

Children of the King Project – Samburu, Kenya

A Fairplay Seventh-day Adventist Church Mission

June 2026 Newsletter

Dear Children of the King friends and supporters,

Everyday life at Children of the King is filled with learning, prayer, laughter, and the joyful sounds of children growing in a loving Christian environment.

This small ministry continues to thrive in practical, meaningful ways. Through helping prepare food and caring for one another, the children are learning responsibility, teamwork, and the joy of serving others.



In this simple bush classroom, seeds of truth are being planted in young hearts as they learn about the God who created them, loves them, and invites them to follow Him.

COTK Spotlight Story: Three Children God Did Not Forget

This month, we want to share the tender story of three orphaned children: **Dan, Dave, and Margaret**.

Before they came to

Children of the King, these little ones were living in heartbreaking circumstances. They were found begging in the streets, hungry and vulnerable, with no safe place to call home.

But God saw them.

Dan bravely shared how their family was torn apart by alcoholism, poverty, and suffering. After their father became deeply trapped in drinking and stopped providing for the family, the home filled with arguments and stress until the marriage broke apart. Their mother moved with the children to Kisima to stay with their grandmother, but work was scarce, and many days there was no food.

Soon, hunger pushed the children into the streets to beg. Dan said that whenever they received money, they faithfully carried it home to support the family, but their grandmother was also struggling with alcoholism and often used the little money to buy alcohol instead of food.

Dan remembers torn clothes, fear, rejection, and nights when they had nothing to eat. At times, they ate rotten fruit or searched for food in trash cans—competing with dogs and flies for whatever they could find.

In the midst of their hardship, they longed for what every child deserves: love, safety, education, and a chance to grow.



Dave, Dan, and Margaret



From lost on the streets to the loving arms of Matthew and Saruni's elderly mother—now shining lights for the kingdom of God!

Through the compassion of Matthew and Saruni, these three children were brought into the care and safety of the Children of the King school. Today, they are no longer left to wander or beg. They are being fed, taught, loved, and raised in an environment where they can know they are precious to God.

Matthew and Saruni's elderly mother has lovingly taken on the responsibility of caring for and raising these dear children. Her quiet sacrifice is a beautiful reminder that **this ministry is rooted in compassion, sacrifice, and Christlike care for vulnerable children.**

A Painful Choice—and God's Provision

This past month, Matthew and Saruni faced a difficult decision. They had been working for years as SDA pastors while caring for the Children of the King SDA school with their own limited resources and on their own time.

After years of ministering to Moran warriors and caring for children—they were forced to make a decision between the two—they **chose the children.**

This meant giving up their pastor salaries and returning the motorcycles they had depended on for ministry travel.



Their motorcycles are vital for transporting little ones who live too far



Yet they stepped forward in faith, trusting that God would provide. **Their prayers were answered in an unexpected way.**

A generous donor from the Fairplay Seventh-day Adventist Church stepped in to replace their teacher salaries, allowing them to continue caring for the children. Children of the King donations also helped provide two motorcycles so the mission could keep moving forward. This urgent need required redirecting funds that had been set aside toward the well, but it allowed the daily work of the school to continue. **"He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, And He will pay back what he has given."** Proverbs 19:17

What seemed like a major setback became another testimony of God's faithfulness and provision.

It Takes a Village

The local Samburu mothers are also seeing what God is doing. Their excitement and support are growing so much that some are volunteering their time by carrying firewood on their backs to help provide fuel for cooking at the school.

These simple acts of service mean so much. Every meal served, every lesson taught, every prayer prayed, and every child loved is part of a much bigger story.

The children are also learning through simple daily activities that help build character, cooperation, and a willingness to serve—all within a loving, Christ-centered environment.

The Next Great Need: Water



Hauling water is difficult and costly, but local stream water is not clean enough for the children.



Mothers carrying firewood across open plains to help cook meals for the school.

Before this vision can fully grow, one essential need must be met: **water**.

We are moving closer to drilling a well that will bless both the school and the surrounding community. Although the urgent need for motorcycles temporarily slowed progress on the well, we continue forward in faith to the next step God is placing before us.

A well will do more than support the school. It will serve families, strengthen the community, and open even more doors for practical ministry and gospel witness.

June Birthday Wishes / Celebrating Our Children 🎁

One of the sweetest parts of life at Children of the King is celebrating birthdays. For many of these children, simple moments of love and recognition mean more than words can express.

This month, we celebrate the birthdays of **Damaris, Laanyu, Nabore, Dan, and Mark**. Their smiles reminded us that every child is precious in the sight of God—worthy of being loved, celebrated, and encouraged.

For children who have experienced hardship, poverty, or abandonment, a birthday celebration is more than cake and smiles—it is a reminder that their lives matter, they have not been forgotten, and their futures are filled with possibility. Please pray that each one will grow “in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” 🎉

Please Keep Praying

Prayer is the lifeline of Children of the King. Each day, these children are being shaped for the kingdom of God through learning, prayer, love, and the steady influence of Christian care.

Please continue praying for Dan, Dave, Margaret, and all the children. Pray for Matthew, Saruni, their mother, the local families, and the next steps toward water.

We are grateful to everyone who continues lifting this mission before God in prayer.



Join Us In This Mission

The Children of the King school is growing in both purpose and witness in this community. You can be part of this mission through your prayers and continued support. This work is more than education—it is shaping children for the kingdom of God. As they learn, pray, and grow together, we are seeing God build something beautiful in Samburu—drawing hearts to Jesus for years to come.

Ellen G. White reminds us, **“The work of helping and blessing children is the noblest missionary work that anyone can undertake.”** — *Child Guidance*, p. 18

That is the heart of this mission: coming close, meeting needs, building trust, and pointing children and families to Jesus.

The same God who opened the way for this mission continues to lead it forward.

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.

The image shows two screenshots from a church website. The left screenshot is the main donation page for Fairplay SDA Church, located at 802 Castello Ave, Fairplay, CO 80440-5093. It features a 'TITHE' input field, a 'LOCAL OFFERINGS' section with checkboxes for 'Combined Budget', 'Sabbath school', 'Local community service', 'Home evangelism', and 'Building fund/maintenance', and a 'Jump to Category' sidebar. A red arrow points from the 'ADD CATEGORIES' button to the right screenshot. The right screenshot is a modal titled 'MORE LOCAL OFFERINGS' with a search bar and a list of categories: 'Children of the King General Fund' (checked), 'Children of the King Building Fund' (checked), 'Capital expenses', 'Children's Ministry', 'Local Women's Ministry', and 'Member assistance fund'. A QR code is displayed next to the checked categories. At the bottom, it says '2 CATEGORIES SELECTED' and has a 'BACK TO DONATION' button.

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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.