



Dear Friends,

On August 20th, I flew into JFK airport after 76 days in Kenya. How do I begin to explain those 76 days and nights? I am still figuring it out myself. If I could describe everything in one word it would be *Intense*. Intense emotions, difficulties, hellos and goodbyes, and everything else. I would like to thank all of you for your support.

I also would like to pass to you a greeting of hello from the 300+ orphaned children we visited this summer. They do not have much to give, so giving their greetings is one way that they can communicate their thanks for sending me across the ocean to help and be there for them. I can tell you that it is sent with all sincerity and love. They also want me back next summer, so keep your eyes open for another letter asking you to send me to these kids again.



I cannot fit all of the details of what I did this summer onto this page, so I will just tell you what was accomplished. I was used to get an overall analysis of the quality of education the children at the homes are getting. I visited each school that the children attend. We found that there is much improvement needed. Many kids are failing and being left behind. Tutors will need to be sent, schools will need to change, books will need to be bought or donated, and so much more. As a side

note, the children would run out of the schools to see me; just look at the photo on the top of the page. It was incredible.

I also did community visits, where we visited the homes of needy children. On such a journey, I met Abram. A boy of about 12 years old, Abram has never been to school, both his parents have died, and he works as a laborer to anyone who will hire him. That's his picture to the right. There are thousands of cases like this. Without education, this boy has no opportunity and no future. Africa is a land full of heartbreak!



I was listening to the David Crowder Band on the way back from JFK and the song *Surely we can change* started playing. The gist of the song we can choose to love others and change something, and if we all do that, we can change the world. All we have to do is play our part. This encouraged me so much because it means that I do not have to change everything, just do my part. Thank you all for doing your part in reaching the children of Kenya!

Thank you again for your support and prayers,

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