

# NEWSLETTER

from Susanne & Leif Madsen



## Christmas greetings



From NLAI, we wish every recipient of our Newsletter a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. May the time of Christmas fill your home with anticipation, your hearts with peace and love and your life with joy and laughter! And may this Christmas remind us of Jesus Christ who came to earth - born as a baby

- to bring hope and salvation to everyone who believes in Him. Who else is there to really depend upon other than He who gives life and hope for the future?

### A special greeting from MaryAnn, the daily leader of the girls' home:

When the Corona pandemic began, it was the darkest time we have ever experienced at the orphanage. There was a lot of anxiety and the kids had many perceptions and questions about the new reality such as:

Would sponsors from other countries be able to carry on with sponsorship if they had to stop working?



MaryAnn

Would there be enough money for the children and the staff to continue the work at NLAI?

Would the staff lose their jobs and would the children in the orphanage be sent out to live on the street or sent back to conditions they do not want to live under, because of the terrible things they had experienced in their so-called home?

Would the restrictions of the number of freedom of assembly cause the orphanages to close?



Boys and girls from NLAI homes

### If donations stopped, would the staff at NLAI stop being paid?

Maybe the health facilities would be overburdened because too many people would become sick so there would not be room for the increased number of patients.

Many children believed that people from abroad were permanently prevented from visiting Kenya again. In general, everything became difficult because no one knew what to expect. But we thank God for giving us hope every day.

There were many warm greetings from the missionaries Susanne and Leif. They often sent encouragements and loving words. As usual, they secured that money was sent. This was possible because the sponsors faithfully paid their donations to the work of the NLAI.

This ensured that the children had all their needs provided for, both food and clothes as well as means for games and accessories for creative purposes which helped to fill up a long period of time away from school. Thank you for helping lift this burden in an incredible way even though you are far away. The provision



Playing time in the Girls' House



Cosy time at the Girls' House

has given us peace of mind as we see the children being able to learn new things and being active in so many ways. The children had a good time reading the Bible and learning more about the goodness and provision of God for all of us. We must say that our faith and trust in God has grown through this difficult time.

Again, thank you so much to all of you.

May the blessing of God flow to you all.

Sincerely

MaryAnn and the staff at the orphanage







## Greetings from os

We and our family are all well and of good health experiencing God's faithfulness in all aspects of our lives.

### Meetings

The covid-19 pandemic has forced us

to rearrange many things and cancel appointments, but fortunately, we have been able to attend and complete some of the events.

In August we attended the annual meeting of the SMF (Health Personnel's Missionary Association), where we also had the privilege of talking about the work of the NLAI.

For 27 years SMF has supported and been a great encouragement to NLAI and it has been very inspiring and encouraging to attend their conventions and meet with missionaries from different denominational backgrounds. In September we were invited to the LMF convention (Teachers' Mission Association) in Skjern, where we met with other missionaries and people with an interest in mission work. This too was an exciting day for us.

A planned trip to the Faroe Islands in October had to be cancelled due to covid-19. At the beginning of November, we held a meeting for seniors in the Apostolic Church in Aalborg. At the end of November, we spoke at "Classic," which is the name of a group



Classic in Citykirken Aalborg

who meet every other Thursday in the Citykirken in Aalborg. Usually 50 - 80 seniors attend. We had a blessed meeting and felt very welcome and we were very encourage.

### Fund-raising

In July Bjørg Av Rana together with other friends in the Faroe Islands made various arrangements to raise money for the food distribution in Kenya. For instance, they organized a 75km sponsored walk, a drive-in concert with music and singing from groups who performed free of charge, held an auction with various effects received from companies and shops as well as a sale of



Bjørg doing a sponsored walk

coffee and food. The efforts resulted in a total amount of USD 13500 being raised. This was used to purchase food to distribute to 724 poor families in Kenya that NLAI are in contact with through the schools. Thank you so much for all of your great contributions. They have made a huge and remarkable difference to needy families in a difficult time. As the opportunities to hold meetings have been reduced this year, we are grateful to see how God has provided means of support for NLAI to help so many people in different ways.



