



January - September 2011  
Update #51



Pictured are L/R are Mim, Howard Crowl, Joseph, Njoroge, Amiee Crowl

**Dear Friends,**

Greetings from Nairobi! This has been a busy year for us and we have much to share with you. In August **Joseph graduated** from United States International University with a BA in Journalism! He has worked very hard to achieve this milestone. Praise God with us for His blessings. Many thanks to all who have supported us to get Joseph this far. Please join us in prayer that Joseph will now find a good job. I couldn't be prouder of him! I know how hard he worked to get where he is today. (Joseph is one of the original group of young men which whom Mim worked. He is one of the last boys to complete his education). On a different note I was blessed with a **renewed work permit for another three years**. This time the process was very easy, the only problem I had was the old "come back next week", which is more of an inconvenience than a problem. Please thank God with me for this blessing.

## Environmental clubs

Our **second Eden** Environmental Club went very well. We planted trees, then heard an elder tell us how the area was fifty years ago. He told us of huge cedar forests, wildlife, clear rivers and lots of rain. WOW how things have changed! He encouraged the children to plant trees and care for them. He told them that they were the ones who could repair what their predecessors had done. It was very encouraging. Rejoice with us! PRAISE

GOD  
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Mim works with a **team** of individuals with interests in different fields related to the environment. They were able to hold programs in area schools in which the students, boys and girls, actively participated. They ran the programs about every other week in the field and in classrooms.

The children are taught using computer programs, text books, visits to nature areas, animal reserves, and Bible studies. **Psalms 19:1** "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handy work." This and other Scriptures explain that God created the earth, the plants, creatures, and all the people in it.



The Ahadi Boys and other students have **climbed mountains**, taken boat rides on Lake Naivasha, and examined insects with magnifying glasses. In a practical class they learned how to use alternative fuels for cooking. Charcoal and firewood are typically used. A "jiko pao," an innovative stove that uses less fuel, and produces less smoke while cooking was demonstrated. Students were also shown how to insulate still hot cook pots to finish cooking food with less fuel use.

# *Sports and Such*

**Ping pong** - We were given a ping pong table recently and the boys are enjoying learning how to play.

**Soccer** - We had an in-house football tournament. Teams had one big boy one girl one under 12 boy and one under 10 boy. It was a lot of fun. Julius' team took first, Timothy's team managed a second and Kennedy's came in third. The kids had lots of fun.



**Rabbit pen** - Tyler (Maxwell) is trying to teach the older boys how to build a rabbit pen. They are making slow but sure progress. Ngoroge is learning to saw lumber.



**Rugby** - During school holiday we tried out some new sports in our program for 3 children's homes. was Rugby. The boys are picking it up quick. Kennedy is a natural and he loves the contact... even though we are playing "touch". I keep having to tell him to "touch" a little lighter.



**<Volleyball** - The Ahadi Boys play in mixed teams with other orphans.

**Basketball**>  
Another new sport the boys practice together.



# Academically Speaking

School closed on March 30th. I have not been very happy with either of the schools the boys attend this year. Last year KCPE (8th grade exam decides if a child can go on to high school), the government lowered the public school's entry levels for a National high school, from 400-500 marks to 387-400 and raised it to 418-500 marks for private schools. This was done to "level the playing field" as many public schools are over crowded, lack books and other resources.

What it has done is sent private schools into a panic. Many parents transferred their children back into public schools. Head teachers feel even more pressure to turn out score high enough to get a place in one of the National High Schools. This pressure flows down to the teachers, who pile it on the students. The boys home-work has tripled. Teachers demanded I send extra tuition every day after school, a half day on Sat. and two weeks of their holiday. Basically it is just extra money for the teachers, but they are bullying the children to come out of fear. They have told the boys if, "You don't come for extra time you will be behind because we are going to continue the syllabus". They also told them that, "If your parent doesn't send extra tuition they don't love you!" In other schools the children were being denied recess and lunch break, being forced to eat at their desks and to keep studying. one boy reported it to me, the teacher yelled at him, "how dare you report at home what goes on here." I have students in primary school who are under far more pressure and stress than my students in University. There is some thing wrong with this. Two of the boys will be returning home for the rest of the year. I have a great teacher who should do well with them. Please make this issue a matter of special prayer.



## Clapton Njoroge

Early this year Clapaton Njoroge joined our home. He is five years old and was spending his days on the street but returning to sleep in his mother's hovel at night. She is a handicapped woman who crawls around on her hands and knees and struggled to feed him. Njoroge is adjusting well to being here. He has loads of personality and has us all laughing already. Dan and Kariuki already knew him from the



**These kids crack me up!** One Sat we were having volleyball practice in late afternoon. It was a very grey and rainy day. The kids had all heard about the world supposedly coming to an end (Mayan calendar?). Around 5:30pm the sun started to break through the clouds. Timothy, one of my twelve year olds shouted, "**Jesus is coming! Look busy!**" All the other kids excitedly picked up the call "Jesus is coming!" Then Sammy my ten year old said, "**Can I drive the car home?** I don't want the world to end with out me ever driving!" Now I am sure there are several sermons in there some where, but It still cracks me up every time I think about it.

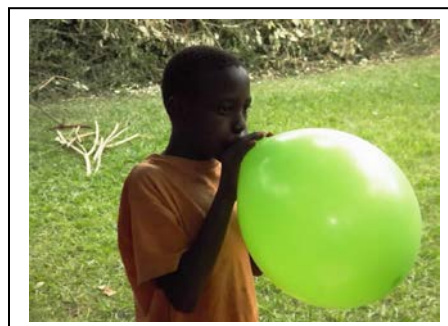
## Austin

Meet Austin Omondi, 7 years old. Austin arrived at Ahadi boys In July. He was in the care of a relative who brews traditional alcohol and was using the boy to baby sit her baby. He was abused and often forced to sleep out on the street. His mother died of AIDS awhile ago.

