

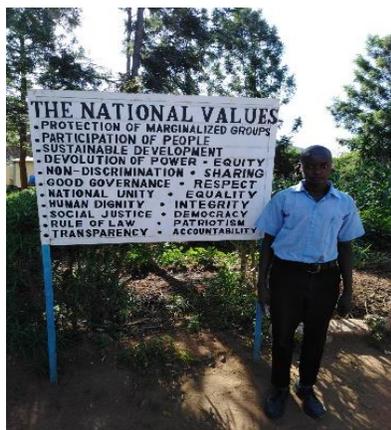
**NEEMA CHILDREN'S HOME****FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER**

Greetings from us all at Neema. The peace of the Lord be with you all.

The old hymn *"There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus. . ."* has been of great encouragement to us. Amidst the Covid-19 challenge, Jesus still remains the best friend. *"He will guide till the day is done. . ."* *"There's not an hour that He is not near us. . ."* Also, the chorus *"With Jesus in the boat I can smile at the storm . . ."* Even though smiling at the storm is not as easy as the chorus goes, there is hope and expectation that the presence of Jesus makes the difference in the lives of those who trust in Him. The book of Philippians 4:13 (The Amplified Bible) says *"I have strength for all things in Christ who empowers me (I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency.)"* Clearly, Christ's presence will make things better, if not better, bearable.

The year started well, thanks be to God and thank you for your prayers. The children are in reasonable health though, once again Diana was home from boarding school for more than a week. She was complaining of chest and stomach pain. She was treated and is improving, now in school. A few days after she went to school, Boniface came home also complaining of tummy ache. He had a bad infection. He stayed home after visits to the hospital, now he is better and back in school. We thank God for the notable improvement and request you continue to pray for their good health.

Last month, Miriam and I travelled 1000 kms to visit one of our sons (Kennedy) who is doing his Form 4 this year. He is so focused and ready for the exam, we thank God. Here below, two photos with Kennedy. I thought the national values are noteworthy.



*Kennedy to the left and right*



Those of you who may remember Ann, is doing well. She has had her ups and downs though taking life's challenges positively. She is still doing business near Nairobi. Her sister, Ruth is with an elder sister near Nairobi too. We have not heard from Stephen of late. He was doing farming in his auntie's farm, also not far from Nairobi. Jacinta continues with her Diploma in Business Management. Thank you for supporting these dear ones.

In Form 4 this year, the last year of High School, we have Kennedy (Above), Nancy and Khalid. Please remember them in your prayers. Khalid and Nancy are average students, Kennedy is above average and very serious with his studies. They are all matter to us and thank God for each one of them. In Class 8, the last year of primary course, we have Kevin, Twan, Sharon, Brian, Isaac, Eric and Agnes. Both the Form 4s and Class 8s will sit for their national exam mid next month (March). Normally, the exam is done from October to November but because of Covid-19, the school calendar was changed.

Again, please remember them in your prayers. The three in High school will be joining College may be sometime this year. Those in Class 8 will be joining High School sometime in May. It is a blessing to see these children move on in life. It is like the other day they were babies, now in High School and growing.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> February, we had the Kenya new school curriculum seminar for Neema School parents. We had invited the concerned parents in order to familiarize them with the new curriculum. The New curriculum is Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) which is gradually replacing the 8-4-4 system. It was such a great success. Parents were educated, exposed, informed and encouraged to embrace the new curriculum.



*Above, some of the teachers and parents during the CBC seminar, Miriam in the left photo in a red sweater. To the right, one of the teachers in lower primary demonstrating to the parents the relevance and importance of the CBC curriculum.*

The School development projects continue. Glad to see the school toilets nearly ready. We trust they will improve the learners' self-esteem.



*The front part of the school toilets. Any time now we will start using them.*

*Below, the inside of the school semi modern toilets.*



Eldoret is experiencing showers of rain though at times it is heavy rains. The rains come at a time when very much needed, this is because it has been quite warm and dry. We were expecting the rains in March, actually the weatherman had warned that Kenya will not have sufficient rain this year, it is in the hands of the creator though we are yet to see how far it will go.

As we write this newsletter, we remember you in our prayers. We thank God for your prayers and encouragement. May the loving protective arms of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you all in His perfect peace. May you experience the love of God, His salvation and deliverance.

With our love and prayers,

Joshua and Miriam