



Understanding Life4Kids

For this month's edition of the Life4Kids Journal, we take you inside the home in Nairobi to see the daily routine in the home.

The Organization: Life4Kids in Kenya



Life4Kids Kenya is incorporated and a registered charity in Kenya. It is operated by Jane Wasike, the CEO (shown in picture). It is overseen by a Kenyan Board of Directors. The Kenyan Board is advised by an international Advisory Board of whom two members are from Life4Kids Canada. The annual operating budget is \$130,000.

The Organization: Life4Kids in Canada

Life4Kids Canada is incorporated and a registered charity in Canada. It is run by a Board of seven volunteer directors, all of whom live in the Midland-Penetanguishene area. Canada contributes 70 to 75 % of the costs of operation of Life4Kids in Kenya. Life4Kids Canada has no overhead costs except for insurance, accountants' fees, and bank fees.

Finding the Boys

We're often asked how the boys end up in the home. Our staff is notified by children's agencies, the police, and tribal chiefs when there are boys in need, living in a dump or on the streets. We always have a waiting list. This spring Jane was called out to find a boy. She came home with three (ages 3, 4 and 5). She couldn't leave two behind. The eldest (aged 5) had suffered serious injuries. Now he prospers.



Success Stories

We get asked about "outcomes". So, we'd like to share with you the successes of a few of our boys. You, our sponsors, and contributors, can take pride in how well these boys are doing.

Meet Alvin

Alvin lived in the slums from his birth nine years ago, until he was discovered by Life4Kids 18 months ago. His mother died while giving birth to him. Alvin was cared for by his grandmother. They lived in poverty in



the harsh environment of the slum area. Home was a rough hut located in the middle of a rubbish dump. As Alvin grew older, his grandmother became ill, and Alvin had to go out and search in the garbage or beg on the streets for food. Although his grandmother had done everything she could, Alvin had never had

the opportunity to attend school or live in a proper house or eat a proper meal until he was rescued by Life4Kids.

When Alvin came to the Life4Kids home, he met his new family: the devoted staff and his new brothers and friends. Although he was 8 when he started school, Alvin has progressed in leaps and bounds. He is very bright. He is in Grade 4 after 18 months in school. He is the class leader. His teachers admire his spirit and determination to learn. Alvin wants to be a pilot. We think he has the ability to achieve his dream! Alvin's grandmother died but she would be proud of him. Thank you for helping us create a bright future for Alvin and all his brothers in Life4Kids.

