

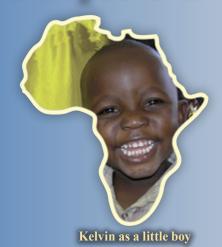
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# NEWSLETTER





# People's lives are being transformed



Kelvin is one of our youth, who we have known since he was a little boy. He came to NLAI together with his mother, who had lived on the streets since she was a teenager. His mother experienced a total change in her life, when she found faith in Jesus, and that changed her life and the lives of her two boys.

Today she is educated and has a job and she is helping many other women, who have a hard time.

# **Testimony from her son Kelvin**

"17 years later, no one can believe I was that boy with shaggy clothes and unmatching sandals. Here I am, with the pettiest of resemblance to my old life. From slum to palace, from a boy to a man. Here is my story.

My name is Kelvin Kariuki, 19 years of age and currently a student at Egerton University Nakuru. I was born and raised with hardships and struggle for survival as my parents. Some things are not worth remembering. I only heard part of it and the little that reached my ears and sunk in was that my life was next to nothing. I was dying, clinging to hope as my survival. You know God never leaves you in pain. He just gives you an experience to overcome it. Take it as an incentive from Him.

It is hard to explain what really happened to me from the day I stepped into New Life Home. It was a heavenly door. It was home. My "Home parents" helped me fit into the flock. The people there-wow! Seventeen years down the line now, and I still see their faces.

You can imagine the feeling I get. It feels like home. My youngster life became one not to worry for. I was schooled and clothed not to forget being fed, inside the New Life Home. Just the thought of it brings tears on my eyes. This is a debt I can never repay.



I have taken my studies seriously and while doing so, I have given exemplary performances. I see many street children out there and I am left to wonder why me? Why did I get the chance and not them? Why should I be the one to live a good life? I owe my life to God and to New Life Africa. Everything I have are rooted their soil.

Looking at my present life now, I am studying at a top country university pursuing a great course, a bachelor degree in mathematics statistics. I have fought a great battle and am not even close to the finish line. I will finish. I will win the race. That I promise myself. Maybe I will become a Bank manager in the future. It may seem hard at times but in those hardships, the breakthrough is around the corner.



I am 19 years old and my life now is amazing, I got a home to go to and a family to call mine.

New Life Africa international, may God bless you. You met me a zero and turned me into a hero. I owe you one. I see a brighter future. It looks so amazing and I want it.

I must give back; I will repay New Life. They made me smile I will make them smile too. Thank you New Life, for giving me a new life. My love to you is unmatchable. I love you so much. God

bless you and your family. Thank you." Kelvin –



# Personal greetings!

News from Susanne and Leif: We and our family are all well and of good health.

We pray daily for the Lord's protection of us all and especially for Édima and André and their little daughter Valentina who live in South Africa, as André is working at a hospital and the pandemic has been very severe in the country.

Because of the covid-19 restrictions and cancellations in the springtime as well, our opportunities to get out and visit people in order to tell about NLAI's work in Kenya have been rather few. Now we hope and pray that autumn will come with many new opportunities.

# **Meetings held**



On January 17, 2021 we participated in a "live-streamed" program from Bethania Church Center and were given the opportunity to reach further out with God's Word and with reports about what God is doing in NLAI and in our lives.

In late February, Leif spoke online in the program "Classic" from Citykirken, Aalborg and Susanne spoke at the meeting same place in May.

# **NLAI's Orphanages**

Since last Newsletter the orphanages have received 13 new children who are happy to get a home where they can live safely and experience love and acceptance. They have personnel to look after them 24-7. They also have other children who have become their friends. They attend school and are supplied with food and everything else

they may need. A total of 125 children and young people are now associated with the orphanages.























# **Graduates**





We are very happy that two of our young people from NLAI orphanages have finished their education and are now taking care of themselves. It is always a great joy for us to see young people come all the way through their studies ending up with a completed

education. It is not the education in itself but their faith in Jesus that will carry them through times ahead. Many thanks to all of you who have helped financially and to you who are praying for NLAI. We are very grateful for that.

**Philomena** has completed her education in Community Health Nursing & Nutrition & Dietetics.

James has completed his education in Diploma in Wildlife management. He also now has his driver's license and has completed his language training in Spanish & Chinese. Both of them have a job now.

#### **New students**







Linet:
Degree in Arts-Home Economics, Kenyatta
University

# Temporary change of the school system

Because of covid-19 the school system has been reorganized. As the schools in general were closed for approx. 2/3 of 2020, the Ministry of Education has organized new systems for the school calendar in 2021 and 2022 to catch up with lost teaching time. Consequently, new students, who should have started in January 2021 will instead begin in late July 2021. Likewise, students who are already in school will move up to the next class in late July.

# Due to these changes mailing of the pictures of the school children to all sponsors are postponed until later this year.

The school year usually has 3 terms but now the Ministry of Education has designed a plan for the schools to have 4 terms a year in 2021 and 2022, to catch up with the 2 lost semesters in 2020, when the schools were closed.

However, the 8th grade and Form 4 were allowed to go to school from 12/10 - 23/12 2020 and were thus able to finish their final exam



for the "2020 school year" in April 2021.

If this new system can continue without any further interference from covid-19 or something else, all classes will have caught up by the last term of 2022. This means that from January 2023 all students will begin as usual at a new grade level.

#### **Privacy**

Betania KirkeCenter's Outreach Mission take the protection of your data seriously. Therefore, we have a privacy policy that you can read at: http://betania.dk/privacy policy

# Food distribution is still important







We are very grateful that it is still possible for the NLAI to distribute food to nearly 750 families each month.

