

## Walindwa Newsletter, May 2018

### President's Message:

In April 2008 I moved to Kenya, not knowing what God had in store for me. I've learned countless lessons in the last 10 years, but maybe the biggest one was something the children taught me: how to overcome adversity. The children in Kenya come to Elma Barnett Children's Centre Kamonong (EBCCK) because they lost a parent(s) at an early age, were victims of physical abuse, abandonment, or were the product of nonfunctioning (alcoholic or mentally ill) parents. I'm in awe of their tenacity and resiliency to overcome such obstacles.

Much to God's delight, EBCCK continues to blossom, supporting 66 children and adding a primary and high school (EKHS), dorms, science lab, computers, clean water, solar power, water collection tanks and is producing much of its own food, including eggs, maize, milk and fruit.

God has provided these children with a safe, secure, loving, Christian home in which to grow in the Lord and thrive. We are so thankful for our donors who are embarking on this journey with us. Together we are bringing glory to Him. I look forward to traveling to Kenya again on May 26 for another opportunity to support both EBCCK and EKHS.

Together in Christ,  
Jill I. Weller

### A Note on Sponsorship:

The generous contributions from Walindwa supporters have allowed the children at EBCCK to flourish and grow, healing spiritually and pursuing their educational dreams. Of the 66 students we care for, most are fully sponsored at \$1000 per year. However we do lack sponsorship for two young ones, and there are six children who are only partially sponsored. If you feel a nudge to help bless and support these beautiful children with either full or partial sponsorship (\$500 per year), please contact our sponsorship coordinator, Lori Edwards, at [kledwards@walindwa.org](mailto:kledwards@walindwa.org) for more details!

### Update from Roy and Helen Stover in Kenya

Roy and Helen Stover are long-time missionaries living in Kenya. In addition to their work at EBCCK, Roy is pastor of a local church in Eldama Ravine, about 20 miles from the rural Children's Centre. They also manage a retreat centre, *Sunrise Acres*, where visitors working at EBCCK usually stay in addition to other missionaries who come to the retreat to relax and pause in their work for Jesus. The Stovers were also instrumental, along with Jill Weller, in founding the present site where EBCCK children live. Below is an update from the Stovers including news of some former pupils who are growing and participating in Kenyan society.

Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings from wet, rainy Kenya. There has been some bad flooding in some parts of Kenya, resulting in the loss of lives and property. We are thankful that we have not been effected by these floods.

*"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 2 Thess. 5:18*

*As I have been reading through Paul's epistles I have noticed so many times being admonished to be thankful or to give thanks with joy. This is not always an easy thing to do. Over the last two months or so Roy has had some health issues. He spent four days in the hospital getting his bowel unplugged and having some tests. With thankful hearts the test came back negative and with some changes in diet he is doing much better. The doctor also noticed some swelling in his neck which turned out to be a blocked salivary gland. This he had removed and biopsies came back negative. So you can see we are thankful that God answered prayers. As for Helen, she just has creaky knees.*

*There are a few people we are Thankful for that have touched our lives recently. Judy has been a pillar of strength to us in a time of need, she helped us find the right doctor and hospital when Roy got sick late on a Saturday afternoon and it was to late for*



*us to travel all the way to Nairobi to see our regular doctor. She stayed in contact with us for all the time he was in hospital. Judy is also very concerned about our children at the Elma Barnett Children's Centre and also those that have gone on for higher education. Here you see Judy standing with Evans Kiprop, he is a student studying at Laikipia University. He is pursuing a bachelor's degree in criminology.*

*Evans is a very bright young man, getting A's & B's in all subjects. Evans comes from a family of 4 children. He and his twin sister were brought up by their Aunt. His father was killed in a car accident and the mother was to poor to support 4 children. He was later brought to the EBCCentre. His aim is to become a lawyer.*

Another Young man we are very proud of is Milton. He also grew up in the Children's Centre. Ever since a young boy his desire has been to be a pastor. As he grew older he would often give the other kids a message on Sunday. For the past 3 years he has been in Bible School. He was a good and promising student. At the end of April he graduated and has now enrolled at the Missionary College, where he is training to be a missionary. He will get to experience living with cross culture peoples. We are happy to report that he was able to continue with his training because he received a



scholarship. We are all very thankful for this answer to his needs and prayers.

Our desire is that many more of our children will be come well trained citizens with a love for the Lord.

There have been several in the Church that have shown an out pouring of their love toward us in the past several months. Specially while Roy was sick. Many visited and prayed with him. They showed real appreciation for all the years he has spent teaching the Word to them in Church and the Bible Studies he holds each week. Again we are Thankful for these wonderful believers.

This past week we had Ted and Martha Barnett with us for a few days. We had a good sunny day while they were here so we went on a picnic. Over the next couple of months we are expecting several visitors from over seas. Jill, a co-worker with the Children' Centre will be here the end of the month for a month. Then we have a retired missionary coming for a visit and we hope to do something relaxing with her. Then in July we have a team coming from a supporting Church to minister to the children at the centre. We enjoy having family and friends visit us.

So it is with Thankful hearts that we thank each one of you for your faithful prayers and support. We appreciate your prayers and concerns for our ministries here in Eldama Ravine. We would love to hear from all of you and a little bit of what is happening in your lives.

Serving the Lord with Thankful hearts,  
Roy and Helen



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