

A HOME FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS P.O. Box 763-00204, Athi River, Kenya

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My second newsletter starts with this clip from one of the local newspapers about a child very much like the ones I care for. When I watched the television the night before and saw the child tied and chained and on a makeshift bed in the sheep pen, I looked away and gave thanks to God for calling me to serve such children.

Rescued boy gets wheelchair (BY NATION CORRESPONDENT –June 2014)

"A disabled boy who was kept in a sheep pen for 10 years in Majengo, Narok County, has received a wheelchair and medical attention......The boy was receiving treatment for bed sores, malnutrition and rickets, and was responding very well, he added......At the weekend, the chairman lead a team of volunteers and journalists to rescue the boy who had been tied and chained to his bed and locked up for 10 years in a small shack with livestock. The rescue operation shocked neighbors, many of whom appeared not to have known that there was such a child in the home....."}

The month of May started well for us with 3 more additions in our En-Gedi Home. We received 2 boys and 1 girl and up until June 25, we cared for 6 children.

The hardest times we have had:

Inability to take in challenged girls and boys because our facility is only able to house younger than 6 years. I could not take in 5 deserving boys and girls because they were between 8 and 10 years and a little too big for our children beds. I have also been unable to take in handicapped children requiring a bit of medical care due to some limitations on our side. And with this, I had several meetings with my God and I believe that He is going on enlarge En-Gedi territory and give us a bigger facility so that we can take in children up to 10 years and also employ a staff with some medical background. I am scheduled to visit more families in the communities to teach about God's love and take in those very deserving.

The other hardest was the passing on of one of our children who was an orphan with severe cerebral palsy & sickly with HIV/AIDS. He passed on with me admitted in one of the largest referral hospitals here in Nairobi and with his relatives, we buried him at his grandparent's home on Tuesday July 1.









The most joyous times:

- The smiles and laughter of children every time they hear my voice (or for one deaf, seeing me)
- The visit by my Presbyterian Church Woman's guild and ladies in the En-Gedi Home's neighborhood as well as many relationships and networks formed already
- My 12 year old grandson (Kevin) donating Ksh.180 (about US\$2.10) to En-Gedi saved from his school pocket money.

Praises and prayer requests:

- 1. Praise God for enabling us to bring joy to His special children
- 2. Praise God for the wonderful caregivers who work with me
- 3. Praise God for those already supporting En-Gedi, both locally and internationally

Prayer requests:

- 1. Pray with us for more resources to continue to support En-Gedi ministry
- 2. Pray that our En-Gedi children will remain healthy and strong
- 3. Pray for continued peace and political stability in our country Kenya

Ministry Gifts for En-Gedi Children's Home:

- 1. For those of you in Kenya, you can m-pesa us through 0710 395 756 or call us to get the Kshs. Bank account details.
- 2. You can send a check to "Set Free Ministries" (and receive a tax receipt). Clearly indicate <u>"For En-Gedi Children's Home" on the memo line</u>. Address:

Set Free Ministries 700 36th S.E. Suite 108 Grand Rapids, MI 49548 US Phone: (616) 726-5400

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3. Or you can wire funds directly to En-Gedi bank account in Kenya (and if so, kindly write me and I will give you the details)

Blessings to all of you; thank you so much for your encouragement notes, cards, letters and all. May God continue to use us to make this world a better place for His creation.

Margaret Njuguna En-Gedi Children's Home June 30, 2014