

Children of the King Project – Samburu, Kenya

A Fairplay Seventh-day Adventist Church Mission

Samburu, Kenya

April 2026 Newsletter

Dear Children of the King friends and supporters,

Welcome to our first *Children of the King Project* update! We are excited to share what God is doing in Samburu, Kenya, through a small but growing mission that is changing the lives of children and families in a very remote part of the world.

The *Children of the King Project* did not begin with a large organization or a detailed plan. It began with two Seventh-day Adventist teachers, Saruni and Matthew Karikei, who came from humble beginnings and understood the hardships many children in the community faced. As they shared the gospel with young warriors, their hearts longed to see the little children given a chance to be cared for, receive an education, and be led to Jesus. So they started helping the only way they could—**with what they had**.



They began by feeding the children. And as they fed them, they taught them how to read and write, always surrounding everything with the love and teachings of Jesus.

What started as simple bush classes under an acacia tree with plastic chairs and a broken-down chalkboard slowly grew into a small school serving children from multiple families in the Samburu region. Some of these children came from extremely poor circumstances, and some were rescued from life on the streets before joining the program. Today, they are safe, fed, learning, and being nurtured in the love of Christ.

For several years, Saruni and Matthew supported this work entirely from their own limited income because they believed God had called them to care for these children. They were not trying to build a project—they were simply answering a calling.

How Fairplay Became Part of the Story

In God's providence, a member of the Fairplay Seventh-day Adventist Church in Colorado learned about this small school while visiting northern Kenya—a region marked by poverty, spiritual hunger, and limited access to education. After meeting the teachers and seeing the needs of the children firsthand, it became clear that God had already begun something precious there and was now extending an invitation to help it grow.

What began as a God-given burden in the hearts of these two Samburu men—both from warrior backgrounds, who came to know Jesus, were baptized, and became warriors for Christ—soon touched hearts in Fairplay, Colorado as well.

As their story was shared back home, the church family felt impressed that this was a mission the Lord was asking them to support, and the *Children of the King Project* began to take shape.



Today, the *Children of the King Project* provides food, basic education, clothing, school supplies, and spiritual care through this growing mission serving families in Samburu, Kenya.



Where We Are Today

The school has now grown from roughly 24 children to over 50 children representing more than 30 families, and the number continues to grow as more families ask if their children can attend.

The children receive basic education, two meals daily, clothing and hygiene assistance, medical care, spiritual instruction, and a safe and caring environment. They are growing academically, socially, and spiritually. What we are witnessing is not just a school—it is **the beginning of a Christ-centered community.**

A Miracle with the Land

Over the past few months, the *Children of the King Project* leaders have been praying about land for the school so that this mission could grow and serve the community for years to come.

Recently, the local elders and community leaders met to discuss the school. After asking many questions about how it began, who was supporting it, and what the vision was for the future, they were deeply encouraged by the possibility that this project could bless the entire community, especially in an area where both a school and clean water are greatly needed.

They agreed to donate one hectare of public land—about 2.5 acres—for the Children of the King school. They also shared that if the school continues to benefit the community, more land may be made available in the future. ***We see this as a clear answer to prayer and a sign that God is opening the way for something much bigger than we first imagined.***



The Vision — More Than a School

The dream is that one day this will be a place where children receive a Christian education, where clean water blesses both the school and the surrounding community, and where families gather for Sabbath programs and worship. In an area where there is now no formal Seventh-day Adventist school and water must often be carried in from far away, God is opening the way for both a well and a Christ-centered school.



This mission is already doing more than meeting physical needs—it is changing children, reaching families, and spreading the gospel from one home to another. Where there is now deep physical and spiritual need, there will one day be a strong Seventh-day Adventist community. ***This is how God works: He begins with a few, and He changes everything.***

We Want You to Be a Part of This Story

The greatest reward for those who give and pray for this mission will not just be a building, it will be a **transformed community**. Our prayer is that this vision will become your vision too.

One day, we will look back with gratitude and say that we had a small part in something God did in a Samburu community precious to His heart. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. Your partnership can help turn this God-given vision into a lasting reality.

Please continue to pray for the land transfer process, for the installation of a well, for future school buildings, and that the children and families of this community will become a strong, Christ-centered Seventh-day Adventist witness in this region.

What God starts, He will finish.

Ways you can give: Scan the QR code or go to Adventist Giving at <https://adventistgiving.org/donate/ANGMGG> to support the Children of the King General Fund or Building Fund.



“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

— Matthew 19:14 (NKJV)

A screenshot of the Fairplay SDA Church website's donation interface. The header shows the church name and address: "Fairplay SDA Church, 802 CASTELLO AVE, FAIRPLAY, CO 80440-5093". Below the header, there's a section for "OFFERING OF THE WEEK" and a "GO TO LOCAL CHURCH BUDGET" link. The main area is divided into two columns. The left column has a "TITHES" input field and a "LOCAL OFFERINGS" section with several categories: "Combined Budget", "Sabbath school", "Local community service", "Home evangelism", and "Building fund/maintenance", each with a corresponding input field. At the bottom of this section is an "ADD CATEGORIES" button. The right column has a "Jump to Category" section with a "TITHES" input field and a "LOCAL OFFERINGS" section with a "LOCAL OFFERINGS" input field. Below these is a "CONFERENCE/REGION OFFERINGS" input field and a "WORLD OFFERINGS" input field. A "Current Total: \$0.00" is displayed, along with a "CONTINUE TO DONATE" button. A red arrow points from the "ADD CATEGORIES" button to the "MORE LOCAL OFFERINGS" modal.A screenshot of the "MORE LOCAL OFFERINGS" modal. It features a search bar labeled "Search Categories". Below the search bar, there are several categories with checkboxes: "Children of the King General Fund" (checked), "Children of the King Bui" (checked), "Capital expenses" (unchecked), "Children's Ministry" (unchecked), "Local Women's Ministry" (unchecked), and "Member assistance fund" (unchecked). To the right of these categories is a QR code. Below the QR code, it says "2 CATEGORIES SELECTED". At the bottom of the modal is a "BACK TO DONATION" button.

With gratitude,

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Our Mission: The *Children of the King Project* exists to provide Christ-centered education, daily care, and spiritual training for vulnerable children in Samburu, Kenya, helping raise a new generation to know, serve, and follow Jesus.