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Utengo faithfully manages contributions from caring persons to support Christ-based Kenyan ministries and schools

Youth Activities...

Living Way Children's Home by Pastors Rebecca and Zachariah Shahasi



God is doing mighty things at Living Way Children's Home, which has grown to 31 children from 15 just two years ago. It has become a life-changing place. Academically the children are doing excellent. We have seen some children who came in messed up; some of them we almost gave up on. But with the help of God we gave them another chance and they have proved to be very good kids.

One example is a girl called Naomi. When she came she had a very bad attitude. She would not cooperate with other kids and she usually walked alone. She felt rejected by everybody. When we saw how much she was suffering from rejection, we invited her to our home over a holiday and talked and prayed with her. She is now the most excited girl and is also the top performing student in her class. She leads the others in praise and worship – something she would never do before.

Another boy suffered rejection from everybody because of his funny behaviors. Everybody was against him. At times he deliberately soiled the beds of other kids. He caused a lot of pain to the other kids. His performance in school went down. At some point I called every kid together and all of us prayed for every curse on his life to be broken. Today he is a very loving kid.

All of these things are happening because of the people who are standing with us in this ministry through their prayers, gifts, and faithfulness. We will never forget your work to His kingdom.

*You are in our prayers always,
Pastors Rebecca and Zachariah Shahasi*

Note: Pastor Zachariah has been elected Bishop of the Kenya Foursquare Church. He and Rebecca expect to install new directors for the Children's Home in the coming months. They will continue to oversee operations as members of the Board of Directors.



Living Way Youth outside their dorm with supplies

Gianchere School for the Deaf

Earlier this fall, Utengo held its first Golf Tournament to raise funds for the Gianchere School for the Deaf in Keumbu, Kenya. Some wonderful sponsors and friends helped us raise \$2300 towards the construction of a dormitory for the school. While the amount is short of the \$25,000 needed, the event was a great start to the fundraising and promises to be even more successful next year. The tournament would not have been possible without Ticklez Event Planning and the generous commitments from these companies:



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- Wendy Bagwell Furniture
- Chili's Grill and Bar

- Thank you!

Church Support...

Update from Pastor Zedekiah Osoro

Utengo cofounder Pastor Osoro returned to Kenya in September 2007 to resume his ministry after graduating from Beulah Bible College in Atlanta, Georgia. He provided this update:

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the most powerful name of King Jesus. I am leading the new Athi-River Church which now has 19 adult members and 15 children who attend regularly. It is a vibrant church with a lot of promise. We are targeting the town of Athi-River which has a population 22,000 people, including a high number of alcoholics, prostitutes, and HIV/AIDS victims. Our church is right on the main Road to Kitengela which is the next town. We are meeting in a small room and I'm worried that we will soon run short of space to put more people! For now the Church is doing indoor ministry house to house. We are reaching the disadvantaged families to share the word of God. One day we visited a family of nine children who were abandoned by their mother who ran away. The father had one of his legs amputated so he cannot do any work and they did not have any food. But God gave us grace to visit to share the word of God and deliver some food to them. There are many more in even worse situations. We are determined to help these dear ones to know Christ. Please give my love to my friends in the United States.

A Servant in His vineyard,
- Pastor Zedekiah



Pastor Zedekiah offers treats to the children in the Athi-River Sunday School, Nairobi



Uthiru Pastor Ondicho (far right) presents Utengo supplied Bibles to new Christians

Bible Update

Uthiru and New Covenant Churches are the latest to benefit from 80 Bibles purchased by donors to Utengo. The study Bibles with full concordance are obtained for \$8.00 each through the Colorado office of International Bible Society and distributed by the IBS office in Nairobi. Utengo hopes to meet the current need for 214 Bibles over the next several months.

Uthiru Land Purchase Nears Completion

Three years ago, caring persons joined with Utengo to assist Uthiru in the purchase of a land plot in the Nairobi area. Utengo and Uthiru negotiated a contract and the church has paid the first two of three annual installments. In September 2008, they will make their final payment and celebrate the complete ownership of their own property, enabling them to redirect rent payments to ministry and development.

If you would like to help reach the lost and hurting in Kenya, please complete and return this section with your gift to the address on the front

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CURRENT NEEDS:

- Bibles (\$100 supplies 12 Bibles) Sponsor an orphan (\$20 per month/\$240 per year)
 Gianchere Deaf School Dormitory (\$22,700 needed) Best use as determined by Utengo
 School fees for orphan (\$270 for one year) Other: _____

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