



BETHEL RAYS OF HOPE MINISTRIES

November 3, 2014 Newsletter

There has been so much happening at Bethel Rays of Hope in Kisumu. Let us give you a brief summary of those events:

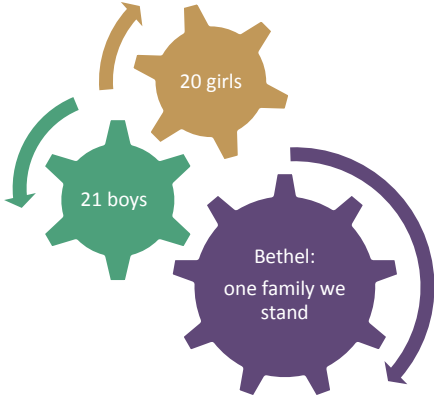
GRAND OPENING: Sept. 28, 2014 With government officials, local churches and the local community people in attendance, Bethel Home was officially opened and the work began. A large number of the children arrived that morning to become part of the Bethel family. Significant to note was the speech from the elder of our local village who said that this area had been known as a place of poverty, crime, prostitution and dying but because of this organization now being in their midst it is giving them hope for the future and for their children's future. Alongside our main objectives of care and education for the children is the bringing of the message of Christ into the hearts and homes of these families.

Monday Sept. 29, 2014 After a night of exciting new adventures for the children (like sleeping on a mattress and seeing the lights go off & on by the switch) things settled into the new routine of making these children part of the Bethel family. Training in personal hygiene, eating with spoons & a plate, learning to pray first for the food before devouring it all became the order of the day. At the same time, classes started with our teachers who assessed each child as to the grade level they were at. The young children in the Kindergarten classes only attend in the morning and then are free to play during the afternoon. Some of the children are not able to communicate yet in English, nor do they know the national language of Swahili or Luo. They only know their own tribal language so when they are playing you hear lots of noise as they call to each other but with no understanding of what they are saying! But play time goes on.

THE WORK HAS BEGUN! One month has passed and they now have settled down into a routine. The home is used for most of the Kindergarten classes and the metal classrooms are used for the older students. The older children have taken on the responsibility of helping the younger children. Many of children came with health issues so they are being treated for things like malaria, coughs, colds, & open sores. Training for all staff and children has been done for HIV/AIDS prevention.

INSPECTION BY OFFICIALS has taken place and all

departments were happy by what they saw. We are working with the Kenyan **TRUST BOARD** that has been established and acting on our behalf to ensure that things are being carried out. It is a privilege to work with local Kenyans who are totally committed to Bethel. God has blessed us with good strong leadership. We currently have four **TEACHERS** who are certified and teaching the children.



Now on the home front:

We apologize for not maintaining better communication with you, our supporters, over the last couple of months. We will endeavor to do better.

We say farewell to Dan Swedberg who has served on the Board from the beginning. He and his wife have another mission field ahead of them. He is being replaced by Cathy Mackie.

AGM meeting:

Annual General Meeting:

Nov 20, 2014 at New Life Church in Stonewall at 7pm.

Everyone Welcome

(Phone for directions if needed
204-467-8033)

Fall Supper:

We received \$ 7,600 after all expenses were paid. We are very thankful to all those who donated food, time and who came to support our first Fall Supper. We served just over 500 people.

Credit card payments:

For those who wish to donate by Visa or Master Card, we now are accepting payments. Phone for further details. (204-467-8033)

Website:

Photos of the children and their daily activities are uploaded to the website and being updated. Check out and see if you see your sponsored child.



It takes \$50 each month for a child for food, education, clothing and medical care.

We invite you to come join us for any amount to help give these children a future both now and for eternity.

We have many children who need sponsors and others on the waiting list.



With Christmas around the corner, check out our **CHRISTMAS WISH LIST** on the website for ways that you may choose to give this year.

Tell us you want to be added on our email address for further newsletters @ board@bethelraysofhope.com or sign up on the website page www.bethelraysofhope.com or like us on Facebook

