December Newsletter: President's Message, Sponsor Patrick, Update from EBCCK, Year-End Numbers.

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#### Partners with Elma Barnett Children's Centre Kamonong

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

#### **Greetings Walindwa Supporters!**

One of the most poignant moments on my trip this last month was coming face to face with a few of the Kamanong community kids. It was on a rainy day when I had to take Natasha to the nearby dispensary to get tested for malaria. Some kids gathered around my car, mostly with no shoes and ripped clothes, trying to get my attention. I shook their hands and greeted them in Swahili as I walked into the clinic. (They aren't used to seeing white people in this area.) I felt so bad for Natasha and her illness I could not comprehend these children's needs. However when I looked at Natasha, she looked at the kids, and then looked back up at me with her big brown eyes; That's when I realized what Natasha already knew... she was one of the lucky ones. She could afford to get healthcare when she was sick. She has shoes to cover her feet, she had warm clothing when it rained. She is able to go to school. Thanks to her Walindwa sponsor she is able to have all these things. Thank you to everyone who is a sponsor of a child or who has supported some aspect of our programs at Elma Barnett

Walindwa has been blessed in 2015. Not only does Natasha not have malaria but more children have been sponsored this year. All of us at Walindwa look forward to partnering with you in the future.

May you have a wonderful holiday season with your family and a prosperous 2016.

In His Service, Jill Weller



## **SPONSOR NEEDED for Patrick**

There are several students who have recently come to the Children's Centre due to a variety of challenging circumstances. Their stories are heartbreaking, but once they are under the care of EBCCK the trajectory of their lives is forever changed. One of the precious children entrusted to us is Patrick K., who came to the home in September of

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abandoning Patrick. The uncle has limited resources and a family of his own to care for, and approached EBCCK for assistance. Since arriving at the home Patrick is thriving in the loving, stable, nurturing environment. Due to inconsistencies in his education Patrick is enrolled in the preschool class at the Centre, but is expected to progress quickly. Most importantly, he is learning about the love of Jesus Christ, his perfect Father, who will never abandon him, and he is beginning to have a hope for his future.

Please consider becoming a sponsor to this playful, intelligent boy, joining with the staff of EBCCK in a relationship of consistency, healing, and education that will impact Patrick's life - and yours. An annual donation of \$1000 covers all his basic needs: healthy meals, a warm home environment, schooling, health care, clothing, and a Christian foundation to build his future upon. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to download a sponsorship application form.



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE STOVER'S...

Dear Family and Friends,

Christmas was made for celebrating miracles old and new and for sharing love with friends and family like you. Our ministry here in Eldama Ravine is divided into three areas: Church, Sunrise Acres retreat center, and the EBCCK children's home.

Roy has seen the men in his Bible study show a great interest in God's Word. A couple of Sundays ago we had 18 people baptized. The Church recently held its VBS program and over 450 children attended. Several programs are planned for over the Christmas season. The children from EBCCK are preparing a song to sing on the 20th of Dec.

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entertaining to do. Many families come to Sunrise Acres for rest, fun, and family time.

EBCCK had three students graduate from the 8th grade and will start in our High School this January. Also three students finished High School and are looking forward to going on to higher education. That is if they receive sponsorship. Several kids finished their Accelerated Christian Education and will be moving on into the public school system to do grades 7 & 8. This will be a big challenge for them as they step out of their sheltered environment. We had Jill and the Jackson's from California here for three weeks. They provided some extra studies in math and science, plus some fun art and computer learning. The kids loved having time with them. Several of our children have accepted the Lord this year and tell us how happy and thankful they are for a Christian home with loving care. Here is a quote from one of the girls, "I thank the Lord for love. I love the Bible it says love each other, I pray for you."

We appreciate all that you have done for us by your prayer and giving. God Bless You at Christmas and Always! Love, Roy and Helen

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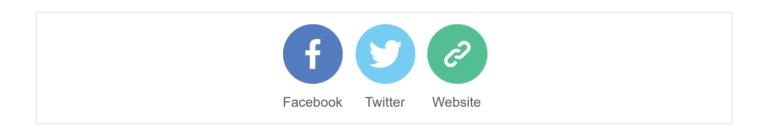
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