



PROMISE UPDATE

Love In Action — Kenya



Riding over the countryside in the western province of Kenya this summer, the *Children of Promise* intern, Nicole Severson, saw first hand, the compassion of Joash Lagami, Director of Love in Action—Kenya. This man of medium stature with a big heart, visits the *Love In Action* children and their families in an older model, well

used vehicle. As they arrive at each home, the well being of the children and family are first on his mind. He is quick to open his own wallet to lend a helping hand if a child needs medicine or something else that could not be covered by the sponsorship funds.



One of the *Love In Action* children (on right) with her siblings at their home.

Cradle of Children's Hope — Kenya



Children at *Cradle of Children's Hope Home* in Kisumu, Kenya (in partnership with *Reaching Arms International*) were excited the day intern, Nicole Severson, arrived with splashy plates and glasses donated by a local Wal-Mart store in Missouri. These are outstanding, happy and health children, says

Nicole. For the number of children needing care, the children have outgrown the home, but they are a big family and don't seem to mind the inconveniences that causes. Land has been purchased by *Reaching Arms* outside the city. Here they plan to build a larger home and a school.



Vandalism at Headquarters



As *Children of Promise* staff arrived at work on November 11, they found 17 country flags in front of the building cut and torn off. Four teenagers were found responsible for the vandalism and indications are that there are two more

involved. Please join us in praying that God would turn their hearts to him and bring them to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Flags can be replaced but lives can be lost forever. Pray for the lost youth of our nation.

Newsflash—China

Roger Lai, missionary to Hong Kong, reports his co-worker, Lisa, handed out a Bible while in China to a believer who goes to a house church that was raided. He reports, "Members were severely beaten and had boiling water thrown in their faces when they refused to comply with the police orders. Despite communist harassment, beatings and arrest, Christians press on. The conversion rate in the underground church is more than 2,500 people per day, but there is only one Bible for every 200 Christians."

On a MISSION in Mexico



This October Kathie Fagel, *Children of Promise* Sponsorship and Mission Specialist, and two of her daughters, Ruby and Shauna, were given airplane tickets by sponsor, Gregory Crow, to visit La Vid Children's home in Juarez, Mexico. Gregory not only sponsors but is enthusiastically helping meet the needs at the home. Gregory's church, Jefferson Hills, outside St Louis, has caught the excitement of helping orphaned and destitute children at La Vid, and spent the summer filling Gregory's truck and trailer with clothes, food, shoes and other things needed at the home. Gregory has taken several 21-hour drives to deliver these things and visit with the children. For the second and third trip he brought others from his church to learn about the home and to encourage them to sponsor. Gregory's efforts are greatly appreciated by the home and *Children of Promise*.

During the Fagel's visit, the girls saw first hand the needs of children in Mexico. While driving through the city, they asked about the shack houses and the children in the streets. In Juarez there are 26 children's homes, but Laura and Armando Barron, Directors of La Vid, say the needs of the children in the city are still not met. They passed beautiful new factories, unfortunately most workers only receive \$50-\$70 a week for 40 hours of labor, while the cost of commodities in Juarez compare with the prices in El Paso.

They visited the La Vid school with grades preschool to third and watched happy children studying and playing just like at Ruby and Shauna's school. When they arrived at the home,



Shauna (left) with her new friends at La Vid.

Ruby and Shauna were welcomed into the play time and continued to play with their new friends all weekend. Not being able to speak Spanish didn't seem to be a problem. The

Fagel family joined in all activities at the home—sleeping in the girl's dorm, eating with the children, participating in devotionals, and doing chores.

This short mission trip has changed Ruby and Shauna, and they are looking forward to their Christmas trip to ABANSA homes in Venezuela. If you and/or your family, or church, would like to plan a trip to a home we support, Kathie would be glad to help you make plans. You can contact her by calling 888.667.7426 or emailing her at kathie.fagel@promise.org.

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