



OrphansLight Summer News 2022

Raising godly leaders and equipping a community to be self-sustaining, reducing hunger, preventing trafficking, teaching character and respect

Proverbs 19:17 *He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him for what he has done.*

Greetings to all you faithful donors, sponsors, and prayer partners! We've been back just a week and are catching up with home needs and ministry.

Most of you should have received pictures of your sponsored child, we sent out over 100, one at a time. It took 4 weeks to accomplish this as we were collecting pictures from 5 phones and a camera & making a video and power point to take on our August trip. We need to have a videographer with us on our next trip.

Good news! After the 2-year government lock down our children returned to school in January. We were delighted to see them all healthy, happy, and doing exceptionally well in their studies, thanks to the amazing staff who faithfully prepared and delivered their studies and food every week for two years.

The widows continued making their beautiful crafts and even improved their own living conditions with the funds from the crafts *you* purchased from us. So many stories that won't fit this letter space. We dedicated a house for a widow & her 5 children before her current house collapsed. This was done through generous donations when we posted the need last spring. They went from a collapsing house where all six slept together on a dirt floor covered with cloths to a safe house with beds and mattresses. The boys, girls, and mom each have their own space. More safe houses are needed.

The High School was partially built during the lockdown. Two grades were able to start in the newly built facility. They also built the **Amazing Flour Mill** and are milling their own flour for the **Amazing Grace Bakery** and for those in the community. All our children and widows remained healthy during the lockdown. However, many of the children & widows who are not in the program due to not having sponsors, died, not from Covid but from starvation. ***This should never be! We need your help to talk with others about the benefits sponsorship. Many orphans were waiting outside the gate begging to go to school. Without a sponsor to provide school fees, we had to turn away, but some we got sponsored when I posted the immediate need and others were sponsored on our trip!***

Our trip up the East coast meeting with friends and making new friends was a great success. We have **nine new sponsors**, many more who have a better understanding of what God has accomplished through this ministry. So many thanks to those who helped us by housing and feeding us! A highlight was Union Center Christian Church, our home church in NY that received us so warmly and supported us so generously with sales, donations, and sponsorship. We also were blessed to see 3 of our 9 grandchildren on the way.

Our needs? I'm glad you asked. Donations toward completing the High School. Thankful to many who donated toward projectors, now we need laptops to go with the projectors. Lessons for the students are projected from programs on laptops. They are sharing, but each classroom/teacher needs their own (6).

Please consider having a small group meeting for us to speak and share the ministry. We need **more sponsors** which feeds not only the child but the family, reducing poverty, trafficking, and diseases. And of course, **PRAYER!** For the orphans, the widows, Johnson & Richard as they work to manage all the projects, widows need, community needs, 1,000+ students in the schools, (& remember, they do not receive a salary nor do we), for our donors & sponsors that they can remain faithful in their giving, and for us and our accountants to keep up with the demands of the ministry, for volunteers to help with sales & projects.

Christmas! if you are going to send your sponsored child a gift for **Christmas**, please include that in your next giving so that it reaches them on time. The staff will use the funds to provide the child/family, what they know they need and want.

Activities: we have craft fairs & fundraisers now through December. Please pray for success as our widows depend on this. Also, we have our **OPEN HOUSE for those in the area Saturday, September 24, 1-4 PM.** We will share videos and more detail of our trips, and just love on all of you for your generosity.

Kathi, and all the volunteers that have answered the call and made miracles happen

