



July



Some of the graduates

## Testimony from July

Dear New Life Africa International family.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support and love that you have given me. For 13 years you provided for me and all my needs until I got an education and was able to take care of myself. I do not take it for granted. For 13 years, I have never lacked for anything.

You gave me everything that other children with a family could wish for - food, housing, clothing, education, and medical care. In addition, you gave me love, care and attention. May God bless you for all the good work you do.

You helped me through primary school and on to High School for 4 years. After that I went to college to study "Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy" which I recently completed in January 2022.

Through the years when I went to school and later during my education, you always made sure that I had what I needed in school. You always paid my school fees on time, so I was never sent home. You have been more than a family to me.

You have been my father, mother, protective angel, mentor, role model and many other things to me. You have also helped me grow spiritually and get to know God better. I also appreciate the community and all the activities we did together.

The course in "mentorship" has helped me so much and has enabled me to support myself and others through my education and work. I love my work and am very passionate about it and want to advance.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all the leaders, the staff and all who support the work of NLAI. Thank you for your efforts and everything you do for the children, which means incredibly much.

May you always be blessed with all you need for yourself and your families and may you have joy in your life and live for many years!

I love you New Life family and you will always be in my heart. Thank you for giving me many mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers. It has been the best place to be - feeling at home.

I will miss you, but you will always be my family and I will always pray for you. You have a big place in my heart.

*From your daughter July*



July together with other graduates from NLAI





## Personal greetings

### News from Susanne og Leif:

#### Another grandchild is born!

In February 2022 it was a great pleasure for us to come to Johannesburg, South Africa to visit our son André and his wife Édima and see their second child, our eleventh grandchild.



We have not had the opportunity to see each other for more than 2 years, due to the corona virus pandemic, but we finally succeeded, just a week after their second child Amber was born.

It was so nice to be together with them again and to see their new home as they have moved to Johannesburg, where André works as a doctor. We are grateful that all four are doing well.

## Event on Læsø



Willy is speaking at the meeting



Inger selling Souvenirs for NLAI

At the end of March we had a wonderful trip to Læsø together with Susanne's sister Inger and our mission treasurer Willy Højgaard and his wife Marie.

At Kirkensgaard in Byrum our friends had arranged an NLAI evening where we all had dinner together with African-inspired food followed by stories and pictures and films about the work of NLAI in Nakuru, Kenya.

NLAI has several loyal supporters on Læsø, people who are doing a great job for the work.

Our contact with Læsø began with Susanne's mother who was cook on the evangelistic ship, Elida, which visited Læsø several times.

## Classic in Citykirken, Aalborg



Classic in the Citychurch in Aalborg

At the beginning of April, it was a real pleasure again to visit Classic in Citykirken, Aalborg – a gathering for seniors – to inform them about NLAI's work in Kenya, showing slides and sharing the word of God.

## Y's Men's Club



Leif is speaking at Læsø

There are many Y's Men Clubs all over Denmark and we are blessed to have contact with some of them.

At the end of April, we enjoyed visiting the Y's Men Club in Rønde near Aarhus.

The evening started with communal dining and singing from the Danish high school songbook. After that we had plenty of time to speak about NLAI and show slides from our work in Nakuru, Kenya.



Susanne and Inger visiting the school

## Trips to Kenya

In February Inger and Susanne flew to Kenya for 12 days. They were of great encouragement to the children and teenagers as well as the staff and it was mutual! They had some wonderful days with visits to the orphanages and schools and met with students from the college and from the garment making school. Fellowship and conversations with the staff and the community made the ties even stronger.



Visitors from Denmark



Visitors from Iceland

There were also guests from Betania Kirkecenter in Blåhøj, Denmark: Pastor Morten Patrzalek, Willy Højgaard and Torben Madсен ( leader of IAS ) participated in a 2-day conference together with Susanne and representatives of the FPFK church and Kennedy Kariuki from NLAI.

On Saturday afternoon a gathering for the children and teenagers was held and a tour was arranged for the visitors from Denmark together with friends from Iceland: Hrefna Brynja & Snorri Gísladóttir. The children and the teenagers were very happy with the visit, as were our guests.

