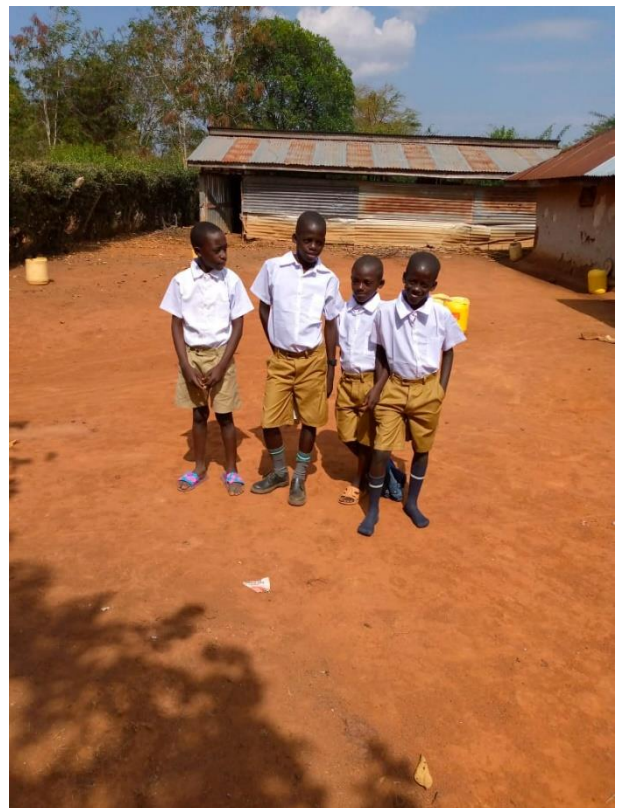
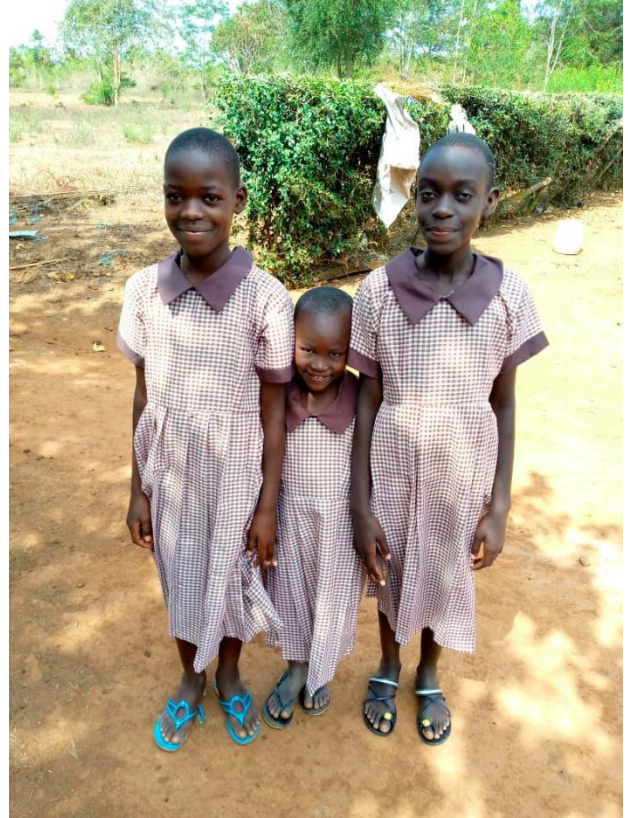


School Children in Kenya Receiving Uniforms

I'm writing this as my first report about your kind donation towards the school uniforms. When we got the donation, it was quite a surprise, because I'd never had to tell the head teacher to get me that many kids to sponsor. I contacted her and she gave me a list of the most vulnerable kids she'd wanted us to support. I sent her the money and although I have yet to get a report from her, hopefully I will soon when the tailor is done with all the uniforms.

Here is a quick note about how education works in Kenya. There are a few schools in the village, but parents decide which schools to take their kids to learn. You could easily find kids from the same home going to different schools.

When I had received the names of kids from the head teacher, I thought about our local church which has a kindergarten and thereafter kids proceed to join public primary schools for grade 1. I thought about the many vulnerable Sunday school kids from our local Anglican Church, 'ST Mathews Ujwanga, who were not in the headmistresses' list or were going to a different school. I contacted my mum who is the Sunday school teacher at the Church and she was so happy about the willingness to support 'her kids' as she calls them. I sent her some money and because of the excitement, she got the tailor to work on the kids uniforms as soon as possible and stopped her from doing any other orders until the uniforms were done.



As you can see the image with 9 kids. All of these kids are part of the 35 Sunday school kids who go to our local church. 5 of these 9 kids are orphans. This image was taken last Sunday after the Church service. These young kids, my mum, their parents and guardians are so happy and very thankful for the support.

I cannot thank you enough for this act of kindness because I know exactly how it feels to be in a new school uniform or even new shoes. Thank you for bringing so much joy and happiness to my church and the children in my community.

I recognize that it took a team to put the donation together, thanks to Aunt Nancy, Helen, Christine, Mom - Marilynne, Dad - Dale, the Church and all the others that offered support. Your kindness and generosity will not be forgotten.

Lastly, from Erin and I, we say ASANTE SANA, EROKAMANO!

Eliakim Hawi

