



## Making a Difference in Kenya



Pearl S. Buck International continues to build on its partnership with the non-profit organization Chariots for Hope and Bethlehem Baptist Church in supporting the children living in Ogada Children's Home in Kenya.

The month of June was busy at Ogada, with the first term of the school year ending and students preparing for their final exams.

June 16 was the International Day of the African Child, which has been celebrated since 1991 in honor of students who were massacred in Soweto, South Africa, in 1976 for protesting against education injustice and inequality during apartheid. The children at Ogada and the other homes operated by Chariots for Hope always participate in a local celebration of this holiday. The theme this year was "Eliminating harmful practices affecting children (stop child labor, educate the child)". Two children from

Ogada were chosen to carry the banner at the front of the processional at the event.

The children at Ogada continue to benefit from sponsorship opportunities provided by Pearl S. Buck International and the generosity of our supporters. The children go to school, eat well, sleep in clean, sturdy homes, and are able to get both routine and emergency medical attention.

The generosity of our child sponsors and donors is allowing Chariots for Hope to dream big about how to fulfill the needs of the children living at Ogada to best prepare them to be happy, healthy, and successful members of society—Chariots for Hope hope to be able to renovate the children's dormitory, buy a commercial bread machine so the children will have fresh bread several times a week with their breakfast, and purchase two washing machines, as the children currently wash their clothes by hand in basins.

This past month, Pearl S. Buck International Board members Fred Schea and Pastor Charles Quann, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, had the opportunity to travel to Kenya with Chariots for Hope to meet the children living at Ogada and to see in person all the improvements and good work being done there thanks to everyone's support.

Thank you to all our child sponsors and donors for your continued generosity and support for the children of Ogada and all the people served by Pearl S. Buck International. Your kindness continues Pearl S. Buck's legacy of bridging cultures, changing lives, and creating hope.



# Support a Specific Need

## Additional Opportunities to Support Children in Kenya

In addition to child sponsorship opportunities, there are other ways to help the children and young adults living at Ogada Children's Home build better lives for themselves, their families, and their community.

Ogada is still seeking funds for solar inverters for recently built staff and guest housing units. The inverters will help run computers in the office and security lighting at the home to keep the children safe, and serve as a backup power source in the case of a blackout. Learn more about this project here: <https://pearlsbuck.org/projects/solar-inverters-for-staff-and-guest-housing-units/>

Having the opportunity to go to school and get an education is a huge component of how Chariots for Hope



and all our child sponsors help the children and young adults at Ogada set themselves up to lead happy, successful, and productive lives. By providing these young people with school uniforms and assisting with tuition, you can take some of the financial worries off of their plates and allow the students to focus their energy on studying hard and excelling at school.

Find out more about providing students at Ogada with school uniforms:

<https://pearlsbuck.org/gifts/school-uniform-30/>



Find out more about helping students with their school tuition: <https://pearlsbuck.org/gifts/education-tuition-1180/>

The children living at Ogada do not have the opportunity to run to the store or ask a parent to buy them new clothes whenever they are needed, whether they have been worn out from play and other physical activities or from frequent wear, or because the children are growing quickly and outgrowing what they own. You can help buy a new outfit and new shoes for a child in need: <https://pearlsbuck.org/gifts/new-outfit-and-shoes-59/>

As always, we are so grateful for everything you already do to help the children living at Ogada Children's Home and all the other children served by Pearl S. Buck International thanks to your generosity. We thank you for the extra hope and help you give to these children in need as you are able.