In late April, our friends John and Angela Blechynden from England came to visit again. They spent time with the children and the teenagers, and all experienced great joy in seeing each other again.



Visitors from England

## Graduation for the Nursery School children



pp2 graduation

Due to covid-19 the usual Christmas celebrations were cancelled except for a nice final day which included extra good food and Christmas presents. It was still mandatory to wear masks both inside and outside despite the very hot weather. Recently there have been graduations for PP2 in the kindergarten class at both NLAI schools as well as 8th grade students.

Unfortunately, it was without the big celebrations that we usually have at NLAI, but together with an extra good meal the students were handed diplomas. The 8th grade students also received a Bible together with the diploma, for which they were very grateful.



Bibles for the school

### **Bibles from the Teachers' Mission Society**

From the Teachers' Mission Association, we received money to buy Bible class kits, which we had the opportunity to hand over. We enjoyed seeing how happy and excited it made the children and the teachers.

The children eagerly told everyone that they now all had an English Bible in school to read aloud from. They immediately began to read aloud one by one with great joy and gratitude. Many thanks to LMF for this great gift to the NLAI school.



Hats from Denmark

### **Gifts from Denmark**

Many gifts had been donated from friends in Denmark such as clothes, sportswear, jewelry, glasses, scarves, hats, headbands, bags and shoes. These were distributed creating great joy among them all. Thank you very much to all of you who think of our loved ones in NLAI in different ways.



Sports T-shirts from Denmark

### **Attention: receipt of the newsletter**

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## Greetings from one of the employees in the boys' home

My name is Odera and I am one of the "parents," as we call it, for the children at the New Life Africa International boys' home.



Sharon and Odera  
together with their son

I am together with the boys and act as a parent, big brother and friend to the boys.

It gives me great joy to teach the children about God and His love for us, how we can live together in love and understanding and share even the least of God's blessings.

We train the boys how to be hygienic and how to clean their rooms.

We also teach the boys how to cook, and once a month I help them prepare and celebrate their birthdays.

Often the small boys who come to the NLAI's boys' home are broken down and sad, but when they meet the love and care from the "NLAI family" their lives begin to change positively, they lighten up and very quickly become lively. That makes me so happy.

In the boys' house, we follow a program of activities that involves the boys in the daily chores.

Outside the house we have a small shed where we breed chickens and pigeons and I teach the boys how to take care of the animals. In addition to my responsibilities concerning the boys' home, it is my task to take photos of each of the children in NLAI's schools and orphanages (approx. 850 children and young people), so that their sponsor can get a picture of the child they support.



I am also involved in taking care of the payments for all the young people who go to college so that they can continue their schooling. I also teach the kids many sports activities.

I am married to Sharon and together we have a one-year-old son. Sharon also works at NLAI in the girls' house and we both consider it a great blessing to work at New Life Africa International. It's great to be part of the NLAI family and, with God's help, change people's lives.

Thanks to all of you who support this life-changing work.

*Yours sincerely,  
Odera*



## NEED FOR MORE SPONSORS

We currently have 39 new children in NLAI - PP1 and 32 new children started in PP1 at Tumaini school on April 25, 2022. In addition, we have had more students coming into the school to fill the vacancies, which makes the need for more sponsorships even more apparent.

Yes! There is still need for extra help, especially due to the increase of prices in Kenya.

### **If you change bank**

When switching bank please remember also to move the transfers to your sponsor child in NLAI to the new bank. We find that several people are not aware of this. Approx. two times a year you will receive a letter of thanks. If you do not receive it and you have given money, it is probably due to a mistake or an error, so please contact us for correction.

### **Privacy**

Betania KirkeCenter's Outreach Mission take the protection of your data seriously. Therefore, we have a privacy policy that you can read at:  
[http // betania.dk / privacy policy](http://betania.dk/privacy-policy)

## Best 8th grade graduation exam since the start of the NLAI school



Class 8 with their exam certificates and bibles

This year the NLAI 8th grade students had the highest average ever in the history of the NLAI school. We appreciate that and congratulate them on the great result. We are very grateful for all the talented and competent teachers at the school, who are doing a great job together with the school principal Jane Makena.

A total of 31 students were qualified for high school out of 55 students because of their good grade, and some because they are from the orphanage.

