



## Child in Most Need

Four-year old Dorbert Seme Nyamoko, lives in the outskirts of Nairobi in the Kware slums with his family. Their one-room, tin rental home is all that the family has to protect them from the elements. Dorbert and his older brother, Boniface sleep on the floor. If you are interested in helping Dennis or other children in need, please contact Terri Green and sponsor a child today!



## Sponsorship Program on the Rise

Thank you to all who have sponsored a child through VICODEC. Over the past several months, the program has increased by **70 percent** impacting **111** children in need!

## Kenyan Exchange



*Joe learning about mechanics at the Fox Valley Technical College*

Joe Wachira, VICODEC's Executive Director, visited the United States for the first time this past October. Throughout his stay, Joe visited with several organizations in the education, health, and food industries.

- Elementary schools to college level institutions such as St. Norbert College
- Community health clinics
- Milky Way Farm - seeing 4600 cows on one farm came as quite a shock!
- Feeding America discussing food insecurity
- Meeting current sponsors



*Visiting a child sponsor, Rose Mary Green, at her home*

Also during his stay, U.S. Venture associates and those participating in the child sponsorship program gathered to learn about the challenges facing Kenya's poor families. Joe explained how VICODEC helps those families and how associates and Fox Valley residents can participate in VICODEC's child sponsorship program. As a thank you, Joe distributed gifts from the sponsored children and their families to their sponsors.

Joe will be able to take the insights he has gained through his travels to help support the ever-growing VICODEC programs.

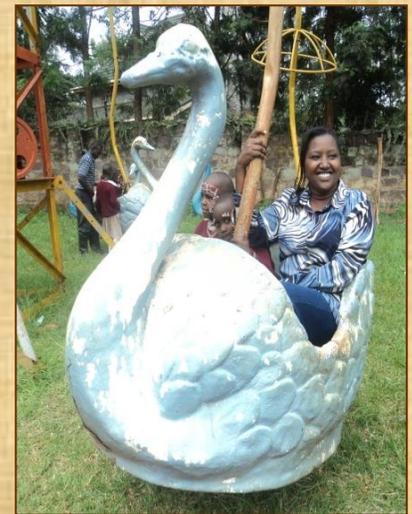


*Describing the program expansions at VICODEC*



*Grilling burgers for the Fox Valley Warming Shelter*

## Rose Charagu Head Teacher



As the head teacher of the VICODEC School, Rose plays a vital role in the success of the students' development. She is in charge of the children's academic performance and also maintains order and discipline in the classroom. Rose works with ten other teachers to ensure students receive a meaningful educational experience.

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## A Holiday Celebration

Through the generosity and support from multiple sources, the children of VICODEC were able to experience a holiday celebration that will be remembered for years to come. The day included a play area for the children with an inflatable jungle-gym, face painting and special desserts to share. Opportunities, such as this holiday celebration, are rare for these children. Thank you for all that you do to support VICODEC, ultimately providing this memorable occasion for the children. To view more pictures, visit the VICODEC Facebook page!



*Children proudly displaying their newly painted faces*



*Having fun playing with each other on the jungle-gym!*



*Enjoying a snack together at VICODEC*



*Waiting in line for dessert*



*Serving cake and snacks to students*

## Holiday Drive Update



During the holidays, U.S. Venture associates were asked to lend a helping hand to the VICODEC community. Associates and shareholders proved their generosity by donating **32** sets of sheets, **100** blankets and **30** mattresses! Equally impressive, **10** new children were sponsored by associates this holiday season. In total, **\$5,940** was raised ...surpassing our goal!

## Reach Out to Your Sponsored Child

Interested in forming a closer relationship with your sponsored child?

Send a letter or a card! Include photographs of your family or have your child draw a picture.

Want to send something more, such as a toy or gift to the family? Please contact us to discuss your ideas.

Together, we will work with the VICODEC social workers who can recommend something appropriate for the child or family that will be meaningful and useful.

Contact Jen Peeters at 920-730-7185 or Terri Green at 920-831-8818 for more information.

## Supporting VICODEC



Parents support VICODEC in a variety of ways to help control operating costs and subsidize their children's education and participation in the feeding program and medical clinic. As shown above, parents are working hard to separate rocks from lentils for the feeding program.

For more information about VICODEC and the Sponsorship Program, go to [www.usventure.com](http://www.usventure.com) or contact Terri Green (920) 831-8818, [tgreen@usventure.com](mailto:tgreen@usventure.com)