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Dear Hearth to Hearth Family,

As I look back on 2018, I am full of gratitude and hopefulness. Gratitude for a blessed year with many accomplishments; hopefulness that we can build on the good foundation that we have and help even more children in 2019.

I am grateful that

•We have a new, enthusiastic young woman on the Board of Directors to help take Hearth to Hearth into the future. We're so glad Casey Jordan not only joined the Board but was able to visit Hope for Children Center with the group that went last fall.

•We were able to determine a way to continue serving the children from Maranatha after we closed the center to comply with new government regulations.

•The leadership at Hope for Children Center made major improvements during the last two years, resulting in the children eating better, doing better in their studies and overall being healthier and happier.

•There are many success stories such as that of Vincent Nyamache who arrived at Hope Center in 2002 as a high school student and now is a college graduate who works for the Homa Bay Government where Hope Center is located and serves on our Local Advisory Board. (You can read a little more about Vincent inside.)

And I am grateful for you, our sponsors and donors, who through your support, have helped us to rescue many children from deplorable conditions and provide them with what they need to flourish.

Please take a few minutes to read this report to learn more about the accomplishments of last year and our vision for 2019.

Thank you and God bless you,

Vicki Kritzell Co-Founder and Board Member



- 22 more children are being loved at Hope center 135 in total!
- Enough veggies were grown on the farm to feed the children for the year plus the 27 goats and 400+ rabbits are providing meat for the children.
- A new preschool building is well underway to completion and it includes a new computer lab.
- Six kids graduated from high school and seven finished vocational training.
- Vocational training now begins earlier when it's a better fit for kids and college is not an option. The job market is better for skilled workers than those with just a high school degree.
- All of the children from Maranatha Children's Home in Uganda are now attending boarding schools and receive ongoing support from our former matron.
- Hope Academy, our primary school, has successfully been registered with the government.
- Health assessments, education and counseling were provided for all the children and many in the community by our first ever medical team at Hope Center.
- 114 children now have sponsors verses 87 in 2017!

#### **Vincent Nyamache - Giving Back**

Vincent's father died when he was only three. When his mother became too ill to care for him and his younger sister Carolyn, they both were accepted into Hope for Children Center. A sophomore at the time, Vincent completed his high school education and then, with the help of his sponsor, attended Busoga University in Uganda. He graduated with a BA in Mass Communication in 2010. He taught high school for a number of years before he accepted his current job with the Homa Bay Government as a Hansard editor. His job includes research, editing and other administrative duties. Vincent joined the Hearth to Hearth Local Advi-



sory Board last fall. He shared that as a former resident he can understand life at Hope Center from the perspective of the child, as well as help guide the Local Advisory Board on matters of government regulation. He is happy to have the opportunity to give back. *Vincent (left) with Marwa Simion, Hope Center Administrator.* 

#### **2018 Financial Operations Report**

### Final 2018 Financials TBD

We are excited by the further improvements and expansion planned for 2019. Here are some of what we see happening this year:

- The preschool building will be completed, and classes will begin to be held there.
- The computer lab will be furnished, and we hope to begin to offer computer training
- We will accept at least 11 and perhaps as many as 20 new children
- We will hopefully have sponsors for all of our children
- A team from the US will be going to Kenya in the fall to work on various projects that will improve the lives of the children

