



This Journal

We thank you for your continuing interest in and support of Life4Kids Canada. We want to keep you informed about the home, the boys, the staff, the challenges, and our enduring hope for these boys. So, we're going to report to you monthly via these Journals. We hope you'll enjoy these updates. And we know you're busy. So, these Journals will be informative but brief.

Report from Nairobi, Kenya

This has been a challenging year for the home in Kenya.

- First, as you know, our boys and the staff were forced to move in February after a fire severely damaged the Life4Kids home in Nairobi, Kenya. The boys were moved to another facility until a new home could be found. Thanks to the efforts of our team in Kenya, and the efforts of Inger, the Chair of Life4Kids Norway, who went to Kenya, a new home was found, and the boys resettled
- The boy and staff moved in just in time to be confronted by the coronavirus outbreak! And COVID-19 has devastated Nairobi. There are curfews. Prices have skyrocketed.
- And if all that is not traumatic enough, the Government agency that oversees children's homes in Kenya has now advised that Life4Kids must find a new larger home.
- Because the boys must remain in the home due to COVID-19, two teachers have been hired and the children have school every morning.

Meet the Team

We want you to meet the members of the team that work to support Life4Kids and our 25 boys. So, we'll be introducing you to our staff in Nairobi, to the boys in Nairobi, to our Board members in Canada, and to our partners in Norway.

This month, we are delighted to highlight our **Executive Director and Team Leader, Jane Wasike**. Jane has a

degree in Social Work. She met our Life4Kids Founder, Amelie Sorensen, then volunteered at the home and in



2011 was hired in a leadership position. She describes her work as "a way of life". She loves that the home is "like a big family". It is her goal to deal with the children and staff "with much enthusiasm, dedication love and commitment". She says she "takes pride in being hardworking, trustworthy, consistent,

passionate, cheerful and a pleasure to work with". Life4Kids is fortunate to have Jane in a leadership position.

Annual Meeting (With a Difference)

We are planning to hold an Annual Meeting early this fall for Life4Kids Canada. But how do we do that in the current environment? Our plan is to host a Zoom meeting to which everyone will be invited. Stay tuned!

The Challenge for Us All

We're thankful for your continuing financial support. As you know, we have to meet a budget every month. There's food to buy. There are clothes to buy. There are salaries to be paid to our dedicated staff who have families to support. There are tuition fees, school supplies and the teachers who have been brought into the home. The challenge for all of us is that funds are needed every month. Month after month, we receive the budget from Jane, our Executive Director. And every month, we have to find the funds to pay the bills. And now, we have to find a new home to address the concerns of the local authorities in Nairobi. So, PLEASE give some thought to setting up a monthly donation to help us meet the challenge. You can donate on our website www.life4kidscanada.org



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Report from Nairobi, Kenya

There are many developments at the home in Nairobi:



- The boys are well and enjoying **classes at home** and cooperating with their teachers. Life4Kids hired two tutors to teach the boys daily in the mornings. The teachers love the boys and the boys are happy to continue their education and to be busy.

- Life4Kids will be **relocating to a new home (again)**. More space is needed since up to 10 more little boys will be brought into the home in the coming months. The current home does not meet code regulations. With the current pandemic, accommodation is needed for a private quarantine room in case of an outbreak of COVID-19.

- **Art class** is held every day after lunch. The boys love it.
- The **older boys** (18 and over) now live separate from the little ones in an offsite apartment. The older boys are finishing high school. Each of them has prepared a plan for completing his education.



Meet the Team

We want you to meet the members of the Life4Kids team.



This month, we are highlighting the **Chair of Life4Kids Norway, Inger Bremvik**. Inger is also a member of the Board of Life4Kids Kenya and of the Advisory Board. She was one of the founders of Life4Kids Norway and has visited the Life4Kids home in

Nairobi once or twice a year since 2013. She has a background in education and was a foster parent to teenagers. She has a deep love and passion for the home and serves as an advisor to our ED Jane Wasike.

Annual Meeting

We're planning to hold an Annual Meeting **on Monday October 26 at 7 PM** on a Zoom platform. To attend, you must hold a current membership. To become a member:

- Go to life4kidscanada.ca and click on "DONATE" and donate \$10 for your membership
- Immediately email members@life4kidscanada.ca and provide your name, address, phone and email.
- We'll then send you a Zoom login that will allow you to access the meeting.

Please: only buy a membership if you will attend the Annual Meeting (due to quorum requirements).

Life4Kids Canada is required to engage the services of a public accountant. **Notice is hereby given** that, at the Annual Meeting, a resolution will be presented that only a review engagement (not an audit) be required.

The Challenge for Us All

Yes, we do face a challenge!! **Bringing in another 10 boys** over the next many months will dramatically **impact the budget of the home**. And the Children's Charities branch of the Kenyan Government is requiring us to move to a much larger home. **The good news is ... we have found the larger home!**



The bad news is that **our accommodation costs will double**. While that is rewarding, it is also challenging. Ten more little boys will come off the streets into a larger home filled with love and support. Instead of sleeping in an alley or dump, they will sleep in a warm bed. They will get an education, health care, clean clothes, nutritious meals, and counselling. While we may feel oppressed by the coronavirus, we do have a roof over our heads, and we do eat regular meals. **Life4Kids Canada must dramatically increase our contributions**. Would you consider committing to make a **monthly payment** to help us to meet the challenge to sustain and grow Life4Kids? It's a great Thanksgiving thought! You can donate on our website life4kidscanada.ca Please also forward this Journal to friends, family, churches, clubs, or businesses who may be able to help us meet the challenge.



