



One of the couples who participated in the group trip to NLAI Kenya this winter writes:



Our trip to New Life Africa International in Nakuru was all in all a fantastic trip. Our "normal" Danish way of thinking, attitudes, and opinions were put on hold, and we will never be the same again. We came to a place that gives children and young people hope and faith. Faith in themselves and faith in Jesus. They are happy and free during the time they are at school where they are safe and secure, receiving love, food, and schooling. On arrival the children, who are to live in the boys' house and the girls' house, are greeted by a Social worker, in a fantastic office. She is an exceptional woman who is very warm-hearted and open. The room is also inviting and warm. Well qualified "parents" also help the children to feel welcome and to settle. This is very important as they often come from very difficult backgrounds. There is always time for hugs, conversation, food and love. The children are helped in such a way that their self-esteem begins to improve. These children have experienced things that no one should experience yet, seem so happy and grateful, well-educated and respectful.



In the NLAI school, there are between 40 – 50 students in every class with 1 class teacher, and it works well. They are students who know how lucky they are to be there. They want to learn and have a strong desire to get an education and get away from the slums. We saw children from the landfill who live in garbage and filth when not in school. This is something that is hard to imagine but we have been there and seen it with our own eyes. The children are grateful for the help, care, food and teaching they get

at the "Tumaini" school, and other schools where they are supported by NLAI and they are happy. We were allowed to visit the school and stay with the children. They played, sang, and performed for us. We saw a school that is built on faith with a school administration and staff of teachers who share faith, hope and love with the children. In addition, we visited the Sewing School, which currently has

71 students. The school has a fine reputation in large parts of Kenya. Again, at the sewing school the students showed respect, an admirable attitude to work/school, as well as a sound human perspective. This makes it relatively easy for the graduates to find work after graduating from school. The work they do is fantastic.

This work of NLAI which started under a tree about 30 years ago, has been blessed by God, so today NLAI provides food and schooling, as well as further education for 986 students at NLAI's schools and other schools and educational institutions. Please pray for the work. Thank you for the trip and the fantastic experiences.

*Yours Ellen and Henrik*



## 16 young people completed their education between October 2024 and February 2025



Joan and Anthony: Electrical Installations • Danzel, Movin, Samuel and David: Motor Vehicle Mechanics • Jaqueline and Jane: Plumbing and Masonry • Faith and Felix: Fashion and Design • Rebecca: Cosmetology • Margaret: K.R. Community Health Nursing • Joshua: Social Work and Community Development • Cynthia: General Agriculture • Hellen: Building and Construction • Armstone: Welding and Fabrication



## Susanne and Leif write



We and our family are doing well, and we look forward to welcoming our 12th grandchild by the end of May 2025.

But first we are looking forward to gathering as a family this Easter, where we all will meet for a few days here in

Aalborg except for our son and his family in South Africa. Our family means a lot to us and when they are doing well, we rejoice with them. When they face challenges, we share in their challenges just as they share in our afflictions when we are affected.

Unfortunately, **our daughter Louise** had some transient blood clots in her brain in the fall of 2024 and was on sick leave for a long period.

We are grateful to God that she very quickly was treated with blood-thinning medication that prevented the blood clots from causing serious damage. She was also treated with heart rhythm regulating medication due to atrial fibrillation that caused the blood clots.

Louise has now started work and will soon be working full-time again.

### Susanne's back problem

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Susanne suffered a herniated disc last summer.

There has been a long period with strong painkillers and when the time approached for the group trip to Kenya in February, we were still not sure whether Susanne would be able to travel with us.

We prayed a lot of prayers for Susanne that her back would be stabilized so that the insurance company would permit her to travel.

Just 3 weeks before departure, after a stable period in her back for a few months, Susanne had a green light from the doctors and the insurance company to travel with the group to Kenya.

The long flights and occasional long drives on bad roads have not worsened the back problems and her back is still progressing with less and less pain, so we are very grateful.



## Group trip to Kenya

From February 22 to March 13, 2025, we went on a group trip to Kenya with 31 people in total, of whom we only knew a few in advance. The trip was fantastic, and we got to know many new people, who also took interest in the work being done in Kenya through New Life Africa International.

We went around all the classes at the school, visited the children at the two orphanages and took part in various events with the children and young people. We also attended a big party with the participation of all the children from the orphanages as well as the staff and all the guests. We were about 180 people.

The whole group of travelers also went to the landfill and saw the terrible lives of the people out there.



They visited the kindergarten close to the landfill, where the children from the area go to school and get away from their homes with poverty, alcoholism and violence and hopelessness. It makes you think many thoughts and you become grateful for the good conditions we have in Denmark.

## Children's and Youth Service



When we came to church on Sunday morning the children and the young people filled the whole program.

Several of the former residents from the orphanage came with their spouses and children and gave testimonies and praise to God and people.



The preacher was a young man who had previously lived at the orphanage but now has a family and a good job as an insurance agent. He is also active in a church in Nairobi.

