



December 2014

2014 was a year of growth. More children than ever are sponsored by ReACT.

In 2014, ReACT's Kenyan Leadership Team (see pic below), was responsible for all our projects. They monitor, assess children, disciple and pray together for this work. This year, the number of children sponsored grew to almost 175 with many more awaiting help. Please pray for this Team as they labor in Kenya! Thank you to you, our partners for partnering with us in 2014!



*Children from the home-based care program in Kiminini*



**“Reflecting the heart of Jesus by rescuing and ensuring the well-being of OVC’s (orphans and vulnerable children) and establishing simple, cost-effective and culturally relevant environments for their care.”**

## JOHABETO Home with Martin and Ruth Shikuku

One of our sponsored homes, JOHABETO, now cares for almost 60 children. This home was relocated in 2014 and this relocation was paid for by Kenya Hydro since a new power line was installed through their old property. This turned out to be a real blessing, giving the home new buildings as well as new property! Under the management of Martin and Ruth Shikuku, this home has house parents and Aunties that help with the daily details of raising these children in loving family environments. We are hoping to see this home sponsored less and less by ReACT and more and more by the small businesses that this home operates. Our goal is never to sponsor this home indefinitely but rather to see them move towards independence through the support of their own business ventures. This home now has a tailoring business, a truck transport business, a restaurant, a school on the property and a 2 acre farm to provide for the needs of this home! 2014 was a year of blessing as we saw this home move closer towards this goal of independence! Thank you to all of you, our partners, for caring for the hidden treasure found in rural Kenya!



### Home-based care

This is a simple approach to caring for orphans and vulnerable children. ReACT comes alongside extended families and provides practical support rather than removing a child from their local community. In doing so, they can remain with extended family in a familiar home and community. This is extremely cost-effective and culturally relevant.



## JOHABETO Home

This home was relocated in 2014 and a newly-built school is on the Johabeto property that offers education for children in the local community. Our goal is to see this home fully sponsored through the small businesses it now operates and 2014 saw steps towards this goal. Pray with us for this home!

## Veronica Home

The Veronica Home is named after a young girl named Veronica who died in July of 2009 at the age of 7 to chicken pox. She was HIV positive and so when she contracted chicken pox, it was too much for her compromised immune system and she passed away. In 2014, the Veronica Home grew to full capacity with 15 children. The home provides a great family environment and a well-balanced menu to help build up each of the children's immune systems. These children live as a family in this home. The Veronica Home property also is home to ReACT's Kenyan office as well as home to Mark Kamondi, our Kenyan manager. This donated property has proven to be a blessing to many!



## Sponsorship of children with special needs

ReACT has located & sponsored children who had never before had the opportunity to go to school. The Kenyan government does not pay for the education of children with disabilities. Since 2005, ReACT has sponsored children to receive an education at schools specializing in their needs. Most will finish school with a grade 8 education and go into a local trade. In 2015, the deaf school sponsorship will continue while the disabilities school will no longer continue. Contact us for more info on this change.



# CENTURION RIDE FOR ReACT

Earlier in 2014, we were concerned with lower giving but through the initiative of great friends, a fundraiser enabled us to finish off 2014 with the funds we needed. This past September a team of ten riders used their bicycles to raise almost \$15,000 for the children of Kenya. This amounts to almost 20% of our annual budget and we were incredibly grateful for the creativity of our partners and the team that gathered for this event. As we look forward to 2015, we are excited already about this upcoming ride again in September 2015. Consider joining this community of cyclists for this ride and the training rides beginning this spring. Thank you to all who played a part in this event!



We invite you to continue your partnership with us! Canadian donors will receive a 2014 receipt for donations made before Dec 26/14. Cheques should be made out to **"Assist Projects"** and mailed to:

**ReACT Kenya**  
**PO Box 22052 Big Bay Point**  
**Barrie Ontario L4N 4E0**

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On behalf of the children of Kenya, we say "Asante"!