



Kayla and Fred with Micael Raphael

Dear Friends & Sponsors,

Recently I arrived back from a one month stay in Kenya. As US Vice President of DOP, I had the privilege of meeting the thirty-seven orphan children we, as an organization, sponsor. Each child is amazing in his/her own unique way. These children care deeply about each other, work hard by studying at school an average of ten hours per day, thank God daily for his blessings while asking for help for others less fortunate. These wonderful children are the bright future of Kenya. They give purpose and inspiration to people like me who can get caught up in the more trivial pursuits of daily living.

I would also like to introduce and share with you some of our old staff and new! Rose, house mother, is holding the youngest Kayla. Elizabeth Chipps-Freeman, is our new Social Worker/Bookkeeper (from Washington State), and Raphael Odhiambo our previous education director and now the Kenyan Director of DOP - each with strong resumes of experience. We are also fortunate to have tremendous support of the many International Non-Governmental Organizations in the area such as Christ Hope, Humanity for Children, Christian Women Partners and others.

When I met with the children individually and as a group, they laughed, played and shared their future dreams with me. Many would like to become medical doctors, some wished to become teachers, others pilots, and there were even a few aspiring footballers! Two of our children have successfully graduated from high school and are eager to continue onto university to study medicine and nutrition. It was a short but enlightening view into the thoughts and desires of so many innocent lives - lives whom each of you continue to make a real difference in. Please accept my deepest thanks for your ongoing support of the children of DOP. They truly are a beacon of light for all of us, Kenya and the world at large.

Micael Raphael Anacortes, WA

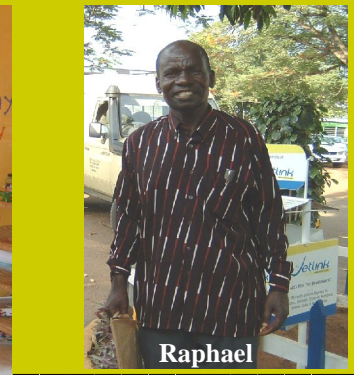
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Elizabeth Chipps-Freeman enjoying time with the children



Rose and Kayla



Raphael