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Hugs and Hope

Hugs and hope. That's what you are sending to the boys and girls who live at the Daughters of Charity Nursery in Limuru, Kenya. Last year, children in the United States donated \$3,500 to this Nursery through the Holy Childhood Association.

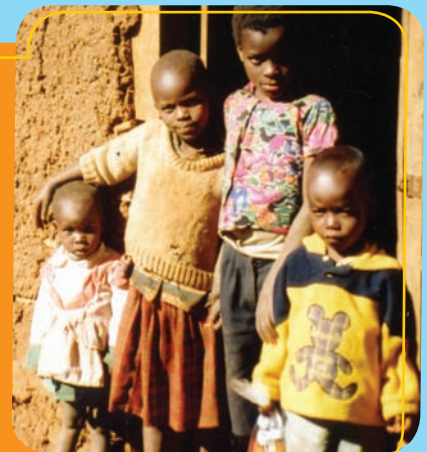
"A little really does make a big difference," says Sister Liz Smith, a missionary who helps to care for the children. "Without your help, our work here would be almost impossible. We count on YOU – and thank God for your kindness."

At the nursery, the children learn to read and write, and receive three meals daily – as well as regular medical care and a lot of love.

Thanks for your prayers and help!

About Limuru

Limuru is a town located near the Great Rift Valley, in central Kenya. Ask your parents or teacher to help you locate it on a map! There are many tea and coffee plantations in the area and forests of eucalyptus trees.





What Is HCA Mass Like in Kenya?

The Archdiocese of Kisumu in Kenya celebrates Mass for members of the Holy Childhood Association. At the start of Mass, children sing and dance and play drums as they process into the Church. After the first reading, the children sing again. When it is time for the Gospel to be read, children sing and dance, as the book containing the Gospels is brought to the altar. At the Offertory, children come forward with gifts of eggs, beans, fruit, and maize, giving thanks to God for His many gifts to them. They also present candle stands they have made from stones and mud. Throughout the entire celebration children sit in every available space – including the altar!

The school pictured above was built by your love and prayers. Through help from the Holy Childhood Association, the archdiocese has built new school rooms and underground water tanks for children. At the school, children learn basic skills and receive religious education. The water tanks provide clean drinking water.

Did You Know?

Kenya was a colony of the United Kingdom from 1920 until 1963. Since its independence, it has been a republic, with a president, a court system and a lawmaking body, called the Bunge.

Get the facts...

Kenya

Official Name:
Republic of Kenya

Form of Government:
Republic

Capital:
Nairobi

Official Languages:
Swahili, English

Money:
Kenyan Shilling

Start



Finish

Good News Safari!

Imagine you have been invited to travel to Kenya to go on a “Good News” safari. Enter the maze above, and as you make your way to the village chapel, circle the things you might see on your “journey for Jesus”!



A Crossroads of Culture

Kenya is located between the Indian Ocean and Lake Victoria. This made it a perfect place for people all over Africa and the Middle East to meet and trade goods. Cultures, customs and languages were exchanged also. Today in Kenya, more than 60 languages are spoken, and there are more than 40 ethnic groups! Almost everyone there speaks more than one African language. With your parents' permission, visit our website – www.onefamilyinmission.org – to hear words and common phrases in Swahili, one of the languages spoken in Kenya.



A Christmas Prayer for Children in the Missions

Lord Jesus, Light of the world, Your cousin St. John the Baptist told people to prepare for Your coming. As Christmas grows closer, help us to be ready to welcome You with open hearts and to share Your love with others – especially children in the Missions. We pray especially for children in Kenya and East Africa who do not have enough food to eat, or clean water to drink. And we pray for missionaries who share the “Good News” of Your birth with people all around the world! Amen.

Don't Forget!

The deadline for entering the 2011-2012 Christmas Artwork Contest is January 31, 2012!