

## Mercy and Caring Children's Homes: February 2015 Newsletter

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Figure 1. Mama Nancy and Mzee Edwin with some of MCCH's primary students.

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Dog with 3 legs, blind in left eye, missing right ear, tail broken and recently castrated.

Answers to the name of "Lucky."

Hope you're not that lucky!

*"For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."* Romans 8:28 KJV

The Boards of Mercy and Caring Home in Kitale, Kenya, East Africa and in Canada have needed to trust this verse. A consensus was reached to trust God for the finances and continue on with both the Elementary School, and the High School, though we feel stretched and welcome your help.

Your prayers and financial contributions have helped to change the lives of Turkana youth who knew nothing but hunger, scrounged in waste bins and begged in Kitale town to find scraps of food. What relatives they had drank home brew, and immorality prevailed within the 1 room igloo shaped plastic bag dwelling. 130 such children now live together at Mercy and Caring Children's Home on the ten acre site. Thank you for caring to read this, pray and help us by giving.

Edwin and I have been looking at the calendar again, and asking for God's timing to return to our big Kenyan family. Last year on July 1, 2014 we came back from Kenya to Canada leaving the Centre in the

capable hands of a God fearing man, Pastor Moses Arusa. Your prayers for him are appreciated. He has a big job, and calls us at least twice a week reporting day by day situations. We ask his advice and his answers show experience in management, humility and “the fear of the Lord” which “is the beginning of wisdom.” Please pray that this same attitude will be instilled in each of our Kenyan children. We are not Kenyan. Our white world view affects how we see things.



Figure 2. Our new manager, Pastor Moses Arusa.

Praise God that the toilets have been built to replace the overflowing outhouses. The new ones recycle stool and make it into safe fertilizer

Fifteen years have passed since our first visit to Kenya. We rejoice that you share in the success of children like Derrick, a destitute boy who came to us from the slums near Nairobi. When his mom died after a long sickness, he went to the streets. His uncle who knew us in Kitale asked if he could come to Mercy Home and he was registered under MCCH’s care.

In December, Derrick got his mark for his Kenyan Certificate of Primary Education 7 day exams he had written in October, as did all the other Standard (Gr.) 8 students. 350 out of 500 is a very good grade, and Derrick got 351. We are proud of him. He is now in Form 1 (Grade 9) in Mercy and Caring High School. When alone on the streets of Kiberit slum he would never have dreamed of such a day! Your kindness has made this possible.

**We need more support.** Your funds can create a world of joy for some who knew only heartache, abandonment and hopelessness. We need help to keep all 130 children healthy and fed, clothed, educated and nurtured in the word of God. Our present income represents only 50% of the cost. We cannot take in any new children with this monthly operating deficit.

My handsome husband Edwin Cahill is turning 80 (yes eighty) on March 7, 2015. He would love to hear from you, and needs no gifts to fill another drawer. His heart would be warmed by your gift to Mercy and Caring Children’s Homes (MCCH) as a way of saying “Happy Birthday.” He is still young and healthy! Last year in Kenya a “prophet” said he would live over 110 years!!

Recent support has helped in the following ways:

- Because they work at MCCH, 54 staff are NOT part of the 40% unemployed in Kenya! Some of your funds pay their salaries.

Your gracious generous gifts will let us continue to support the staff and their families with moderate but reliable salaries.

- Our little children will be dancing on safe cement now that sufficient funds from one donor allow the hiring of a hand cement mixer and a fundi (worker) to repair the Early Childhood Classroom floor.
- Science lab equipment and chemicals purchased with donor income last October allowed our Form 4's to complete their science final exams and about half of the supply is left for use this term.



Figure 3. Some of our high school students.

How we appreciate your partnership in “helping orphans in distress”,

Edwin and Nancy Cahill