

FOCUS ON:

THE SHEPHERD'S HOME
AND
EVANS MUNYUI NJERI

In March 2006, Grace Church began a new venture in supporting the Shepherd's Home in Kenya,



Africa. Begun in 2003 by the Rev. MacMillan Kiiru and his wife, Nelly, in

Rev. Mac Kiiru

partnership with Discover the World (a Christian non-profit relief and development organization which seeks to bridge needs and resources worldwide), the Shepherd's Home seeks to respond to the AIDS crisis in Kenya.



Nelly Kiiru

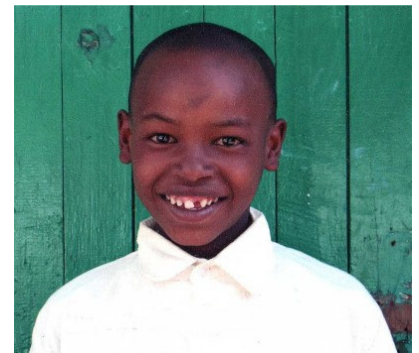
Today, 52% of hospital beds in Kenya are filled with AIDS victims, and it is estimated that there now are more than 1,100,000 orphans in Kenya alone, with nearly 15 million children worldwide who have lost one or both parents to AIDS. Such children are left starving and homeless, and stigmatized by their parents' AIDS-related deaths.



The Shepherd's Home was born in response to this crisis, seeking to minister to and care for these children. What began in 2003

with twenty girls in one home in Nairobi, Kenya, has grown to two homes: one for girls in Nairobi, and one for boys in Gilgal, serving a total of 51 children. Additionally, two Shepherd's Academies are in operation, providing Christian-based education for the orphans as well as children of the surrounding community. More than 270 children and their families are served by these schools.

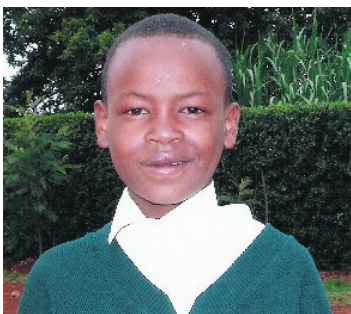
We began our support of the Shepherd's Home with a hope, a promise, and many questions. Would we be able to support a child at a cost of \$1,800 per year? Once we started, would support be found for an ongoing ministry? Who would be our special adopted child? The answers were "yes," "yes," and "Evans Munyui Njeri."



What a joy it has been and continues to be to partner with Discover the World and the Shepherd's Home. We have been privileged to meet Dr. Doug Millham, founder of Discover the World, and to have Mac and Nelly Kiiru visit with us and share stories of the children of the Shepherd's Home, most especially Evan's story.

Orphaned at the age of seven, Evan was first sent to live with an aunt. However, she could not take care of him, sending him out into the streets to fend for himself. Eventually he made his way to the

Shepherd's Home, and he became our adopted child when he was eight years old.



Evans is now 11 years old and doing well, as are the other children. Ministry is happening, lives are being changed, and the children of the Shepherd's Homes and schools are thriving.

Evans Munyui Njeri

During the 2008 winter uprisings in Kenya, the Shepherd's Home temporarily housed and cared for 150 children displaced by the civil unrest. In November of 2008, Sarah Waceke, the oldest student, was selected for training as a dental assistant: the first Shepherd's Home child to begin her transition into adulthood. Evans also hopes to go off to college some day. I hope and pray that together we will be able to help make this possible.

Are your mite boxes full? Do you know where they are? Our primary funding for Evan comes from our Lenten soup suppers, mite boxes, special donations, and receipts from our aluminum can and plastic

bottle recycling. If you have cans and bottles, they may be placed in the recycling bins on the stage in Baxter Hall.

Please be generous and help Evan and other children of the Shepherd's Home to realize their dreams for an abundant future.



BWANA ASIFIWE SANA

"Praise the Lord greatly."



**Dr. Douglas E. Millham,
President and Co-founder of
Discover the World, Inc.**

Dear Friends,

Not only is our own nation struggling with economic problems, but the impact ripples around the world. Thank you for your continued interest and support of our work with children at risk in Africa. 2009 promises to be a year of expanded opportunities, and no matter what the economy says, we will continue to faithfully provide for the children in our care.

Through our combination of educational opportunities, healthcare, residential communities, Bible study, and recreation, Discover the World is now watching our first group of Shepherd's Home boys and girls maturing before our eyes. To a person, they are achieving happy and healthy lives.

As a result of our success with this first group of 50, doors have now opened to help many more in other regions of Kenya. Thank you once again for the donations that have made this possible.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Doug Millham