three weeks leave time annually. You can volunteer to be a house parent for 10 children for three weeks and get to know the kids and R.O.C.K. Ministries from the inside out. My only caution for you is that you may decide to stay once you get here. If you have any questions please feel free to email and I will respond.

Just a question for those of you living in the Inland Empire; how large is your world? Is it as large as Lake Elsinore; California; the U.S.; Kenya? You are invited to come & grow with us. R.O.C.K. Ministries, Int'l is hosting a dessert night on March 7, 2015 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Lambs Fellowship Lake Elsinore, 21901 Railroad Canyon Rd. We would like to give you an update and progress report on what is taking place in Malava. We have grown and are still growing. Come and grow with us. If you are able to come, please RSVP to help us know how many to plan for. You can reach me by phone: (951) 490-6185.

Blessings in abundance,

