

PIEI-DOWM-KENYA MINISTRIES

February 2025



The Dorcas Orphans & Widows Ministry started February, 2025 in a very large way. The need to assist orphans in Matathia, Korio and mBauini is great. At the present time DOWM is reaching out to ten additional orphans to support through the ministry. The ages of these boys and girls are between six and fifteen years of age.

Orphans are suggested for DOWM care by the community Chief, pastors and church leaders, teachers and other leaders of the community. DOWM is not an orphanage. We find homes for these children, very often with relatives. We define orphans as children who have lost 1 or both of their parents. A double or true orphan (both parents dead) or a single orphan (1 parent dead).



Our thanks goes out to Jody from Michigan who is the first to sponsor one of these ten children. Thank you Jody for sponsoring Elizabeth. Elizabeth is eight years old. She attends grade 4 at Matathia Primary School. Elizabeth lives with her grandmother Nayamui. Both of her parents are deceased. This makes her a true orphan.

Sponsor an Orphan



**GIVING
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NOT
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ACHIEVEMENTS



Our congratulations go out to our DOWM Orphan John Maina for completing twelve years of School required to move on to higher education. He completed the government exam with a score qualifying him for construction engineering.

John has been sponsored through DOWM by a very generous couple who have cared for him since the DOWM Program began. They paid tuition for his education with 4 years of primary school, 4 years of secondary school and now will provide up to 4 years of higher education.

Praying for you John Maina as you go forward prepared to do great things in your community/country. Thank you to John's sponsors who have shown such good care and encouragement for him.

Through the very generous gift of a Michigan church we have leased 2 acres of land for three years and begun preparing the ground for a DOWM COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDEN.

This initiative will provide a sustainable source of income, nutrition, and empowerment for orphans and widows in the Matathia, Korio, and Mbauini communities. By utilizing local labor and resources, the garden will generate revenue while addressing food security and uplifting vulnerable groups.



BECAUSE OF YOU WE ARE BLESSED TO BLESS OTHERS

A sustainable avocado farming project on 0.75 acres of school land is another new project of DOWM. The initiative involves planting 50 avocado seedlings, supporting the school lunch feeding program, and selling surplus produce to fund education for orphans. With a starting capital of \$800 (donated by a wonderful church family) and student-sourced labor, the project aims to promote food security,

When we talk of student-sourced labor, this will be part of their agricultural training curriculum. Tasks include land preparation, planting, regular weeding, and eventual harvesting. This approach not only minimizes operational costs but also provides students with practical agricultural skills and experience.



The avocado farming project represents a holistic approach to addressing the school’s nutritional and financial challenges. By integrating agriculture into the school’s ecosystem, the initiative fosters self-reliance, supports vulnerable students, and promotes practical skills among the youth. With strategic planning and active participation from the school community, this project has the potential to become a model of sustainability and social impact.



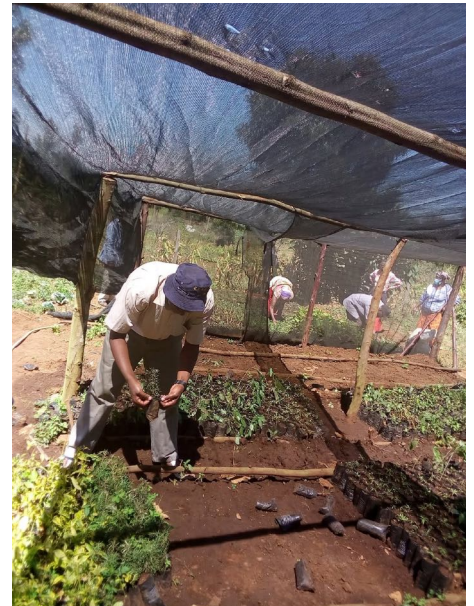


Our widow Mary is happy to be living in her new house that was built for her by friends and neighbors after the mudslides and floods of 2024.

Today she no longer lives in a mud hut. Her new home has a fireplace for cooking and heating. She is so happy to have a bed to sleep in.

The mudslides were tragic, but through it all Mary has been blessed by God.

DOWM Nursery/Green House had to be rebuilt. New seedlings for vegetable gardens, flower gardens, fruit trees and fast growing trees are being grown to replace what was destroyed by the terrible rains.



DOWM Widow Estah is so happy as Pastor Francis presents her with a new stove to cook on. She has never had an indoor cook stove, but the pain of having arthritis keeps her from cutting wood or starting a fire any more.