

## The Situation in Kenya

The election in Kenya has ended and the country has a new President and Parliament. While normally that might be a time for optimism, life in Kenya is very challenging. People are starving. There have never been more kids homeless, abandoned and dying in the streets of Nairobi. Children have been forced to leave school because their families cannot afford school fees. Life is very expensive due to droughts, high costs of petroleum products, scarcity of grains (due to the war in Ukraine) and supply chain issues.

### So, how does this affect Life4Kids?

1) Everything is more expensive. Food, education, electricity, transportation, clothing, medical supplies, and all supplies are less available and more expensive.



2) There is considerable pressure on Life4Kids to take in more children. Mothers bring their children to the gate of the home begging for them to be taken and cared for.

3) Security is impacted. Because people are starving, they are roaming the streets and stealing whatever they can find. Life4Kids now has a full-time daytime guard (9 AM to 8 PM) and locks the gates at 8 PM.

### Congratulations to David

Congratulations to one of our older boys, David, who has started his post-secondary education at a college, Kisii National Polytechnic. David is shown here with the Chairman of the college outside the entrance to the school.



## Success Stories – Part 3

In a Special Edition of our Journal, in April, we introduced you to three little boys. They are the most recent boys to join our home.

**Background:** You may recall that the eldest of the boys was **Ramadhan**. He's 5-years old. When his mother was young, three men raped her. Following the birth of Ramadhan, his mother ran away from the slums and left him. His old grandmother tried to care for him. But when Ramadhan turned three,



he had to start begging on the streets for food to eat and was there for more than two years. Ramadhan is a survivor. He has a large scar and bump on his forehead, and several scars on his body, the result of being savagely beaten by older street boys. He almost died. He was in a coma for a month.



**Today:** Ramadhan is truly excelling at Life4Kids. His teachers believe that he is a genius. After a short time in school, he learned how to read and write and do math. He is fitting in very well in the home. After all he has been through, his story is more than a "success story"; it's a miracle.

**Future:** Ramadhan wants to be a doctor.