# Back to School 2011

We had a back to school field day the the boys September 02. Aimee and I have not laughed so hard in weeks. We had a gunny sack race, three legged race, egg on the spoon relay, a soda drinking race, pin the tail on the rhino, dress up, and eat a hot dog using two spoons race, cartwheel race, blow up and pop a balloon relay, water balloon toss, spin around the bat then run relay, and a water melon eating relay. It was great fun for all! Enjoy the pictures.

School started on September 6th. Please pray for the boys as they go back, that God would go with them and help them as they learn.

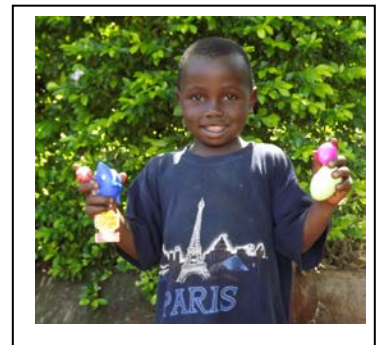






## *Resurrection Day Activities*

On Easter Sunday we had a sunrise service for the boys, and breakfast together. Later we held our first Easter Egg Hunt, and it was wildly successful. When all the plastic eggs had been found, the boys begged us to hide more... so we did.

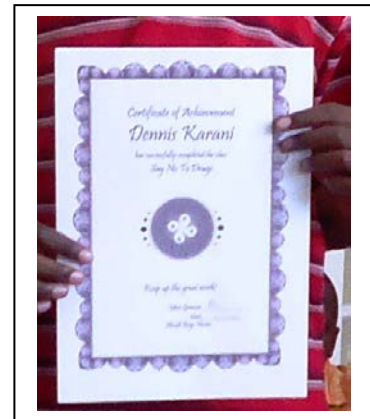


# 12 Step Program

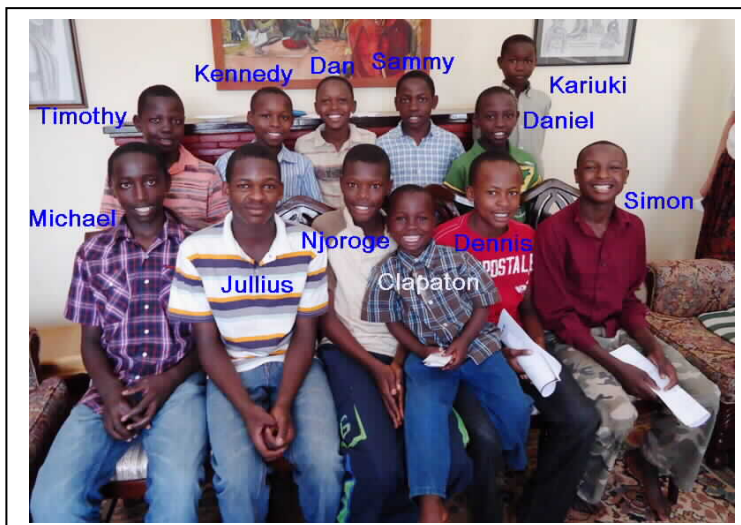
The boys were enrolled in a twelve stages to manhood program. They are taught about specific choices they will need to make as they grow up. Some speakers with real world experience provide local examples for the boys. As each segment is completed the participants are awarded certificates. The **second stage** was "Say No to Drugs". The session with a presentation from Teen Challenge who works with adult addicts in the area. After that we did a more in depth study over a period of eight Sunday afternoons. At the end the boys were asked to pledge to reject drug use, and certificates were presented.



Pray with us that the boys will remain true to the commitments that they have made. Many of the boys we have worked with had uses some form of drugs during their lives on the streets.



Also pray for the older boys. Life is hard for them and it's a struggle to remain true to what God wants for them. Remember: William, Joseph, Kimaru, James, Peter, Ali, Johnny,



Rashid, John Mutisya, Kore and Isaac.

The boys progress toward adulthood requires lots of planning and patience on our part. Pray for God's guidance for those working with the boys daily, and for cooperation on the boys' part to allow us to help them. They grow daily physically, intellectually, and spiritually.

## Final Thoughts & Prayer Requests...

Michael Mungai turned 15 this year and I find myself looking at him eye to eye. It won't be long till I'm looking up! Njoroge has also grown like a weed. At 12 he is the third tallest boy in the home, we wonder where he will stop. Julius continues to be quite and soft spoken, while you can hear Dan, Kennedy and Timothy through closed windows and doors. Dennis and Njeru keep their heads buried in books and their grades high. Kariuki is busy building cars out of old boxes and bottle lids. Sammy continues to dominate in sports. Simon is a hard worker who likes to earn money and Clapaton, our newest and youngest boy keeps us laughing and frowning with the things he says. I have seldom heard such foul language, but he is really funny when not swearing.

Maxwells arrived in June and are settling in. Praise God with us for this answer to prayer.

We have been trying to get Mama Clapaton into a vocational training program for disabled women in Mombasa, she is over their normal age limit and they have not yet agreed. Pray with us that they will agree soon.

June Crowl suffered a brain bleed caused by high blood pressure and blood thinners, which required surgery to relieve the pressure. She was hospitalized for a time, but has recovered enough to be cared for at home. Please pray for a full recovery.

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