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## Update Report for the Captivating Foster Family Micro-Loans Program Kenya





The **Captivating Foster Family Micro-Loans Program** started with the specific emphasis of helping children orphaned by AIDS become secure in new family - their foster family. Families taking up this program would only qualify if they were in a position of hardship and already fostering a child (with our aim being to stabilize the situation financially) or a foster family indicating they were willing to foster a child if they could become more financially stable. The GREAT NEWS is that 195 children are benefiting from this program, and 44 of them are new orphans taken in by families thanks in part to this program.

<b>Number of families helped by the program so far</b>	<b>193</b>
<b>Families currently in the program,</b>	176
<b>Number of successful families no longer needing the program</b>	6
<b>Number of orphans in foster families</b>	195
<b>Number of new orphans added to the program</b>	44

So, great news all round. We are excited about the consideration of further expansion to help more orphaned children in Kenya.

### 3 Years On and Flora is an Independent Business Woman!



This is Flora and her two adopted children, Michael and Jeremy. Michael and Jeremy were orphaned when they were toddlers when both parents died from AIDS. These little boys had nowhere to go so Flora took them into her

home with her husband and their already 6 children. This created additional financial burden for them. How were they going to provide for all these children?



Three years ago, Flora came to Captivating/ACDF Micro Loans Program with her plight, and she immediately entered the loans program.

Flora started with the purchase of just one cow. She then dedicated herself



to the savings program on a weekly basis which enabled her to buy two more cows. Today, she is the proud owner of three healthy milking cows. These milking cows provide milk for her family with excess milk being sold to the local dairy. This also brings the opportunity to breed the cows for extra income.

Three years ago she also began with just a small maize field. Today, Flora is now a small scale farmer where she plants acres of maize to sell commercially having made the decision to rent more land. In a month she can sell up to 6 sacks, making an average profit of 5400 shillings [US\$50] each month.

Today, Flora's children are older and all at boarding school. Michael will be finishing primary school this year and begins secondary school next year while Jeremy will continue his primary school education.



**And to the best news of all:**

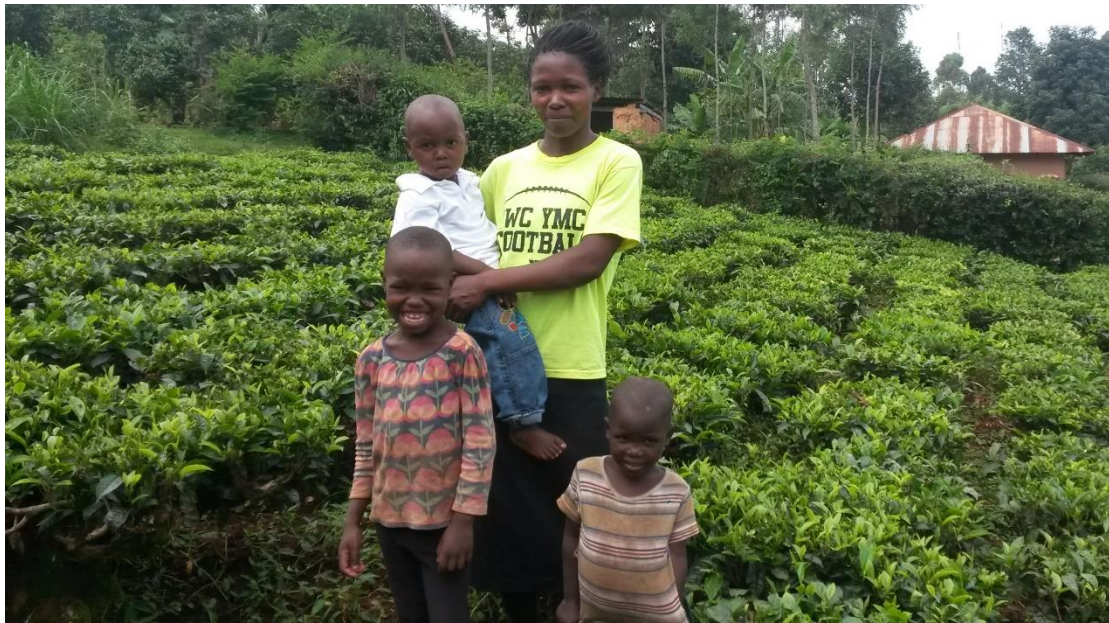
Flora has repaid all her loans and now operates independently and self-sustainably as a successful business-woman. Together with her husband's income of teaching at the local school, she is confident that they will

be able to continue all their children's education and be able to provide a bright future. This is one of our treasured success stories of the Captivating Foster Family Loans Program in Kenya. We are so proud of Flora as she continues to work hard to



provide for her children as well as her adopted children, and thankful to the dedicated work of our partner, ACDF, and Captivating's Program Manager – Everlyne Onwonga.

## Now my children can go to school - Thank you



Meet Linet and three of her children. Three years ago, Betty (the small girl pictured right in the photo) was born to Linet's step sister who unfortunately died while giving birth to Betty. Linet couldn't leave this tiny, new-born baby alone to die and so she took Betty in to live with her.

Linet and her husband have seven children to care for. Her husband is a farmer and they work together, hand-in-hand to sustain their family. When Linet heard of the ACDF/Captivating program specifically established to support families who have fostered children, like Betty, she came and visited our office. Our Program Manager, Everlyne, went to visit her home and met her family and confirmed they needed financial help to make ends meet and to be able to send their children to school. A micro loan was approved and Linet was able to extend her business and start to progressively increase the family income. Linet is now a successful tea farmer and also rears chickens and goats for commercial farming.



We thank you for being part of the Captivating Foster Family Micro-Loans Program. This small business loans program continues to go from strength to strength. Many women are waiting to join this program who have adopted or fostered orphaned children in their care. They are grateful for this opportunity to learn how to become successful business women who can financially support their family and be able to provide their children with an education and a future. We would like to continue to expand this program. To do this we need more loan capital. US\$1,500 adds another 10 families into this program and sets them on the road to a more financially secure future. If you would like to continue supporting this life changing program, please donate at our Global Giving project page or go to our website at [www.captivating.org](http://www.captivating.org) for further details.

Our thanks

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