

Kenya Widows & Orphans Ministry

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Welcome Home

By Stacy Ashby

Our flight to Nairobi landed late at night. We took the steps down to the tarmac and then the bus to the airport. When I got in line to show my visa and passport, I heard, "Stacy! Welcome home!" Joseph was there to greet me with some of his friends. Welcome home, I thought that was a little different. Maybe, welcome to MY home or something like that. But, that was only the first time I was greeted this way. When we finally made our way to Mbooni, we were again greeted with "Welcome home!" I love that sentiment. Everywhere we went, we were welcomed. I had studied up on Kenyan culture and was prepared for open-hearted people, but what I found was much more than open hearts.

I got to see the Child Arise ministry at ground level. I got to see the heart of our missionary, Elizabeth, as she shared all she could with me about the people Child Arise serves. We visited with widows and some of the orphans. We met with the Kenya Child Arise Board and discussed future goals.

We visited homes, a school (after hours) and churches. Spent time with so many people there in Mbooni. While school was in session, and with COVID restrictions, we couldn't connect with all the orphans, we were still able to meet with a few and learn what the help of Child Arise means to them.

We covered a lot of ground the short time we were there and I can't wait to share it all with you. Isn't it great that at the end of our earthly lives, we will be greeted with the words, "Welcome Home!" right into the arms of our Savior.



Welcomed into the Mativo Compound



The combined US and Kenya team made visits to different people who are blessed by support from Child Arise.

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus said, "Go and do likewise. Luke 10:36-37

Boots on the Ground

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The team traveled all around Mbooni, kicking up the red dust that is everywhere. We met with many of the widows and they welcomed us. The kids were in school and there were COVID restrictions, but we were still able to connect with some of the teachers after school who referred a few more students to us that they felt needed help. The US team went with the vision of finding more orphans that needed assistance. The school itself is a long low building and each classroom has a door outside. There is a chalkboard at the front, and the desks are very simple wooden desks. No technology is available in this school's classrooms. The books are stacked against a wall and are used over and over again. The children learn just the same. We saw some of the kids as we walked through the area, all wearing those uniforms that Child Arise helps provide the students that are sponsored. Uniforms are required to attend school. School fees must be paid as well. While the team was still in Kenya, we were able to pay the fees for at least two more students who will now be sponsored by Child Arise. Without the fee, the children cannot attend school. Imagine not being able to pay those fees, or being the adult who has to tell the child there is no money for the fees. Imagine missing even a basic education and what the future looks like for that child. Through the efforts of our benefactors, through the hands and feet of Elizabeth, these children are given a chance to not just grow up and support themselves, but to learn about the love of a Father God who loves them.



Prayer Requests

- ✝ Two children are doing their final exams, Joel Musei and Jeff Riika, pray they perform well.
- ✝ Pray for peace in Kenya during this political year and for a good leader for the country.
- ✝ Pray for rains, crops have been planted and rain is needed for good crops.
- ✝ Pray for Miriam (sponsored Child Arise girl) who has been sick, pray for a quick recovery.

We hope you will continue with us on our journey to Mbooni. We pray for all of those who support this ministry. Please always remember that Elizabeth pours herself into all of this mission, and this takes an emotional and physical toll on her. Pray for her strength and physical health, for her to be guided by the Holy Spirit, to continue reaching the lost of this world, and to always glorify God. Also, please remember Irene Mativo, Elizabeth's daughter and helper in the work in God's Harvest.

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