



## **HAPPY LIFE CHILDREN'S HOME FACT SHEET 2016**

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Founded in 2002 to rescue and care for abandoned babies in Kenya, Happy Life Children's Home (HLCH) opened its doors to its first three babies (two of them twin boys) in February, 2002. This dream was borne by Rev. Peter & Faith Ndungu of Kenya, together with Rev. Jim & Sharon Powell and Rev. Steve Kamau, all of USA. The Home has since expanded in its vision: **"To Provide a three-fold Ministry to Abandoned Children in Kenya" Providing: A Home and a Hope for Adoption; Quality Christian Education and Employment Training; Quality Pediatric Outpatient Medical Care.**

### **RESCUE MISSION:**

HLCH, which essentially relies on friends and partners for support had, by December 2015, rescued over 420 children, ranging from one day old to around six years, from various places to include hospitals, bushes, dumpsites, bus stations, pit latrines and vacant houses! Poverty and unemployment, health challenges, alcohol and drug abuse as well as dysfunctional family systems are some of the suggested reasons for abandonment in Kenya. By December 2015, 222 children have been adopted or placed in foster care awaiting adoption, both locally and internationally. In 2015 alone, 50 children were rescued, 17 were re-united with relatives and 23 children started the adoption process. It is exciting to state that unlike 10 years ago, more and more Kenyans are now adopting children into their homes.

### **CAMPUSES:**

**ROYSAMBU HOME:** This is home to the infants and younger children below three years of age. The Center is a hive of activity with mothers taking care of up to 50 children, with at least 20 of them below one year. The long-awaited medical center is starting to become a reality! The 'Jesse Kay Memorial' Medical Center will provide the much-needed quality medical care to the children, which is often unreliable and expensive in Kenya. It will also extend the same services to the community around Roysambu, thus serving the larger Kenyan society. It is note-worthy that the architectural plans have already been approved by the Kenyan government and construction will begin early 2016.

**JUJA FARM HOME:** Juja Farm Center is built on a bigger piece of land and is Home to school-going children at least three years of age. By beginning of 2016, 19 such children were transferred to Juja to start school. Each of the four complete 3-bedroomed houses shelters a mother and several children. By end of 2015, the center was home to 65 children. Thankfully, construction of the 2nd story of houses will be commencing very soon so that there will be a total of 6 houses. This will help ease the congestion in the current homes in pursuit of the dream of '10 children per house'. The Multi-purpose hall continues to be used as a church on Sunday, a play area in bad weather and a dining hall during the week. Having a church at the Center has given the children a great opportunity to part and parcel of the local community. In 2015 the Overcoming Faith Church ministry organized the children's Bible Club in Juja, bringing together at least 200 children from other church branches. This exposed the children to a rich learning experience and positive interactions.

### **HAPPY LIFE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:**

By end of 2015, Happy Life Christian School had grown from 61 children to 100; 65 children from Happy Life and 35 needy children from the community. The number of teachers also grew from four to seven. By the end of 2015, two of the 4 classrooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level had been constructed and are now in use. A rest room facility will be completed soon. All of this has proved very helpful as the school enters 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in 2016. The school also benefited from donations from friends and partners to purchase books and uniforms for the children as well desks and chairs for the new class. 2016 projections include expanding the school to meet the growing demand for education among the abandoned children at the Home as well as other needy children in the local community. This includes completion of the 2 classrooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level and hopefully 4 class rooms on the 3<sup>rd</sup> level, a sports field and play ground, and a bakery. Thankfully, the Happy Life fundraising dinner held in Kenya in November 2015 realized funds to construct the bakery which will provide bread for the children, income generation from the local community, and a trade learning opportunity for the older students.

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

Happy Life is forever grateful for the support from both the local and international community. So many people from within Kenya and abroad have given generously to this worthy cause! Some have given money and others many donations of clothes, foodstuffs, school supplies and medical supplies among others.

Many volunteers have also provided the extra hand in the love and care of the abandoned babies through feeding, bathing, holding and playing with them. In 2015, many volunteers visited the Home, to include students from local universities and neighbors from the local Roysambu community. At least 20 international volunteers visited Happy Life, with some spending some weeks or months at the Home. These included people from Australia, U.K., U.S.A., Canada, Switzerland, Germany, Ice Land, among others. This help is warmly received at the Home as it provides the babies with the missing 'nurture' and human touch to help them develop normally as other children. Happy Life looks forward to receive many more volunteers in 2016.

### **COORDINATION:**

HLCH is run by a local management board led by Rev. Peter and Faith Ndungu with strong support from a U.S. Board led by Rev. Jim and Sharon Powell. The Home has a local staff of 34 which include an Administrator, Nurse, Social Workers, Care givers, teachers, and Project Manager, among others.

### **SUPPORT:**

HLCH is very grateful for the continued support and prayers of friends and partners around the globe. There are several channels of support available: Monthly Partnership; Child Sponsorship (WEB: Get involved / sponsorship), and One-Time Donations in cash or kind. One can either sign up for PayPal in the HL website: [www.happylifechildrenshome.com](http://www.happylifechildrenshome.com) or send a check to *Happy Life 140 Airport Road, New Castle De 19720*;  
*Phone: 302-229-2098. Come to Happy Life and "love on" the children!*

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**"Unless the Lord builds the ministry and watches over the ministry, the builders and watchmen labor in vain" Ps 127:1**