

Exciting updates from... the ACF Cheetah Express



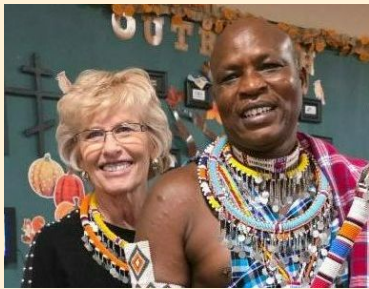
Our "Goats for the holidays" campaign was a huge success!

Due to your generous support we were able to provide goats for EVERY sponsored child and their family.

Leonard and Anne had their hands full, going to several markets to purchase all the goats and herding them to various locations where we had the children and their families gathered to receive them. With the help of a few of our older kids they pulled it off and everyone was overjoyed and truly thankful for this special gift.

On another note; we also used this time as an opportunity to speak with the parents about a host of issues such as monitoring their child's progress and homework and even limiting access to cell phones/social media (yes, social media has found it's way to developing countries). All in all, this campaign brought many blessings and the students send their appreciation to those donors that made it possible!





Happy New Year to all of our ACF family!

It's such a pleasure to start out a newsletter with the words *"our campaign was a huge success"*.

I continue to be amazed at the generous nature of our sponsors and donors. Truly, we may be a small organization - but we have a **mighty group of donors and sponsors and together we make a BIG IMPACT!**

In addition to the goat giving, we've had four group gatherings during this holiday break at the Lenkai Christian school (see article to the right). I've received a multitude of pictures, videos, letters and grades to share with you - so keep an eye out over the next few weeks for an email with updates on your sponsored student(s).

Three key factors have come to our attention that we will be focusing on this year:

1. Because unemployment is so high in Kenya, we are discovering that it's not always enough to have a college degree. The whole point of education is to ensure gainful employment, but there are few jobs to be had and much competition. We are collaborating with other non-profits and have made this a priority. Can we help students find job opportunities; can we create jobs ourselves? Is learning a trade more appropriate than a college degree? We will keep you updated on our progress with this issue.

2. We've been asked by several sponsors to come up with a Legacy Giving program. Thanks to the efforts of our board member Sam Bridle, I am happy to say we have one nearly completed. Stay tuned for further details. It's very exciting to put this into place so our efforts will continue long into the future.

3. To secure an office in Kimana and hire an employee to assist Leonard and Anne as needed. This will take some funding outside of sponsorship - please spread the word - any assistance is more than appreciated!

In closing, both Leonard and I want to convey how humbling and heartwarming it is to receive your continued support. Because of your generosity, children are learning in safe,



Holiday gatherings - workshops, smiles and full bellies!

During our recent school break we were fortunate to collaborate again with Lenkai Christian School.

We featured an ACF character development workshop for all grade levels emphasizing core values such as integrity, courage, empathy and perseverance. We also had STEM projects, letter writing, pictures, grade collections and so forth.

*We were thrilled to have the Lenkai secondary school Principal, **Mudavadi**, (who is also an ordained pastor) speak with our older students about everything from the gospel to networking, job search, social media and much more.*

We believe these workshops are vital to the success of our students and foster a sense of family, commitment and determination to succeed. For those of you that have given to the ACF Scholarship Fund - please accept our appreciation for helping us make the gatherings possible.



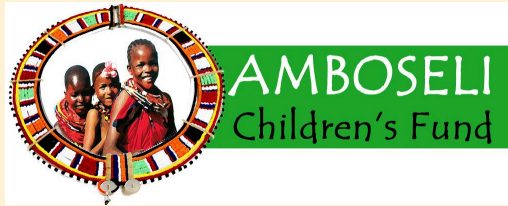
life-affirming academies, and communities are building a stronger, more hopeful future.

Your support creates real, lasting change - and we can't wait to see what this new year holds. Thank you for being a part of this story!

Shari Young

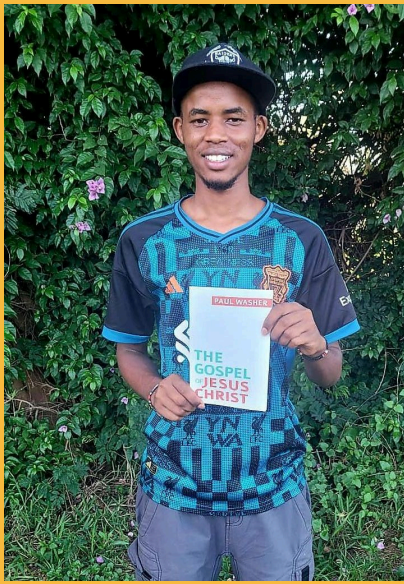
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ACF Kenya & Tanzania 2026 Group Trip Update

It's only 8 month's away and we are fully booked and all deposits are in! Our group consists of fun, adventurous world travelers who will experience Africa for the very first time. While this is the ultimate safari experience, we promise you, the highlight will be meeting our kids and seeing how our program is transforming their lives.

Leonard, Anne and I are so excited to show you this beautiful country and these amazing people - the Maasai. I'll be in touch in the coming months, but if you have any questions please feel free to call me at 949-350-3516.



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