



Update from East Africa Partnership March 2021

Dear Friend,

Thank you for participating in a program to help us feed our sponsored children during the pandemic. As you know, we sponsor more than 350 children and provide scholarships to about 100 children for school fees across Kenya with our partners, tripling the number of sponsored children. When the pandemic hit, the government sent all of these children home to their guardians. A few with nowhere else to go stayed in our nine homes.

With the assistance of the Kenyan government, allowing our East Africa Partnership team to travel with pastor leaders, we were able to feed more than 1,000 families in nine regions four times (every other month). The RCA was the major sponsor for one of these feeding cycles. Logistics were a challenge as the national government limited travel, but we were able to use our lorry (for farming), vans (for mission trips), and motorbikes (for evangelism and mobile medical clinics) to get food to needy children and their guardians across most of Kenya. We were also able to share the gospel with a short devotion and prayer as we dropped off the food.

In January the children returned to school and their feeding programs started up again. The picture on the right above is of some of our 17 new students entering our AIC home and private school. Below, they are buying school shoes necessary for their enrollment.

We are sad to report the death of several key EAPL leaders. We lost Rev. Charles Maina, shown below with children from the Mother Esther Home, whose vision started the home for 175 Masai girls being forced into early marriage at 7-11 years of age, and a day school for Masai boys. Rev. Kania, Secretary-General of PCEA and EAPL member, also went to be with the Lord. We are sponsoring a child in his name. Finally, one of our regional leaders in the Nyamira area, Joseph, is also now before the throne of God. We rejoice in their ministry with us.



Food delivery



Selecting school shoes

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Rev. Charles at Mother Esther Home



1st Graduating Class – Leaders of Leaders Program

As you can imagine, our dispensaries have been crowded with people during the pandemic. Our newest health center, Mukinyi, added a laboratory capability with donated microscopes, centrifuges, and other testing equipment. They are in the process of hiring a laboratory technician.

We have also managed to keep our Leaders of Leaders program going through online learning led by RCA Regional Leader Bruce Bugbee. They are currently identifying projects to plan and manage that will further the ministry of EAPL. This follows teaching segments on understanding your gifts and passions and developing leadership capabilities.

Our next challenge will be to start back up programs that were halted due to the pandemic—feeding programs, mobile clinics, and our AIC technical school. We have also agreed to raise \$5,500 for a solar system to provide lighting to the students studying at night at one of our partner high schools where the students board. This school has won national awards for its music performances. We covet your prayers and donations for these projects.

In Christ,

Colette Cozean, Ph.D., President, East Africa Partnership



Gituamba Girls School – Needs Solar Power