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Save a life!
Fund a Scholarship
TODAY!
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Children of Shiebu Dairy Goat Project Farmer in front of their home.

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Scholarships

In 2006 we started out by providing secondary education to 12 eager orphans from Nyanza province in Kenya. Last November that group graduated from high school. This November, 2010 Joining Hearts and Hands' graduating class consists of 24 students! They are among the 125 high school students being sponsored by wonderful people like you! Never would we have imagined that 12 kids would have grown to so many. Joanne and I have been making presentations around Monroe County and several locales across the state. Invariably we tell our audiences that sponsoring a child truly saves a life. Without your support, the children we choose for scholarships would NEVER see the inside of a classroom. The education that they receive positions them to be active citizens in Africa's young democracies. An educated populace is critical if a country is to move forward, progress economically and engage in a participatory government. High school also provides our students with life and employment options that were not dreamed of before being sponsored by their American benefactors. Please see page

three (3) to see how you can permanently change a child's life for the better.



Bill and Joanne visiting two of JH & H's scholarship students

Homa Bay Orphans

In last year's newsletter we highlighted the plight of 24 year old Carolyn who was taking care of 10 children on her own. In this same village we were introduced to 5 orphans who could not attend high school due to dire family economics. The life histories of these children are heart-wrenching. The death and devastation we saw and read about is beyond comprehension. As a result, we took on these new scholarships this past January for the beginning of the new school year. We are so proud to report that their first year in school has been one of remarkable success. Many thanks to Sisters Mara and

Sister Rose for the wonderful social work they are doing and have done in locating these children and supporting them along the way.



Emily Olango November, 2010

Many thanks to all of you for so kindly sharing your treasures: a sacrifice that brings hope, peace and joy to the beautiful people of Africa!

Awabariki! (Be Blessed!)

Bill & Joanne

2010 WAS A VERY BUSY YEAR!



Precious child from St. Martin's School for Cerebral Palsy

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Look at this year's progress!!

- ◆ Another 3 Classroom block constructed at Usambara Girls' Secondary School in Tanzania
- ◆ Just completing construction of a library, 2 classrooms, teacher prep room and offices at Lufumbo Primary School in Butere, Kenya
- ◆ Friends of Francis Assisi in Katito, Kenya (location of Hannah's Hope) begin Joining Hearts and Hands dairy goat breeding project
- ◆ 2 new classrooms completed at Hannah's Hope, opening the doors to 1st and 2nd grades
- ◆ Usenge/Katito well project completed. Through a cooperative Rotary International Grant, Joining Hearts and Hands was able to bring 2 wells to the very poor community of Usenge, Kenya and one well to the very dry location of Hannah's Hope
- ◆ Kacece Electrification Project. Joining Hearts and Hands provided solar power to a rural school called Kacece near Eldoret, Kenya
- ◆ We have been able to provide jobs for ten (10) of our graduating scholarship students
- ◆ Joining Hearts and Hands enrolls 125 secondary students on scholarship!
- ◆ Mosquito nets provided for all children at St. Martin's school for Children with Cerebral Palsy
- ◆ Plans underway to team up with AKIN (African Kids in Need) to develop a learning center and vocational education for youngsters in Butere, Kenya
- ◆ Continued growth of sustainability projects featured in last year's newsletter. The Kongasis tailoring group flourishes, expanding to the bakery business; Shiebu dairy goat project is growing by leaps and bounds and the St. Patrick's Women's Group continues to sell their eggs at market and begins a shoe selling project

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Usenge villager collects polluted water before the new Rotary well was dug this year!



Left: Children in front of their home in Korogwe, Tanzania. Joining Hearts and Hands has been working with the local nursery school for the past three years. This past year has been particularly difficult as the area is experiencing one of the most difficult droughts in many, many years. Water projects such as the one above become all the more critical as the rains continue to be elusive.

SCHOLARSHIPS SAVE LIVES!

Joining Hearts and Hands is providing 125 secondary scholarships to students throughout Western Kenya and Korogwe, Tanzania. Without these scholarships, as school principal in Maseno, Kenya William Kabbis has said, "These students would never see the inside of a high school classroom." This year, Joining Hearts and Hands will graduate 24 students. Most of our scholarship students are orphans with absolutely no financial means of furthering their education. High School in Kenya and Tanzania is not free. **The average Kenyan earns between one and two dollars a day, making educating their children an unaffordable luxury.**

Sponsor an Orphan's Education TODAY!!

Here is what only \$400 per year provides:

- ◆ A full year of High School Education
- ◆ Room and Board
- ◆ A life with hope!

Don't Delay! Send a check today and give Africa a bright future!



Bill and Joanne visit four graduating students at Inaya– November, 2010

May we Give A Presentation On Africa For Your Group or Organization?

One of the four major goals of Joining Hearts and Hands is to bridge the cultural divide between the United States and Africa. We would like to do a multi-media presentation for your group! We are currently booking dates to speak to community groups, schools, church groups, organizations and civic clubs (Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Masons, etc.)

Having an educational focus, we love visiting schools and individual classrooms. There is no better way to educate our children about Africa than being able to engage in dialogue and see what most of the rest of the world is experiencing through crisp visuals that "keep it real."

If you would like to schedule an interactive presentation, please call us at:

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HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Tired of buying gifts that no one needs or wants for the holidays?? Why not consider a family donation? It's a great way to share your love with children in Africa that have so little.

We are changing the lives of the needy in Kenya and Tanzania because of YOU.... A result of your generosity. Without your financial commitment, we cannot make the kind of progress that we have made in less than four short years.

- ◆ Keep us and the people of Kenya and Tanzania in your prayers
- ◆ Organize a fundraiser. Everyone is not always able to contribute financially, however, we all have talents to share. Many people have come up with fundraising ideas and have run with them. Can you organize a run? A dance? A dinner? An auction? A Talent Show? There are so many possibilities! Kids have worked wonders with lemonade stands!!

- ◆ Talk to your employers. Since we are a 501 (c) (3) many companies will provide matching funds.
- ◆ Talk to your employer to be a corporate sponsor
- ◆ Set up a presentation with your club, church or group.
- ◆ Donate if possible. Any amount is appreciated.

We are now in the midst of our main annual fundraiser. If you do not have a copy of the brochure, e-mail us at wcala@rochester.rr.com or jcala@rochester.rr.com or call us at **585-377-8298** and we can e-mail or send you a copy. It is also available on-line at: www.joiningheartsandhands.org

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Joining Hearts and Hands is an IRS approved 501 (c) (3). There are no local personnel costs for **Joining Hearts and Hands**. Bill and Joanne Cala take no salaries and pay for all of their accommodations and travel expenses both here and in Africa. Your tax deductible gifts go directly to the children you see below!

