

# The latest news from the ACF Cheetah Express



## Spring Greetings to our ACF family

Okay folks, I know the headlines lately are disturbing; missiles flying in the Middle East, tensions spiking, and crises everywhere. It's easy to scroll through and come away disheartened.

But here's the thing: right now, in quiet corners like our classrooms in Kenya, something else is happening. Kids—Maasai kids—are raising their hands, laughing over math problems, and dreaming bigger than ever before.

Look at these faces in the pics to the right — eyes wide with wonder, tentative smiles breaking forth. **Good things are still happening in our world** - the stories just don't make it to the mainstream media.

**And good people are choosing to show up.** Donors like you consistently supporting our program, teachers tutoring our kids who struggle, sponsors crossing oceans to meet their students and experience Kenya.

And honestly? That's the ACF story. Not the noise, but the hands reaching out—yours, mine, strangers who still believe one lesson can change a life. We're proof: goodness isn't gone. It's just quieter. But when we keep going, it gets louder.

From all of us at ACF, thank you for your encouragement and belief that we can make a difference...one child at a time!

**Shari Young**

Co-Founder

[AmboseliChildrensFund.org](http://AmboseliChildrensFund.org)



## Your words, their dreams

*Attention sponsors! We're asking if you'd write one quick letter to your sponsored student during their school break this coming April.*

*Just a few lines about why you care, or what you're proud of.  
No pressure, no fancy words.*

*It will take five minutes, but for them? It's huge...proof someone's rooting for their dreams.*

*Just email me your note; a recent pic of YOU (not a grandchild or pup) if possible by **Friday, April 10.***

*An example:*

Dear Mark,

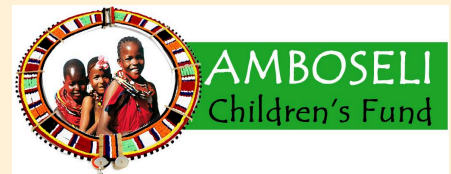
I hope this letter finds you smiling - maybe after a tough exam week? I'm so proud that you have advanced to secondary school now.

I think about how far you've come. You're doing good to keep focused on your studies when life could pull you elsewhere - like herding cattle or helping at home. **Keep going; we believe in you.** Better days will be coming for those back home because of your efforts.

Can't wait to see new pics after your school break!

Warmly,

Shari



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## It's official - ACF has an office!

Check out these photos - only in Kenya would you transform a Dairy shop (think milk) to a business office. But Leonard is our great negotiator and even though it had to be remodeled, the rent is only \$100 per month.

## ACF Educational Field Trip

*Departing Wednesday, April 8th we are bound for Nairobi! All secondary students who have not been to this major city in Kenya will be on board, along with Leonard, Anne, Stephen and two university students; Faith and Rose.*

***Our students will participate in workshops at trade schools and universities and learn about a variety of career options and why their studies are so important.***

*Just imagine, this will also be the first time these children experience a shower. The first time they ride an elevator, use a flushing toilet, see masses of people and cars and tall buildings.*

***It's going to be quite an endeavor and we need your help! A BIG THANKS to those that gave after our last email.***

***We still need about \$800 to cover our costs of transport, food and accommodation.***

***Please give today - it will go into the scholarship fund to be used for the fieldtrip. ANY AMOUNT is greatly appreciated!!***

For those traveling on the group tour in August - this will be one of our stops. Let me tell you, Leonard is quite proud of the transformation so we must all give him plenty of accolades!

For our Kenya staff to finally have a work space, rather than a dried mud manyatta is a true blessing. Leonard has spent the past few months making all of this happen and will soon be adding office chairs, printer, desktops and so forth.

This is a huge step for Amboseli Children's Fund - **and only possible because of the kind generosity of our donors!**



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## **Celebrating International Women's Day**

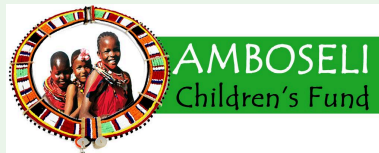
This past month Anne participated in a community effort with her church to reach out to the orphans, widows and less fortunate in their community.

They put together 12 packages for each of the families they visited which included food staples, detergent and cleaning supplies as well as clothing for those with young children.

During church service, the pastor prays over each bag. Then afterwards, they go in pairs; two women to each home offering encouragement and a short house ministry.

Anne visited with a woman who has a mental health challenge. Both of her parents died last year and now she





lives with her younger sister, who struggles to feed and care for them and the children.

We have discussed the possibility of ACF developing a program to assist these women on a regular basis. As you can see in the photo - they have so very little. While they are thankful to receive the packages, the emotional support and compassion is just as welcome.

*Stay tuned for further updates after our trip this August.*



## SPONSOR NEEDED

Yes - we have children still waiting to be sponsored!! Shown here is **Mark Saidimu**, just 9 years old and in 4th grade. He is a cheerful, outgoing boy and eagerly awaits the news that we have found a sponsor.

**Help us spread the word and lets transform another life together!**

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Lenkai High School Design - Front Gate



Lenkai High School Design - Senior Class Block



Lenkai High School Design - Pavillion



Lenkai High School Design - Library



Lenkai High School Design - Dining Hall



Lenkai High School Design - Girls Dormitories

## A big endeavor by our friends at Just One Africa and Lenkai Christian School

Over the past year I've spoken of our desire to collaborate with other non-profits who have similar objectives. This August we will be meeting with two of those organizations; [Just One Africa](#) and Lenkai Christian School. These are the people behind the construction of a first-of-it's kind secondary school in Kimana (renderings shown above.)

Already, several of our students attend Lenkai primary school where we believe they receive superior care. The curriculum emphasizes character development alongside academics, aiming to foster skills and leadership. And now, a secondary school is being built to bridge a critical gap in the community, with a target completion sometime late 2026. This new campus will serve over 800 students in a safe, trauma informed environment.

This is an amazing endeavor and one that I would like ACF to be a part of in the future. However, as with all things in Kenya, we must take it slow and meet with these organizations first; visit the actual site and ensure all is in line with our own mission to uplift the lives of Maasai children. That being said, I'm more than excited for our trip in August and truly feel that great things are in store for ACF! Keep us in your thoughts and prayers and always know how grateful we are for your continued support.

If you have a moment - this is an excellent video and will give you an idea of why we would like to be involved in this project. Please watch!



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