

CURRENT FINANCIAL NEEDS AT PCH

As indicated in the rest of this newsletter, the work of PCH could not go on without your support. There continues to be many areas where your financial support is needed. Several of these are indicated on the Support Card attached. There have been many needs mentioned with reference to giving through our website. However, if you would prefer to make a donation by check, please complete the Support Card below and mail it to:

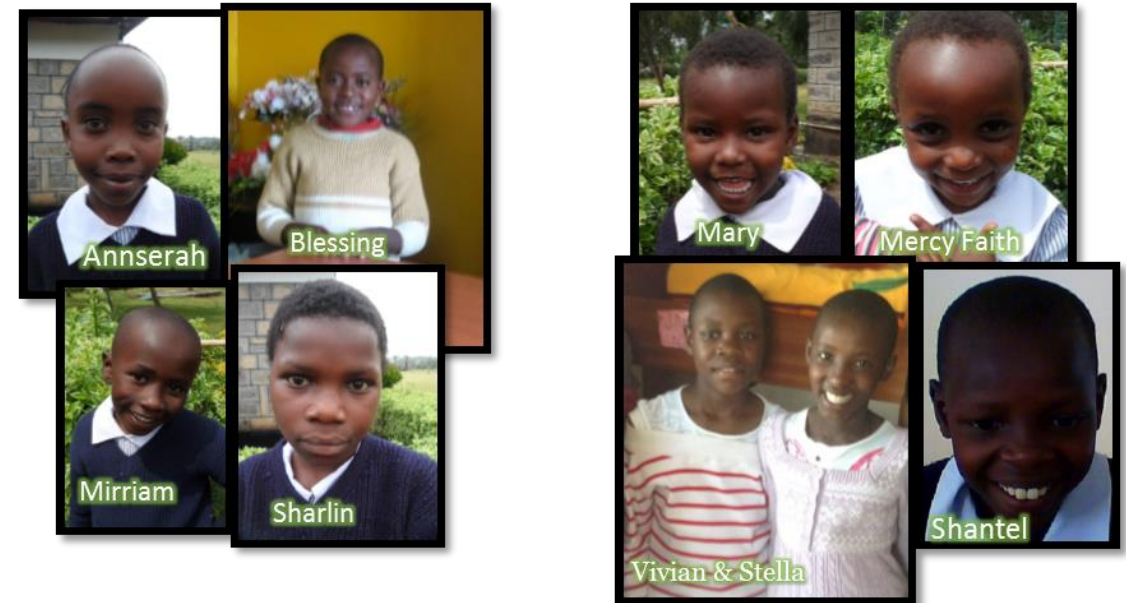
Providence Children's Home
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11 years after the passing of Providence founder Joram Gitau Githumbi, his dream lives on through the generosity of supporters like you. God Bless you.

PROVIDENCE CHILDREN'S HOME

2013 A Year in Review



Our New Orphans

In 2013 several new orphans arrived at PCH and we now have a total of 45 girls for whom we provide a life-changing opportunity. All of the children who arrived in 2013 came as "wards of the state," meaning they had no known family to be their legal guardian. These Orphaned Vulnerable Children (OVC) came to us with only rags for clothing, usually in poor physical condition and with no prior formal education. 2013 was a year of learning how to care for these fragile lives in ways that would restore them and give them hope for their future. To assist with this effort, we have hired a tutor to teach the girls how to attend school and to prepare them for the classroom environment. We hired a second social worker to help with their many personal needs and daily routines. Through generous donations, we were able to hire a Psychologist at the end of the year who will be addressing the many scars of physical and emotional abuse that these girls suffered before arriving at PCH. Based on what we have learned from the adjustments of the new girls that arrived in 2013, the pace of bringing in new orphans will be slowed to allow the personal attention that each girl needs to adjust from the cold, harsh world they knew to a warm, loving and structured environment they are given at PCH. There will be more new orphans arriving in 2014 as beds are available and we don't yet have enough monthly pledges of donations to meet the needs of all the girls. Your continued generous donations are needed now more than ever. For more pictures of the girls, please visit the website's Recent Photos tab.

Valentine Kekoi graduated from high school in December, making her our first orphan completing that level. Valentine desires to attend Moi University and study Hotel Management. She is attending a local computer training class to



hone her keyboarding skills while she awaits word of her acceptance into the university, expected this spring. She is just the first of many orphans who are

now approaching the end of high school and learning what they might do beyond that, with eight girls in the 11th class and seven girls entering the 9th class in 2014. PCH is committed to care for and guide the girls in their education until they have gainful employment and can live independently on their own. In order to support this effort, a College/Vocation Fund has been established to help meet their needs as they transition into this exciting phase of their lives. You can make donations to this fund on our website's GIVE tab or by designating this on your donation check.

Our First Graduate

PCH Clinic Goes Mobile

We welcomed a new Lab Technician in 2013, Esther. She came to PCH with lots of energy and enthusiasm. Esther and the clinic nurse, Nancy, decided to spread the word of the clinic to the surrounding communities. So, in early December, when school was out, they obtained a canvas tent and setup shop in three neighboring villages to offer medical care remotely and provide some publicity about the clinic facility at PCH. This ended up being a big success and is sure to bring more clients in 2014. Another exciting development in 2013 was the support from the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). The IOCC provided a shipment of medicines and supplies to the clinic at no cost to PCH, air shipment included! IOCC has expressed an interest in sending more shipments and we hope to start getting regular shipments through them to defray the cost of medicines and supplies.



Projects Completed in 2013

The new Boy's Dorm was completed and dedicated in 2013 and is now home to up to 200 high school boy boarders. A new generator was installed that enables power to provide lighting at night and other basic functions for the school and Home during the frequent power outages occurring at the campus. Also, infrastructure projects were completed to support the long term growth of the campus, including additional water tanks atop the water tower, water cisterns at Rehoboth home to use the rainwater from the wet seasons. A new gray water septic system in support of the Boy's Dorm was added and dozens of trees were planted throughout the campus to provide shade, fruit and wood for cooking. Be sure to check the website for the latest project activities at the campus and see where your donations are working to help the PCH ministry. If you wish to further support any of these projects, you can do so by clicking on the Give tab on our website, under the Gifts That Make a Difference Now tab.



Fund Raising Takes Off

Thank you to the many PCH supporters who spent tireless effort putting on various fundraisers throughout the U.S. We had the usual bash in CA in April, a spaghetti dinner in and a wildly successful golf tournament in Houston and several other smaller events that helped make 2013 one of our best years for donations. This was also the first year that our Kenya Board held a fundraiser far exceeding expectations. This opened the door for local Kenyan churches to provide much more support in the way of food and other provisions throughout the year. We also had the best response to our annual Christmas Wish List campaign, with more churches being involved and every item on the list funded. Thanks to all of our supporters through your prayers, service and financial support. We hope to bring social media into our tool