### 9 young people who completed their education in 2022



**Joseph G**, Certificate in Electrical Engineering, **Kelvin M**, Diploma in Building and Construction, **Geoffrey K**, Certificate in Agriculture, **Margaret W**, Diploma in Project Management, **Winnie W**, Certificate in Hair & Beauty, **Jully B**, Diploma in Hair & Beauty, **Dorit N**, Diploma in Fashion & Design, **Peris W**, Certificate in Hair & Beauty, **Karimi M**, Certificate in Hair and Beauty.

### The youth from NLAI connect with other young people



Youth reach other youth at the street



Street children

Young people from the orphanage, who are currently in college and at university attended the "Team Building" project organised by missionary Jacinta.

The same group of young people meet every week for conversation and "mentorship" training to be strong in the future and prepared for leading tasks thus fulfilling NLAI's vision: to raise leaders for tomorrow.

We really appreciate the training they are receiving, which helps them mature and become proficient in the word of God as well. Together with leaders this group – as a new initiative - has begun to visit the streets to meet children, teenagers and women who live in the streets. Here they show the love of God by being present and listening to the many children and young people who are living without someone who cares and wants to talk to them. They have also begun to tell them the gospel about Jesus and his love for them. They even sing together in the parks where they meet. They have started a football team and a rugby team as a means of building friendships. It is a great joy for us to see that our group has begun to reach out to other young people changing focus from themselves to other people and their needs.



**Jóna and Billy together with their sponsor child**

**Jóna and Billy from the Faroe Islands write:**

We came to Kenya for the first time in 2011 and since then we have travelled to Kenya 17 times. Many people, both in Kenya and in the Faroe Islands, ask us why we do this, and it is not that hard to explain. First of all, God has called all Christians to care for their neighbor and second, we have totally lost our hearts to Kenya.

When we first came to Kenya, we were very overwhelmed to witness the distress, misery and great need. There were so many people everywhere and the smell, the noise, the foreign language and the heat were new to us. Furthermore, we were told to be very careful and take good care of our stuff. It was scary.

Having visited Kenya several times the overwhelming feeling has subsided quite a bit. Now we know fairly well what to expect when we arrive, and the overwhelming impression has been replaced with a deep love for the people. Jóna says, "Since then, I have come to love exactly the things that overwhelmed me, and I now recognize it all with a nod when I arrive at the airport.

I am home." When we first met our first sponsor child Joshua, we were filled with an amazing joy. He was a shy little boy about 9 years old, who lived in the boys' home and went to school at NLAI. Since then, we have witnessed the same joy in the faces of many sponsors who meet their sponsor child for the first time. It has been a great pleasure to be able to watch him all the way as a child and now as a student becoming a Social Worker. He has grown into an independent, responsible young man.

We went to the slum near Nakuru's dump site. There NLAI has established a school for children living at the dump site and in the surrounding slum. There we met Ruth for the first time, a little girl who was very dirty. She was so malnourished that she could not even stand on her feet and was sitting by the side of her mother who had polio. Ruth later attended the NLAI Tumaini School and we have had the pleasure of being able to sponsor her.

Most of the kids in her class had no sponsor, so Jóna began to look for sponsors and it turned out well. After only one week a

sponsor was found for every child. "This class means something very special to me," says Jóna. "I call it, 'MY class,' and every time I visit Nakuru I meet with them. I know each one by name and have visited some of them, so I have also come to know their families."

It's rather special when you talk with a young woman who tells you that she has just lost her mother, and I can take out my mobile and show her a picture, and ask, "Is that your mother?" With surprise and tear-filled eyes, the answer is, "Yes!!!". It is so important to create relationships and show interest in each and every human being.

But why do we want to travel to Kenya, what is the driving force? We want to be the heart of God, showing them love, the feet of God walking where they are, the arms of God holding them, the eyes of God seeing them, and a voice for those who do not have a voice.

**We cannot change the whole world, but if we can change the whole world for one person at a time, then we are fulfilling what God has called us to do, namely, to see the need and do something about it.**



**Jóna together with Ruth**



**Billy together with one of the boys**

*Jóna og Billy Hansen*

## The orphanages, Christmas party and New Year celebration



Pastor Ford welcomes the "old" children

The children are doing well, and as is usual every year many new children have moved into the orphanages. This year, for the first four months, there were 4 girls and 4 boys. It's great to see how quickly the kids settle in, enjoy each other's company and make new friends.



