

# Dala Development

April 2021

## Greetings All!

In the swing of Spring, we do hope the season brings a refreshing change of scenery and renewed hope in God, who refreshes our souls!

## Soi School News:

We are excited that our first 8th grade class sat for their Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) exam and are on their way to high school! Our nine candidates, as they are called, have already applied for the secondary schools of their choice and will await acceptance after exams are scored and factored into their entrance applications. Unlike in the US, students apply for highschools based on location (if they intend to be "day scholars" they will need a school close to home or family, but boarding schools are often a first choice), school performance, sports options, and tuition costs as highschool is not free. This is a huge milestone for our school, an exciting time for our students and for Dala, a time of praising God, who has brought us this far.



As is customary, the school had a special prayer meeting for the students with their parents to offer encouraging words, huge cards wishing them success, and of course, prayer for focus and stress-free testing.

During this time, Teacher Stanley was applauded for his exceptional investment in Soi students and his commitment to their learning and understanding. The other teachers awarded him with plastic chairs, a very practical and functional gift.



## Health News:

### Joanna's House

We have a new house! After years of wanting to move out of our previous location into a place with more space, airflow, natural light and a small yard, we have finally found a great three bedroom townhouse near the national hospital!

There was a period of time when we had to close Joanna's House due to lockdown and covid-concerned neighbors. Being able to reopen in a shiny new location where we can accommodate more patients and offer a higher level of comfort is such a blessing!



As for the Okalls, we are thankful to God that he has granted us good health, protection, and met our needs during these difficult times. Imani and Neema are doing great, learning and fully enjoying childhood. We, Emily and Dan, just celebrated our 14-year wedding anniversary, and we're hoping for 50 more :-)

Thank you, as always, for being a part of Dala Development Programs through your prayers, financial support, and encouragement.

With Love and Appreciation,  
The Okalls and the Dala Team