



# SEEDS IN HIS GARDEN

*"where children are no longer orphans, but seeds in HIS garden."*

## ***"Mama" Becky's Visit to the USA!***

The primary reason for insisting that Mama Becky come to America was to get some much needed rest. We believe that mission was accomplished. In addition, many other good things happened as well. She was able to meet many people who support her in prayer and with financial support. She made effective presentations in five churches: Carpenter's House in Monterey, CA; Church of the Oaks in Del Rey, Oaks, CA; Cypress Community Church in Salinas, CA; Trinity Life Center in Seattle, WA; St. Luke's Community Church in Fresno, CA. She returned to Nairobi, Kenya, on August 4, 2006. Here is Becky's summary of the trip:

*"On my way to the USA, I made stops in Holland and Singapore. My trip home was needed in many ways, but I am eager to get back to my children. This trip brought great focus upon my family, especially more time with my Mom and Dad. I stayed with them for most of the time on this trip. It was enjoyable, enlightening and, in some ways, bittersweet. There were many great highlights during my stay, and I would sum it up something like this. I experienced an emotional and generous wedding of a dear friend, enjoyed scenes of great beauty in Tahoe, in the Northwest, and on the Monterey Peninsula. I was overwhelmed by the generosity of friends, the fun of a pre-50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, the graduations and engagement of nephews, time with horses, and the joy of renewing old friendships and making new ones. I cannot begin to thank those who were part of this journey home. There were times of sharing and emotional lifts just when I needed them. Most of all, thank you to all who are part of Seeds In HIS Garden, the children, and all the activities we are involved in in Kenya. I pray that you will be blessed for your tenderness and compassion as you continue to "make a difference" in the lives of others. Thank you and may God bless you."*

*"Mama" Becky*

## ***"Thank You" from the USA Office***

We are so appreciative for all who helped make Becky's trip home possible. Linda Van Dalen (Becky's assistant from Holland) was in charge of the home in Kenya during Becky's absence. Here in America, many people stepped forward to make her visit more enjoyable and beneficial. Some made contributions that helped with

airfare and travel in the States. Others provided entertainment, or helped with housing and transportation. We are grateful for each one of you!

## ***Volunteers from America***

Margie and Dave Anderson volunteered at SIHG for seven weeks. Dave is a school teacher and Margie is an artist. They were a tremendous help during Becky's absence. They began by delivering over 200 pounds of educational materials.

While there, Margie helped the children with art work and painted murals in the house. She also spent time with the girls in cooking and Bible studies. Dave helped all the students as a tutor, began a study for the older boys in the Book of Proverbs, and was a highly effective role model and mentor.



Bob Williams, a Monterey attorney, spent four weeks there as a volunteer. He worked with all the boys in many activities and says that he was "truly part of a real family in a real home where love was shared in awesome ways." Bob also said, "The children are secure, safe, and truly happy. I would have been proud to call all of them my sons and daughters. These young lives were rescued from the pits of despair and resurrected to a life of love and hope and the prospect of a bright future. God bless SIHG and everyone who is assisting this most worthy of all causes."

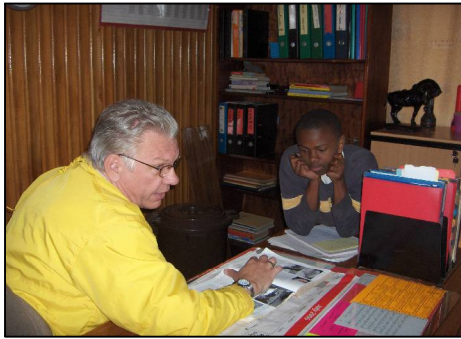
## ***Four "Kenya Stories"***

*By Margie & Dave Anderson*

**B**enson is one of the leaders of "The Young Lions," which are the fourteen and fifteen year old boys named from Proverbs 28:1. He was the first one to volunteer to lead our Proverbs Bible study, which took place on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:30 AM each morning before breakfast of bread, butter, and tea. He was faithful in attendance and in

prayer, as were the other boys. He was terrific on the campout, always helping with chores. He always showed Bob, Paul, and me the greatest respect as men. He has told Mama Becky he is sensing God's call to be a pastor. Mama Becky is encouraging him to talk to Pastor Papa (Rev. Wayne Adams). In my view, Benson would be a great and very loving pastor.

**J**oseph is our thirteen-year old sponsored boy. He has been working hard to improve his grades (mostly A's and B's now) so that he can ride his new orange bike. The day he got his bike, he rode it



proudly up and down the street and around and around the driveway. What amazed us was how pleased all the other kids were, especially Joseph's sister, Jacintah, that

he had a new bike. How many American kids would be genuinely pleased when a brother or sister got an expensive present when they got nothing?

**A**t eighteen years old, Mercy is the oldest girl at the house. She studies just as hard as all the other kids, which is about 8 to 10 hours a day. She also finds the time to volunteer at Hope House, a home for orphaned AIDS babies up to the age of 2 years. On weekends, she also mothers the younger kids and takes care of Gabby and Serah, the three year olds, when their caregiver, Betty, is off. Mercy is a leader in the Bible study for girls on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:15 - 5:00 PM.

**D**inner time at *Seeds In HIS Garden* is an amazing event. At 4:15 PM, Shadrack, Kevin, and Janice set the tables with the bright plastic plates and cups, along with spoons or forks if needed. They then bring in the jug of water and large bowls of food to the 4 tables. The group patiently waits until all are seated, and then one or more of them leads in prayer. The place gets pretty quiet at first and then, as they start to finish eating, the laughter and talk grows. Each table waits until every one at that table has finished before anyone gets up to leave. Then the group takes the dirty dishes back to the kitchen to be washed. No one tells anyone to do this, they just do it. Rachael and Marvin then wipe down the

tables to prepare them for homework time. We were greatly impressed at how these children worked together with almost no arguments. They were a pleasure to be with!

### **Homecoming**

*By Bob Williams*

On August 4<sup>th</sup>, Becky arrived home in Kenya. We wish you all could have witnessed THE HOMECOMING

when, after four months away, Mama Becky was reunited with her kids. The love literally flowed in both directions as all the children, blazing



sparklers in hand, greeted her late night arrival. The reattachment was instant. Both big and little kids hugged and kissed and cried, as Becky was indeed welcomed HOME. The party continued the next day with dancing like only the Kenyans could do. The whole affair was just a beautiful thing. We (Bob, Dave and Margie) were privileged to be there.

### **A Volunteer from Singapore**

Helen Brownell has arrived at *SIHG* where she will work for six months to oversee the education program. She is the daughter of missionaries to Singapore and is highly qualified as a teacher. She graduated from Azusa Pacific University and attended Oxford. She has taught English in several countries. She is highly proficient in the A Beka education program used at *SIHG*.

### **Guard Dogs**

Safety is a major concern in Kenya. Guard dogs are an absolute necessity. Money had been donated for two new dogs before Becky left Nairobi. Both died from "tick fever" while she was gone. A Small Group in Monterey heard about the need and donated funds for new dogs.

### **Building Planning**

In November, a group of men are going to Kenya to try and make arrangements for getting the building project underway. We are still short of funds, but it is felt that we must move forward as quickly as possible. Getting *SIHG* to its own property is extremely important for a number of reasons.

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