PLEASE HELP US SUPPORT THE BOYS

Now, more than ever, we need your support. Our little boys at the Life4Kids home in Nairobi, Kenya have moved into a new larger home. We are bringing more kids into the home. Costs are mounting. More boys mean more expenses. PLEASE consider setting up a monthly donation. To **Donate Now** go to <https://www.life4kidsCanada.ca/>

New Boy

This is so thrilling. Over the next year, Life4Kids will be bringing 10 more boys off the street to live with our family

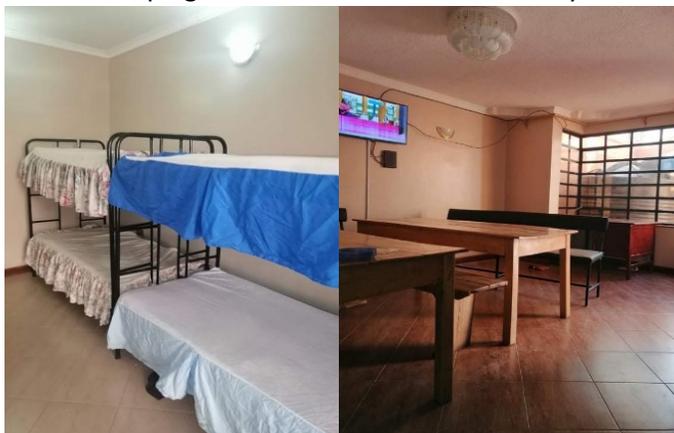


in our new home. We want to introduce the first new boy to be brought into the home. This is Jeremy on the right (with his new friend, Telvin).

Is he happy? Jeremy is 6 years old and an orphan. He was begging on the street and alone.

New Home

We have more exciting news. This past week, the boys moved into a new home. The Kenyan authority that oversees children’s homes required that we have a bigger home with more space, and a room for isolations if needed for health reasons. The kids now have much better sleeping accommodation and study areas.



Celebrating the New Home

Everyone can sit around the table. Jane sent us a message:



“We are so grateful to God we managed to move in the new house safely! One of our friends brought us a

cake to celebrate as we move into a new house. We are so grateful to all of you for the big love and support.” Do they look happy?



Meet Danielle



Danielle Dorion has been a Director of Life4Kids Canada since 2017 and a supporter since 2010. She visited the home in Nairobi in 2018. She was the organizer of the fundraiser “Music Trivia” event and serves on the Advisory Board for Life4Kids Kenya.

Annual Meeting

Life4Kids Canada held an Annual Meeting on October 26. Our new Board consists of Fred Hacker (Chair/President), Nancy Hargrave (Secretary), Andrew Markle (Treasurer), Danielle Dorion, Bill Goman, Paul VanderWel, and Pastor Martin Giebel.

What does Canada Contribute?

Historically, Canada contributed \$2000 to \$2500 a month. Now, we’ll have to raise at least double that amount to keep the doors open. Please help. To **Donate Now** go to <https://www.life4kidsCanada.ca/>



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There are lots of great causes. And so many organizations are in need.

Perhaps the main difference between Life4Kids and other organizations is that **the kids don't eat if we don't provide funds.**

Here are the cold hard facts:

- While **costs have doubled** in the past year (for a lot of reasons), our **donations have stayed constant.**
- We can't cut costs. We have to pay the rent. We have to feed the boys. We have to pay the staff. We have to pay for the schooling, medicine, clothing, and toiletries. And we can't do it with current donation levels.
- We only have the Midland-Penetanguishene area to call on. Life4Kids is **not a well endowed charity.** It's a **few local people** trying to support more than **two dozen little boys in Nairobi, Kenya.**

SPONSOR A BOY!

So, we are doing something we have never done before. We're **asking you** to consider **sponsoring one of our boys.** The **cost per month is \$170.** That's **less than \$40 a week.**



For that amount, we can **provide for all the needs for one special boy:**

- three wholesome and nutritional meals a day
- clothing, medication, and toiletries
- counselling and therapy
- education (tuition and supplies)
- his own bed in which to sleep, safe and secure.

Would you be able to provide for a boy? If you don't feel you can afford to do so alone, would there be friends or family members or fellow workers or group members or others with whom you could partner to support one of our boys for \$170 per month?

Please contact one of our Board members to be introduced to one of our boys and for more information:

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MEET MESHACK



Our Executive Director Jane writes: *"Everyone is a hero in his/her own little or big way. That's definitely true for a care giver like Meshack. He has been a father figure to all of our young children in Life4Kids. A part from being a figure father in Life4Kids, he is a family man, a husband and a father of two beautiful young girls...yet he gives the same time to all the children as any other staff. His efforts cannot go unnoticed. He passionately cares for all the children and loves them. Meshack is also passionate in religion matters. He is a pastor, and he teaches our children the Bible, conducts services on Sundays especially in this time of Corona when churches are closed. Meshack wears a big smile when at work, having the children around him all day and at night, smiling to them is a medicine to their broken hearts. We are very grateful that we have Meshack on our team, for all the sacrifice and commitment to his service as a care giver. Because of him and other care givers we are able to provide a peaceful and a loving home for all our children."*