

The Dunga Orphanage Project Monthly E-Letter JANUARY 2010

Maamkio! Greetings!

The DOP has just completed the move of the Home Based program to a wonderful, safe residence, with a very large yard for play, much closer to town. Due to the ongoing issues of semi-annual flooding, malaria, and distance required for travel for medical needs – the organization has been looking for months for a suitable place. With the hard work of staff, local NGO's, and other friends – a large home with additional quarters was found.

Most of the children have returned to school and some of the younger ones will be attending a new school closer to the new residence. **Francis** and **Angelina** have been accepted into high-school and will be registering this first week in February. **Evans**, our recent high-school graduate, is currently taking local computer classes while awaiting his national test scores.



Angelina with Raphael and teacher on graduation day



James at his new school at Ojolla



Anyango prior to her 8th form (grade) KCPE exam

Many of you have been waiting for more details about your sponsored child. The staff have been excessively busy with the move, medical issues, school registrations and travel. We hope to provide you with additional photos and updates by late February early March. We are grateful for your patience.

DOP would like to introduce our **new board member, Peter Stroosma**. Peter has extensive background as a business teacher, managed the Small Business Development Center at Skagit Valley College for six years, and has over forty years of non-profit experience. Peter and his wife, Ria, are also child sponsors, retired teachers with four grown children, and nine grandchildren.

Peter writes, *"My interest is primarily in youngsters who reach the end of their schooling and need to find work in an economy that has more unemployment than we can imagine."*

Peter will be helping us to look into partnering with local micro-financing organizations in creating opportunities for our future graduates. Welcome Peter!

Thank you to so many of you for your continued support. Our bookkeeper will be sending out 2009 donor statements sometime this month. Special thanks to Anne Traylor for the printer/copier so needed by Kenyan staff and Suzanna Dentel for the lap top and other items to be sent over in late February.

Tunakushkuru! We thank you!



Moi girls dance at school graduation

DOP WISH LIST

Items with * will be taken to Kenya this month if received by February 14th. Received after that date, items will be taken in June or September.

- *Old/Used Laptop Computers for Staff & Student Use
- *Used Black Shoes in Good Condition for School
- *Use or Outgrown Tennis/Running Shoes for School

Donated Air Mileage for Elizabeth's Return to States

Questions or Comments?

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