

Kisima Academy Naitiri, Kenya

Early Fall 2015



Greetings to you from the entire Kisima community! A group of nine visitors returned last month from another successful and rewarding visit to Kisima. It was good to see the children again and see them happy and thriving. There has been abundant rain so the crops are doing well and the cows are fat and healthy. As usual we came with the maximum number of fully loaded suitcases. Organizing and distributing 1000 lbs. of shoes, clothes, books, school supplies, etc., is a daunting task requiring all hands on deck. It was fun to see the happy faces as the children left with a new pair of shoes, a new item of clothing, new socks, and a new toothbrush.



We brought Frisbees, jump ropes, and soccer balls so there was lots of outdoor play. Other activities were administering deworming meds to the younger children, counseling the older kids on career choices and the importance of math and science, taking new photos of all the orphans and teachers, and distributing cards and gifts from sponsors. It was a busy, fun, and productive time as usual.





High school students return

The term ended for the 22 high school students while we were there. They trickled in from 16 different schools for their three-week break. There was lots for them to talk about and compare! As usual Martin arranged for some tutoring in needed areas and they also spent time working on the computers. Getting enough scholarships for this year’s beginning high school students was a struggle (in fact we still have some gaps) and already we are starting to think about next year’s class. They will be starting high school in late January. High school fees average \$900/year; some schools are as high as \$1200. Only five of the Class 8 orphans have scholarships of more than \$300. If you’re not currently sponsoring an orphan (or even if you are!) please consider a scholarship of \$300, \$600, or \$900 to help enable a Class 8 student to continue their education. A current photo album of the orphans as well as a photo album from the trip will be available shortly via a link on the blog.



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