



CEO:Mission

Child Empowerment Outreach

(Formerly known as SHIM Ministries)



Congratulations CEO Sponsors!

Together we celebrate our two-year anniversary since we began the sponsorship program. So much has happened since the beginning! Our name has changed, children have grown, and visions of land in the near future makes our hearts race with excitement as God prepares us for the next stages of CEO. (Child Empowerment Outreach).

I would like to start our update with some official business so that we may move on to the more exciting news! As you may recall, about eight years ago Fellowship Church of God was made aware of a large group of children located in Kiminini, Kenya, desperately in need of essential resources. During the beginning stages of this ministry, these children were overseen by a local church in Kenya. Moving forward in time to 2016, The Kenya Team went and visited Kiminini, Kenya, the children, and the church providing spiritual oversight and guidance for these children. After several meetings and much prayer for guidance, it was found in the best interest of the children and the ministry to part ways from the Kiminini church. The Ministry then reorganized and registered in Kenya as an independent organization and was renamed CEO; Child Empowerment Outreach (Formerly known as SHIM Center). We still work under the umbrella of [Heart For The Land](#), an International Ministry of Fellowship Church of Spokane, WA, who provides many services to our ministry through our wonderful liaison and Director, Michael Bushebi. Alongside Michael is our great blessing Edina Nekesa Wanyonyi who continues to give of her life for the welfare of these children.

Well, all that being said, let's move on to more exciting news. We are excited to share that we have a new addition to the ministry. Lidgerwood Presbyterian Church of Spokane, WA, has also come alongside the vision of helping these children. Through child sponsorship, financial support to Edina, and other important vision casting duties, this congregation has become a vital part of the mission. Welcome to the team!!!

As I sit and write this letter to all of you, I am proud to announce that we currently have grown to 24 sponsored children! I can also say that we have other sponsors waiting patiently as more children are added to the sponsorship program. It is a lengthy assessment process preparing children to enter the sponsorship program. Edina and her team on the ground in Kenya are visiting the children monthly to assess their current condition, their living environments, their needs, and so forth. We are so blessed to have such a committed team to both CEO and these beautiful children.



CEO children and volunteers with Pastor Wheeler and Mrs. Wheeler

In last year's update, I mentioned a Pen Pal program was being launched. I can say that we have sent several letters from you, the sponsors, to the children! Edina and her team hand delivers these and in return sends us wonderful pictures of your sponsored children holding their letters. What an unmeasurable amount of hope your messages give to your sponsored child. If you haven't sent your child a letter yet, it's not too late. Currently they are being mailed every six months, the next going out in time for Christmas. Along with letters, we have also collected dresses, made from a local group of women, and one of our Kenya Team members sewed fleece hats and sent them to each child as well.



CEO children receiving sponsor letters

Currently the children are getting ready to head back to school. Each monthly donation helps support the cost of new school uniforms, shoes, school supplies, and tuition. Your Sponsorship also aids in the cost for medical examinations, food, and other necessities as well. The costs for all of these items and the children's needs has increased significantly over the last two years. The recent severity of drought in Kenya has caused a high rate of inflation. Since our visit last year, the cost of food and necessities have doubled and even tripled in Kenya. If you are able and would like to make an additional contribution to help with this current need, please follow this [ClearGive](#) link and see other available options. [Click Here](#)



Child at routine doctor visit.



Children getting measured for new school uniforms

With the growth of the CEO sponsorship program, a vision of land is in the near future. The end goal for CEO is to have a self-sustaining orphanage. In order to do this, the first step is to purchase land. The Kenya Team will be working hard to raise funds for this next step so please stay tuned for upcoming information on this topic.

I hope you have enjoyed sponsoring your child and that you take every opportunity to reach out and be a part of a life changing opportunity for both your sponsored child and yourself as a sponsor. Thank you for being a part of the hope, faith, and vision of God's ministry, CEO.

Sincerely,

Anne Arana

President

Child Empowerment Outreach



Stella and Elizabeth receive fish and maize.