## PRIVACY

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## REMEMBER

When switching banks 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 made a donation, it is probably due to a mistake or an error, so please contact us for correction.

## Speech from the 8th grade



One of the students from 8th grade gave a speech on behalf of the class, including the following content:

My classmates and I are so grateful to God for this day. It is a great pleasure for me to welcome each and every one of you.

Today, we want to thank you for the support you have given us since we started school, and we show our gratitude to you for being a part of our life and educational journey. We will never forget how you have helped us navigate through our difficulties.

We will never forget you and your families, and it is our prayer that God gives you good health and strength so that you can continue to help people.

May you all be blessed.

## Letter from 9th grade students



We would like to take this opportunity to say a few words to our sponsors on behalf of the 9th grade.

You have not only helped to lift the financial burden of our parents but have also helped to inspire us to work hard on our studies.

Because of you, we can focus on our dreams of education without having to worry all the time about the finances.

We could not succeed without you, but your willingness to invest in our education makes a huge difference in our lives and we cannot express our gratitude enough. Your help provided for the books and tools that are important for us in a qualified education.

We also thank our teachers who are always there for us. We would like to ask God to bless you and your families and everything you do, so that you can continue to help others after us.

Thank you for taking the time to be with us today and making the day a celebration.

## Greetings from 4 educator students



Things are going well here in Kenya! While the children are on holiday in April, we have plenty of time to be with them. We play games together, make exciting drawings and enjoy the fellowship. As we are approaching the end of our internship here at New Life Africa International, we do our best to soak up all the joy of life and inspiration while having the opportunity.

We are four students from the Deaconry College in Aarhus, with different backgrounds in pedagogy, which means that we also have different focus areas. Some of the things we work on are giving the children a voice, strengthening their quality of life, promoting good play, helping them get to know themselves better and finding opportunities rather than limitations. We do this through a variety of activities, but first and foremost it is about being a part of the children's everyday life and the culture here. We meet them in their daily lives – in the TV room, on the football pitch, dancing or in cozy moments in the shade of the trees. It's a fantastic experience and we are grateful to be a part of it!

*Love, Maria, Michelle, Kristian and Gabriel.*

## Other guests:



**Jóna & Billy, Katrin & Pall, and Saranja** have been in Kenya and NLAi to help for 6-7 weeks. Billy preaches at the Filadelfia church. **Heine** from the Faroe Islands and **Simon** from Denmark have also visited for a shorter period. Heine has, among other things, taught worship, and Simon has taught mentorship in connection with Sports4A/Future.

**Gina, Roger, John and Angela** from England, have again been out here to help for a few weeks. Among other things, John has taught psychology and provided counseling to both children and employees.



## ATTENTION

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## New children at the orphanage and schools from October 2024 – March 2025

5 new girls and 6 new boys moved into the orphanages from October 2024 – March 2025



39 new children started in PP1 New Life Africa International pre-primary school in January 2025, of which 12 students have been given a sponsor, while other 27 are still missing a sponsor.



51 new children started in PP1 in January 2025 in Tumaini Pre-primary School, of which 15 students have been given a sponsor, while 36 need a sponsor. There are still rich opportunities to help one of these wonderful little children. In

addition to this, new children have also filled vacancies at the NLAI school.

In 2025, 13 young people from NLAI will start higher education during the year, 2 of whom have started nursing school.

**If you would like to sponsor a child, you are very welcome to write to: [newlifeafricainternational@gmail.com](mailto:newlifeafricainternational@gmail.com) or visit our website: [www.newlife-africa.org](http://www.newlife-africa.org)**

## New kitchen and dining room

As we wrote in the previous newsletter, we are raising funds for the construction and furnishing of a new kitchen and dining room.

We have now reached approx. £11,000 on the construction account earmarked "new kitchen/dining room."

**If you want to support this project, please write "Kitchen & dining room" on the payment**

## SPONSOR A CHILD

Scan the QR code to become a sponsor or learn more about what it entails. Together we can transform lives and give Kenyan children a future filled with hope and opportunity.



*God bless you all*

*Greetings with 1 Peter 5:7:*

*"Cast all your care on the Lord, for He cares for you."*

*With kind regards,*

*Susanne and Leif Madsen*

*To support the ministry you can make a donation to:*

### **In Denmark:**

Account name: Betania Kirkecenter's Ydremission.  
Please mark your payment: 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

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## You can support the work in different areas or sponsor a person

Support a child in primary school	\$ 55 / £ 42 per month
Half sponsorship in primary school	\$ 29 / £ 23 per month
Support a child in NLAI Homes	\$ 105 / £ 82 per month
Half sponsorship for NLAI Homes	\$ 54 / £ 42 per month
Boarding High School / Junior School	\$ 180 / £ 140 per month
Half Boarding High School / Junior School	\$ 90 / £ 70 per month
High School / Junior Day Student	\$ 90 / £ 70 per month
University / Further Education / practical educ.	3 x 95 / £ 75 per month
Mission work / Maintenance / General support	Any amount