They had a big Christmas party with good food and gifts. It was a big surprise to see many of the old boys and girls, who are now grown up with families of their own, attend the Christmas party.

The "old children" also helped to cover the expenses associated with the party as many more attended than first calculated.



They enjoy the Christmas food

On January 1, there was a New Year's party for the children at the orphanages. A big thank you to everyone who donated extra for Christmas and New Year's parties as well as gifts.



Gifts: Bag and a bible

During the Christmas holiday the children kept themselves busy with various exercises including talent shows, games, cooking, baking competitions, sports, etc.



### Meetings:

Monday the 30th. of May at 19.00 Meeting for women in Aalborg

### Meeting Calender for the Faroe Islands 10th to 20th of June 2022:

Saturday	11. June	19.00	Hotel Tvøroyri, Suderoy
Sunday	12. June	12.00	Soli Deo Gloria, Klaksvik
Sunday	12. June	18.00	Samkoman Marknagil Torshavn
Monday	13. June	19.00	Lívdir Torshavn
Tuesday	14. June	19.00	A gathering for volunteers
Wednesday	15. June	20.00	Emmanuel Torshavn
Thursday	16. June	20.00	Betania Skopun, Sandø
Sunday	19. June	11.00	Keldan Skålefjord

### Denmark:

Sunday 26. June 10.30 Midtjyllands Frikirke, Ikast

New Life Africa International, Ved Bjerget 20, 9530 Støvring, Denmark

## Testimony from Winnie



Winnie

I never felt as an orphan since everything was provided for me - shelter, education, health, mentorship and love.

To all my sponsors I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. Currently I am working as a beautician and am able to cater for myself and pay my bills.

My life will never be the same again because I have been empowered spiritually and physically. Thank you to Susanne and Leif, all the staff at New Life Africa international and the New Life community.

Thank you. God bless you.

*Yours faithfully,  
Winnie*

Dear New Life Africa International family  
This is a thank you letter to New Life Africa International for giving me a chance to call NLAI home.

I came to NLAI in 2015 when I was 15 years old and that is when I joined Eastmore Girls High School until I left in 2018. Later in 2019 I joined Vera Beauty College and did a course in hairdressing and beauty therapy. I finished in 2021 and graduated in 2022.

To me New Life Organisation changed my life. It gave me a chance to have a place to call home and live a normal life as any other child with parents.

## Thanks to sponsors

From the bottom of our hearts, we want to thank all who so faithfully help each month with a fixed amount of sponsorship, and those of you who give to mission, extra food for the very needy families, as well as extra donations for unexpected expenses. Together with all of you in various countries, NLAI are able to help so many children, young people and families.  
May God bless you all according to His riches.

Greetings with 1. Cor. 1:27-28 "God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen."

Yours sincerely,  
Leif and Susanne Madsen



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#### In Denmark:

Account name: Betania Kirkecenter's Ydremission.  
Write also: N.L.A.I. - Swift/BIC code: VEHODK22 -  
IBAN no. DK7097120741793075

#### If you want to make a payment to a bank in Kenya:

Bank Name: Prime Bank Ltd., Nakuru Branch, Kenya  
Swift Code: PRIKENX - Bank Account: 2001116476  
Account Name: New Life Africa International - Currency: USD

#### A new payment method is now available on our webpage

Please send an e-mail to: [newlifeafricainternational@gmail.com](mailto:newlifeafricainternational@gmail.com)  
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### You can support the work in different areas or sponsor a person

Support a child in primary school . . . . . \$ 55 / £ 35 per month  
Half sponsorship in primary school . . . . . \$ 29 / £ 19 per month  
Support a child in NLAI Homes. . . . . \$ 105 / £ 68 per month  
Half support for NLAI Homes. . . . . \$ 54 / £ 35 per month  
Support a student in High School/ practical training . \$ 180 / £ 117 per month  
Half support for High school / practical . . . . . \$ 90 / £ 60 per month  
University and further education . . . . . 4 sponsors x \$ 95 / £ 65 per month  
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