It is now a year since we started with the food distribution in May 2020 and so far we have distributed food for almost \$ 100000. We hereby would like to thank all who helped to make this possible by donating special contributions for this purpose.

Although the schools have reopened, we realize that it will take some time before workers in the poor families will get the jobs back that they had before covid-19.

Consequently, we will continue the food distribution to the families until at least August 2021 or longer, depending on the situation and the incoming funds for this purpose.



Kennedy, Team Leader in NLAI in Kenya and in charge of the food distribution writes: Honey from a lion's carcass? (Judges 14:8)

"I take this opportunity to send warm greetings from Kenya on behalf of the NLAI community and on my own behalf.

As Covid-19 pandemic continues to wreak havoc in people's lives, it is not easy to find reasons to be cheerful.

However, in NLAI we have had many reasons to be happy and to thank God:

Families who would otherwise be languishing in hunger and despair have had a new lease of life. Through support of well-wishers, NLAI has been distributing food bags to about 750 families for over a year now.

### Attention: receipt of the newsletter

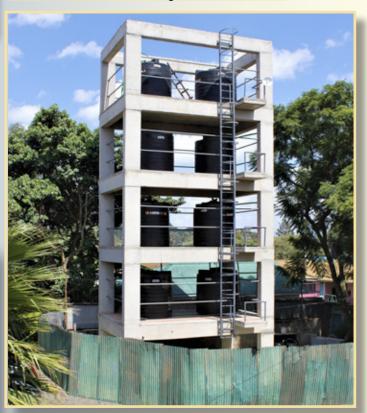
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During the food distribution which is done in strict adherence to Covid-19 restrictions, we have had an opportunity to share the word of God which has given hope and renewed strength to the community. Most importantly, none of the children under NLAI support, Staff, young people, or their parents have died during the pandemic.

I also take this opportunity to thank all the sponsors and friends of NLAI who have been praying for the NLAI community and who have touched the lives of the poor and vulnerable children, young people and families. What seemed to be all doom and gloom (carcass) has turned to be a blessing (honey) all because of you. God bless you immeasurably!

Kennedy- NLAI Team Leader.

# The water tower is completed and in use



As you can see from the picture of the new water tower, it is now completed at a height of approx. 13 m. It provides water pressure for all the buildings and for the solar heating systems on the roofs. At present on the boys' house and later on the girls' house, when it is renovated with a new roof and a new solar heating system.

The water treatment plant still needs to be installed to make the water usable for cooking and drinking. We expect this to be possible by August 2021.

### The renovation of the girls' house is postponed

Previously we wrote that we were on the point of conducting a major renovation of the girls' house. Our intention was to begin this year but due to covid-19 our construction advisor, David Virgin from Australia was not able to come as planned and will not be able to come to Kenya until next year. The project has been postponed until 2022 and we hope that David will be free to travel at that time to come and help us with the project. We are still in need of funds to be able to complete the renovation next year.

#### If you change 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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# PP1 kindergarten class at the NLAI School and at the NLAI Tumaini School

In late July 2021 approx. 60 new children will be starting in the kindergarten classes so many new sponsorships will be needed. If you know someone who might want to help, please give them this message. Remember that when you pay your contribution to NLAI work you can make use of tax deduction options if you live in DK. or if you make payments to NLAI-UK.

# **High school graduations**

22 students sponsored through NLAI have completed Form 4, which is the final year of high school, and have received their diploma. It is a great joy for us. Unfortunately, the economy cannot bear the support for further education for everyone. However, the young people who graduate with a high school diploma can apply for jobs of various unskilled sorts which in due course may lead to an education. So, all in all a diploma is a huge gift for the youngsters.

# Young people start higher education from July 2021

13 of the students who completed high school have also qualified for the NLAI help to get higher education. They are scheduled to begin their studies this summer. It will please us to see them move ahead with their dreams. However, it is conditional on NLAI being able to raise the sufficient support. So, we ask God to open doors that we may get the needed finances to secure their education.

We therefore hope that the sponsors of this group will continue and that new sponsors will join, as the expenses of supporting a student at the University and other higher education establishments are very high. If anyone, who reads this - is passionate to provide for further education, please contact us.



























#### 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 a bank in Kenya:

Bank Name: Prime Bank Ltd., Nakuru Branch, Kenya Swift Code: PRIEKENX - Bank Account: 2001116476 Account Name: New Life Africa International - Currency: USD

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

Please send an e-mail to: newlifeafricainternational@gmail.com if your donation through the webpage is earmarked.

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Again, many thanks to all of you who are helping us in the work of NLAI. We are deeply grateful to all of you who through prayer, financial support, care, and love make the work of NLAI possible. Many thanks to our volunteers who in various ways help with tasks related to NLAI and thus enable us to help even more children and young people.

Final greetings with this word from John chapter 8:12: "Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

With love, Susanne and Leif Madsen

### 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
Support a child in NLAI Homes $\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \$
Half support for NLAI Homes $\ \dots \ \dots \ \$54$ / £ 35 per month
Support a student in High School/ practical training . \$ 180 / £ 117 per month
Half support for High school / practical \$ 90 / $  \pounds $ 60 per month
University and further education 4 sponsors x $\$$ 95 / £ 65 per month
Crisis Centre ( mother + child ) 2 sponsors x $\$$ 95 / £ 65 per month
Mission work
Maintenance & operation any amount is welcome
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