Billesborg School present their gift

At the end of October, we visited the Billesborg School in Køge, Denmark, who presented us with a monetary gift, which they wanted to hand personally to NLAI in the presence of the students. They had held sponsored races at the school and collected a total of USD 4775. Fantastic!

In Australia, friends of NLAI have collected approx. US 2700, to help finance a solar heating system for the girls' house simply by inviting friends and acquaintances to "morning tea" and selling handmade items and things for Christmas.



Fundraising in Australia

### The Government of the Faroe Islands support the Garment making School



Lynah the leader of the School

For many years NLAI has run a Garment Making School for 40-45 poor young women who have had limited schooling. Over time, hundreds of young women have completed their time at the school and passed state-run exams in design and sewing.

Best of all is the fact that almost all of those who have completed the education (more than 90%) have since got a job or have become self-employed seamstresses

and have been able to support their families.

NLAI has never succeeded in raising support for the education of these young women apart from one or two private sponsors, so we have had to make use of the non-earmarked operating funds to get the sewing school running. But incredibly 5 years ago, the Kavli Foundation in Norway agreed to support the operation of the Garment Making School for 4 years in a row. The support ended in 2019. During 2020, we have not received any support for the Garment Making School and again we had to make use of the non-earmarked funds. As we consider the school to be very important because it enables young women to gain a good education, we applied to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Faroe Islands for help. We are very excited and grateful because we have just been informed that they have initially granted sponsorship of the operation of the Garment Making School to start in 2021. Sponsorship for the Garment Making School in 2022 is still to be decided.



One of the students

### Change of bank

When switching bank please remember also to move the transfers to your sponsor child in NLAI to the new bank. We find that several people are not aware of this.

Approx. two times a year you will receive a letter of thanks. If you do not receive it and you have given money, it is probably due to a mistake or an error, so please contact us for correction.

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## Covid-19 in Kenya

Let us keep praying that the covid-19 virus in Kenya may remain limited, that the amount of infected people getting ill will be confined, that everyday life soon will return and that unemployed people will be able to work again.

Kenya has been shut down on a bigger scale and for a longer time than Denmark, which has been incredibly hard on the business sector with a high rate of unemployment and increasing poverty.

## Food distribution



Food ready for distribution

The schools will open for all classes in January 2021 and the school will provide the children with two meals a day. As many of the families suffer from unemployment, there will still be a need for distribution of food packages. Providing the necessary funds are available, we want to continue to provide relief in this way. We have been told that in Nakuru NLAI is the only organization that still distributes food every month.

## Support the food distribution

If you want to support the food distribution that NLAI is doing, please send your donation earmarked: "NLAI, Food Distribution" to our Danish mission account: Swift Code: JYSPDK2G IBAN no. DK7097120741793075, or Pay Pal account: newlifeafricainternational@gmail.com

New Life Africa International UK, Account Number: 92018411, Sort code: 40-18-22  
Contact: Roger Batchelor: 1243950465  
New Life Africa International in Iceland acc. 1109-05-411999 - Kt. 620180-0259  
Contact: Hvitasunnukirkjan Keflavik, Kristinn Asgrimsson. simi. 8630134

## School principal Jane Makena writes:

### The covid-19 pandemic made the whole world stand still

In Kenya, the first covid-19 cases were reported on March 12, 2020. The business sector was heavily affected by the pandemic and has never regained the same strength. The economic and the education sector took the hardest blows. Schools in Kenya were forced to close for several months.



Jane Makena,  
the principal for NLAI School

In October, the government permitted all the students from the 4th and 8th classes to attend schools. The plan was to see how things would develop and to see if it would be possible to reopen all school classes by January 2021.



Class 4 with masks



Class 8 students  
sitting with distance

start and repeat their classes as the school year has been shortened. Children and teachers in schools have to wear masks, wash and spray their hands and keep a proper distance. We thank God that to date no one from the school in New Life Africa International has been infected by covid-19. Please pray that everything will go smoothly when all school classes resume on January 4, 2021.

*May God continue to protect NLAI leaders, families, employees, and sponsors from this pandemic.*

## NLAI-Orphanages

The children are doing well and are in good health even though it has been a very difficult time for all of them. The staff have a solid understanding of the situation and have proved very creative during a time with no schooling and no activities allowed outside the playground.

