

VICODEC News

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Sponsorship program saving lives!

VICODEC social workers spend a lot of time working with the children and their families on various basic needs issues. When one of the parents came to pick up their child from school it was obvious that she was very ill. The mother explained that she was unable to seek treatment because of their unstable financial situation. The social worker realized that this was the mother of a sponsored child. Using funds from their account, the mother was able to seek treatment which resulted in an emergency surgery for a bleeding ovarian cyst. She is recovering very nicely. Thank you for sponsoring these children and their families. You are truly saving lives.

U.S. Venture Associates Support the Children

In December of 2010, U.S. Venture held an Associate Learning Forum about International Grantmaking, highlighting the VICODEC Sponsorship Program and asking for help.

Associates truly embraced the children as well as the program, resulting in many new sponsorships.

Today, 60 children have been enrolled in the program. There are many more in need of assistance!

Know someone interested in sponsorship? Call Terri at 920-831-8818.

Heading to VICODEC

On April 23, 2011, a group of nine people will be heading to Ongata Rongai to further build relationships with our friends at VICODEC.

This group will be learning about program offerings, meeting sponsorship families, as well as working with the community to update a neighboring public school.

If you have any letters or cards you would like brought to your family, please contact Terri at tgreen@usventure.com.

Feeding and Education Programs to Expand

VICODEC recently underwent a strategic planning session reviewing their services and making plans for future development.

It was determined that the feeding and educational programs needed to reach more children.

A third satellite location for the feeding program has been secured and work has started to create additional classrooms for grades 1-3.

We will keep you posted as these projects progress.



Meet Joe Wachiras the Executive Director and founder of VICODEC!

Joe's story starts after spending several weeks touring Kware Slum. He spent day after day witnessing hundreds of children in need of nutrition and education. One night during his sleep Joe had what he describes as a vision which included his missionary friend from Little Chute. It was to become their responsibility to feed and educate these children.

Joe explained to his friend that this vision was real and that they must pursue this mission. Understanding the dire need, the founders of U.S. Venture Inc. were contacted for financial assistance. The funding was awarded and VICODEC was born.

If you have any questions for Joe, please contact Terri Green at 920-831-8818 and she will help you get them answered.

For more information on VICODEC and the Sponsorship Program go to www.usventure.com