



Nambale Magnet School

A home, a school and a future for children made destitute by the AIDS crisis

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Featured Student



A.L. is 14, and he started at the Nambale Magnet School in 2009.

He is in Ms. Apiyo's Primary Class 6.

A.L. likes Math, and his favorite game is soccer.

A.L. aspires to be an engineer. He is Field Captain, and part of the Scouts. A.L. also loves pizza, and the color orange – which is good, since pizza is orange! His hobby is riding his bicycle.

A Trip to Nambale

Last fall I enjoyed my third visit to Nambale Magnet School. I had seen the grounds in 2004 (the school had not been built yet), was back in 2009 with my husband, Phil, and daughter, Deborah, for the School's dedication, and again in 2013.

My visit started in Nairobi with the family of Evalyn Wakhusama, the School's founder. We attended the dedication of the new dental clinic of Dr. Lorna Sande, a woman Phil and I



supported through dental school - it's thrilling for us that she will remain in Kenya and carry on her practice. It is my hope that most of our Nambale Magnet School students will also remain in Kenya after finishing university and give back to their country in such a way.

I made this trip to Kenya alone. I wanted to experience this visit on my own, so I could spend time with the children and the teachers, meet the staff, and see the grounds. That was a good call: this visit excited me *so much* - watching the children outdoors, boys with arms around each other's shoulders, girls holding hands, little ones shrieking with laughter, showing how happy and well-adjusted they are. Chatting with the teachers reminded me once again of their dedication. When I met with Daniel, the head teacher, his enthusiasm for the school came through strongly. But those were not the only highlights of my stay.

The day Evalyn and I drove to Nambale from Nairobi, we hit hail. Or rather it hit us, so much so that we pulled off the road for a while. And imagine, the Equator runs through Kenya! Sadly, hail is not new to Kenya and many crops (maize, tea, beans) were ruined.



At the School, I wandered around viewing the changes since 2009. The newest building is

two stories and it houses a library, Grades 5 and 6, and additional space for future use. It is a true complement to the campus.

Heifers, more vegetable plots, chickens, catfish were all in place. There was even a

Caroline, our Social Worker



pregnant pig! Evalyn and I brought two rabbits from Nairobi - yes, a male and female. They were happily settled into their cozy hutch, munching on

cabbage leaves. All these projects aid in the sustainability of the Nambale Magnet School.

Think about making your own visit this summer!

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