



January 2017
2016 - A Year in Review

~ Celebrating 10 years ~ LAUNCHING into the next Decade ~2017~

We give God the glory for HE has taken us through a most difficult year. Never have we had to dismiss so many employees. Never have we experienced such a pruning and now the resulting fruit ...

EXPANSION!!

God has done much in the 10 years Miracle House has been serving the children in Kenya! We started small with 23 children and have grown, by the grace of God – we are NOW serving 170 amazing children.

There is JOY in watching them grow.



WINGS: University Students

Give them wings to fly!

★ We have **two** university students – one at Moi University and the other at Kenyatta University.

★ **Seven** more students are ready and waiting to start university in August, having just graduated in November. They will be taking some computer courses and participating in our own “Give back” program (similar to community service hours) within MH as they plan and prepare for university.



BUTTERFLIES: Elementary and High School Students

★ 30 in secondary schools – still

finalizing, but they are attending about 14 different boarding schools scattered across the country.

★ Our primary students are at several local schools near our centers. A few are boarding due to lack of parent or guardian.



SEEDLINGS: Preschool Students

★ 100 children are receiving their education “under our roof” at our Webuye and Limuru locations with our very own teaching staff! These children return to parent or guardian each evening.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

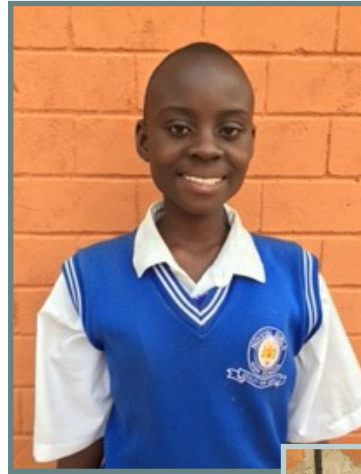
- We have three areas you can DIRECTLY impact lives
- 2017 Brings changes to Child Sponsorship Program
- Our Seedlings are thriving and growing STRONG.
- This has been a tough but inspiring year!



FAMILY MOURNING

We had never experienced the death of a Miracle House child; this year we lost two high school students full of promise. Yet, hope remains as we seek the Lord, His

Kingdom and our way forward!



Isaac Juma was a good friend. As a young boy he came to us, one of the neediest. He grew and learned and was finding beautiful success in his first year of secondary (high) school. He holds a tender spot in the hearts of many!



Annet Mukwa was a girl who was quiet yet fun, attentive to her academics with high hopes for her future! She was and still remains an encouragement to her fellow students and MH family.



“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”

~Winnie the Pooh (A.A. Milne)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

Board Transition—We give a Special “Thank You” to those who have served and are grateful for those remaining on the Board. We welcome the new members this month!

We are praying for others who might be interested in serving on our Board of Directors. Are you interested in knowing more?

EXPANSION!

SEEDLINGS ARE GROWING AND THRIVING!

Children are making great progress in their academics, learning in an interesting and fun environment! Their bellies are full and the outward signs of increased health (skin and hair) from good nutrition are evident!

Social interaction, physical activity, motor skills, singing, scripture memorization, manners and language are all developing beautifully! Some of these little ones have been pulled from VERY desperate situations by ‘well-wishing’ neighbors.



A LITTLE MORE MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE ~ *EXPANSION!*



It is time for an increase in our child sponsorship monthly investment and commitment. Through the last 10 years we have had many increases in expense of "doing ministry" including— inflation, expansion and what we provide for the natural progression of children growing up!! It is, of course, more expensive to care for and educate a high school student than a preschooler.

So, after 10 years, we are asking our sponsors to increase their monthly giving by \$5 per sponsorship/child, per month (\$35/\$70/\$105).

Please know we are incredibly grateful for your giving and commitment to make a difference in the lives of our Miracle House children! We desire to continue to grow and invest in these precious lives. When we invest together we can continue to grow forward into their **HOPE and FUTURE!**

To make this happen quickly and easily, it would be wonderful if you would email childsponsorship@miracle-house.org and simply say **"YES, please increase my donation amount to (\$35, \$70, OR \$105). I want to invest in Miracle House children and give them a hope and a future!"**

If you write/mail a check, please just increase that amount. (Your 2017 payment coupons will reflect the increase.)

If we don't hear from you, we will be calling and seeking your permission via phone for the increase! **If you send one email, it will save us many phone calls!**

*If you have any questions, please call,
Deanna Bjork 970.977.1025 or Samantha Meister 970.389.3932*

Giving should be entered into in just the same way as investing. Giving is investing.

~John D. Rockefeller

A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Three of our boys, now wonderful young men; Alexander, Edwin and Daglas had a special need. Some amazing sponsors stepped up to make a beautiful investment to care for a basic need! We have built them a house—a family project! After the structure was up, many of our children came to help ADD THE MUD! The boys have moved in and we are adding the finishing touches. We thank GOD! These young men are delighted, thankful and grateful!



Above—MH children help add mud to the exterior

Below left—the three brothers outside their new home.

Below right—the home now "smooth" with the exterior finishes completed.



HARVEST MIRACLES!

We rejoice in the harvest of our maize crop this year— **nearly double** what was estimated!

This is a year when surrounding farms had little to no harvest since the growing season started with flooding rains!!

Truly we have experienced a **MIRACLE!!**



Above—April flooding we thought the crop was LOST!

Below—By the end of May the crop was Flourishing!

MIRACLE HOUSE

Miracle House has the privilege of partnering with YOU through child sponsorships and general donations to take care of the needs of our children living in Kenya. They are growing in their understanding of **FAITH** in God's deep **LOVE** for them. By declaring God's wonderful plan and purpose for their lives, they are given a **HOPE** and a **FUTURE**. We are able to supply **FOOD** via nutritious hot meals and **CLOTHING** including school uniforms. Our Seedlings Program equips the neediest preschoolers with **EDUCATION**, a powerful tool for their future. We continue to nurture each child and invest in their education through high school. We help those, who desire, to continue their education and finish strong, in university or trade school, through our Wings Scholarship Program.

*Best of all, we are about **FAMILY**!*

BIG PLANS FOR 2017

★ Upgrading the children's education where needed, moving some students to better schools – increase in costs, but more importantly, an increase in ability for children to succeed!

★ Increased focus on discipleship – growing each year... Training them up in the way they should go...

★ Praying about the next steps for Miracle House Base Camp – is this the year of **EXPANSION** for our very own property?

★ Seeking the Lord for HIS plans and HIS timing!



"Mum" Deanna had the opportunity to travel to Israel in April 2016. While there she prayed for Kenya at several special locations - Above she is at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem!