The children have learned new things within areas such as food, sewing, knitting, drawing, singing and dancing and have spent time reading books and the Bible. The atmosphere in the homes has been cheerful with anticipation that things will soon be better so that they will be able to return to school.



The boys playing Rugby



Happy boys



Newly  
Graduated nurse

## Qualified as nurse

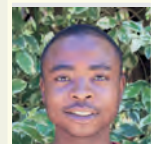
Susanne Kamau, who from the beginning did not have the opportunity to get an education due to poor conditions in her home as a result of having many siblings, has now finished her education as nurse thanks to the support of NLAI.

Susanne and her family are very grateful that someone in the family is now educated and able to help her siblings get along with their education.

Other young people had almost completed their education but due to the Covid-19 situation in Kenya many colleges have been closed for a period and this has prolonged their studies.

## Young people who began education in November

- Mercy - Diploma in Community health.
- Clinton - Hair & Beauty



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## Sponsorships

We still lack sponsorships for children at the school, the orphanages and young people. Some only need \$ 16, others need \$ 57 and some need larger amounts to cover their expenses. **If you would like to make a difference in the life of a child or young person** please contact us at [newlifeafricainternational@gmail.com](mailto:newlifeafricainternational@gmail.com) It means a lot for the children and young people to feel the act of love, that someone somewhere else in the world wants to help him or her.



Some children do not have sponsors yet

## New water tower



The Water Tower project has started well

Over a long period, we have been writing about and raising funds for a new water tower and for the renovation of the Girl's House which is very worn. As the girls' house is about to go through a major renovation next year including new water pipes and a new roof, we have also decided to make a stronger roof construction that can bear the solar heating systems for hot water so that the girls can get hot water for bathing. All water pipes in the girl's house must be replaced as there have been several water leaks which have caused damage in the house, and have to be repaired. To get the full benefit of the solar energy for hot water we must build a water tower that is higher than



New roof on the old boys' house

the girl's house in order to provide water pressure for the solar heating system. The construction of the water tower is well underway and is expected to be completed in January 2021. As it is not possible to live in the girls' house during the renovation work we have restored the old primitive boys' house and built several additional toilets so that the girls can live in the house temporarily while the girls' house is being restored in 2021.



Renovated old boys house

*Thank you to every supporter who has donated and will donate to the building projects and make this possible.*

## Concluding greetings

Once again, we would like to thank you for your faithful help both in prayer and through financial gifts that have made it possible for NLAI to bless children, youth, and adults in so many ways. Without your help this could not be done but together we can make a big difference for individuals. Greetings with a word from Jeremiah 29:11: ***"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope"*** (NKJV).

Love Susanne and Leif Madsen



### To support the ministry you can send payment to: In Denmark:

Account name: Betania Kirkecenter's Ydremission.  
Write also: N.L.A.I. - Swift/BIC code: JYSPDK2G -  
IBAN no. DK7097120741793075

### If you want to make a payment to the bank in Kenya:

Bank Name: Prime Bank Ltd., Nakuru Branch, Kenya  
Swift Code: PRIKENX - Bank Account: 200116476  
Account Name: New Life Africa International - Currency: USD

### A new payment method is now available on our webpage

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### You can support the work in different areas or sponsor a person

Support a child in primary school . . . . .	\$ 55 / £ 35 per month
Half sponsorship in primary school . . . . .	\$ 29 / £ 19 per month
Support a child in NLAI Homes . . . . .	\$ 105 / £ 68 per month
Half support for a child in NLAI Homes . . . . .	\$ 54 / £ 35 per month
Support a student in High School/ practical training .	\$ 180 / £ 117 per month
Half support for High school / practical . . . . .	\$ 90 / £ 60 per month
University and further education . . . . .	4 sponsors x \$ 80 / £ 60 per month
Crisis Centre ( mother + child ) . . . . .	2 sponsors x \$ 80 / £ 60 per month
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Maintenance & operation . . . . .	any amount is welcome
General support . . . . .	any amount is welcome