



History of the Njoro Orphan and Vulnerable Children Program (OVC)

▶ Since 2007, NYAPC has partnered with the Njoro Presbyterian Church of East Africa (P.C.E.A.) to support the Njoro Orphan and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Program.

Photo from 2008

Overview of the Njoro Orphan and Vulnerable Children Program (OVC)

- The OVC program serves 35 orphans and vulnerable youths in Njoro, Kenya
- The program provides through educational support, food, clothes, medical fees, home visits, and encouragement
- The program pays for school fees and supplies and provides a programming on Saturdays and during holiday breaks



Programming and services

- The library is the hub of the program, which includes a computer room and study areas.
- The OVC program identified youth with challenges reading, so the program arranged for additional study days, teachers to assist students
- The program also provides health services for youth who need it, with one student who is HIV positive being treated for pneumonia



Student recruitment for two participants

- After the OVC program had two participants graduate from the program, recruitment began for two new youth.
- The program received many applications. The OVC committee visited six families and identified 2 of the most vulnerable:
 - Sammy Liodi who is 12 years old and whose father died of pneumonia and a mother who is partially blind and HIV positive. Sammy and his mother live with his grandmother.
 - Samson Kamau is 13 and in grade 7 and lives with his mother in a mud house who does casual work



Social Support for OVC youth

- ▶ The program's full-time social worker, Mercy, who regularly visits the OVC youth in their homes and at schools.
- ▶ The OVC board also mentors individual youths and visits them in college and technical schools.

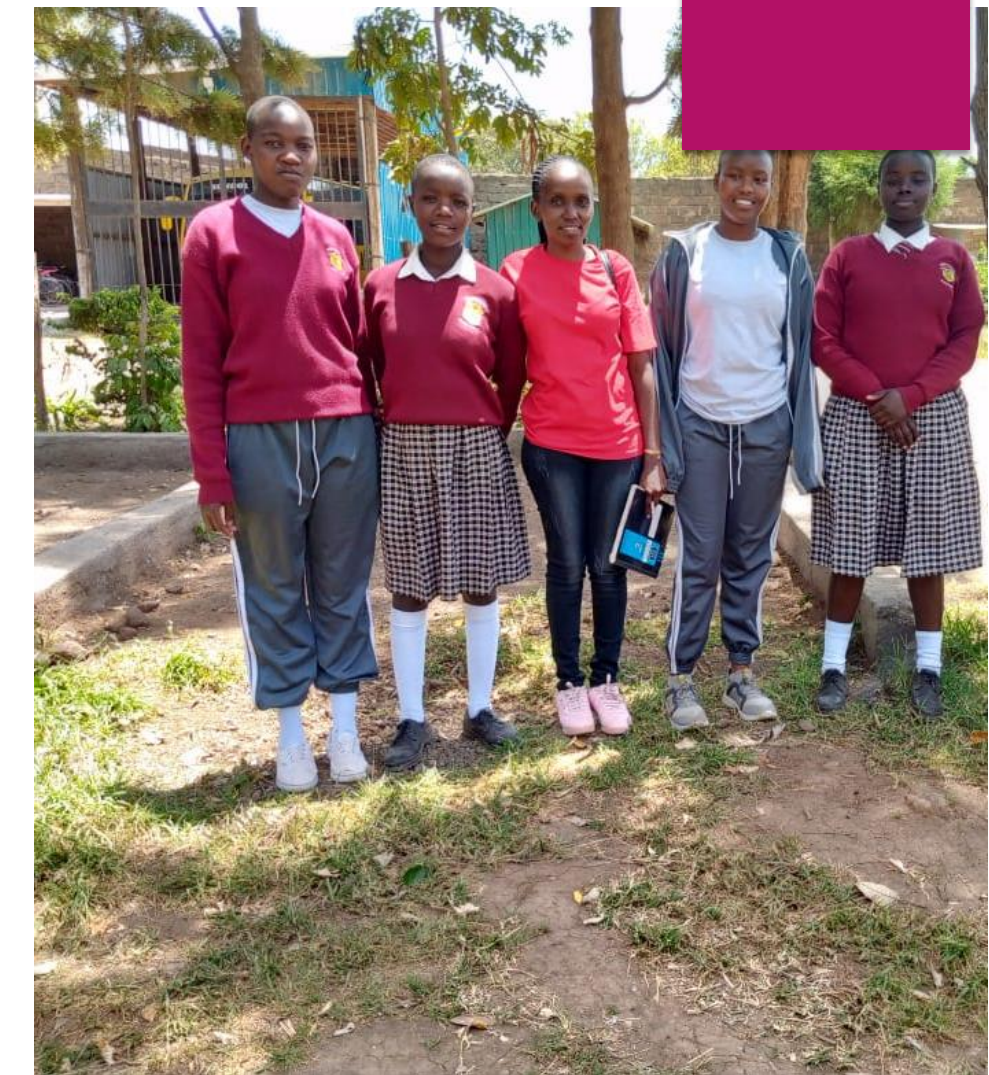


Table Banking/Micro-loans for families

- ▶ 23 of the 35 parents participate in Table Banking to start a new business or boost an existing business.
- ▶ The Kenya Commercial Bank provides capacity building training
- ▶ The businesses vary greatly from poultry keeping, selling fish, fruit and vegetables, selling second hand clothing, farming, coffee, maize flour, charcoal, hoteling and perfume refilling.
- ▶ Challenges to participants are poor farming yields, increases in commodity prices, and a poor economy.



During New York Avenue's trip to Kenya in 2022, we visited a family who was helped by Table Banking. They were economically independent and had purchased a cow.

John Njorge's Graduation from Masai Mara University



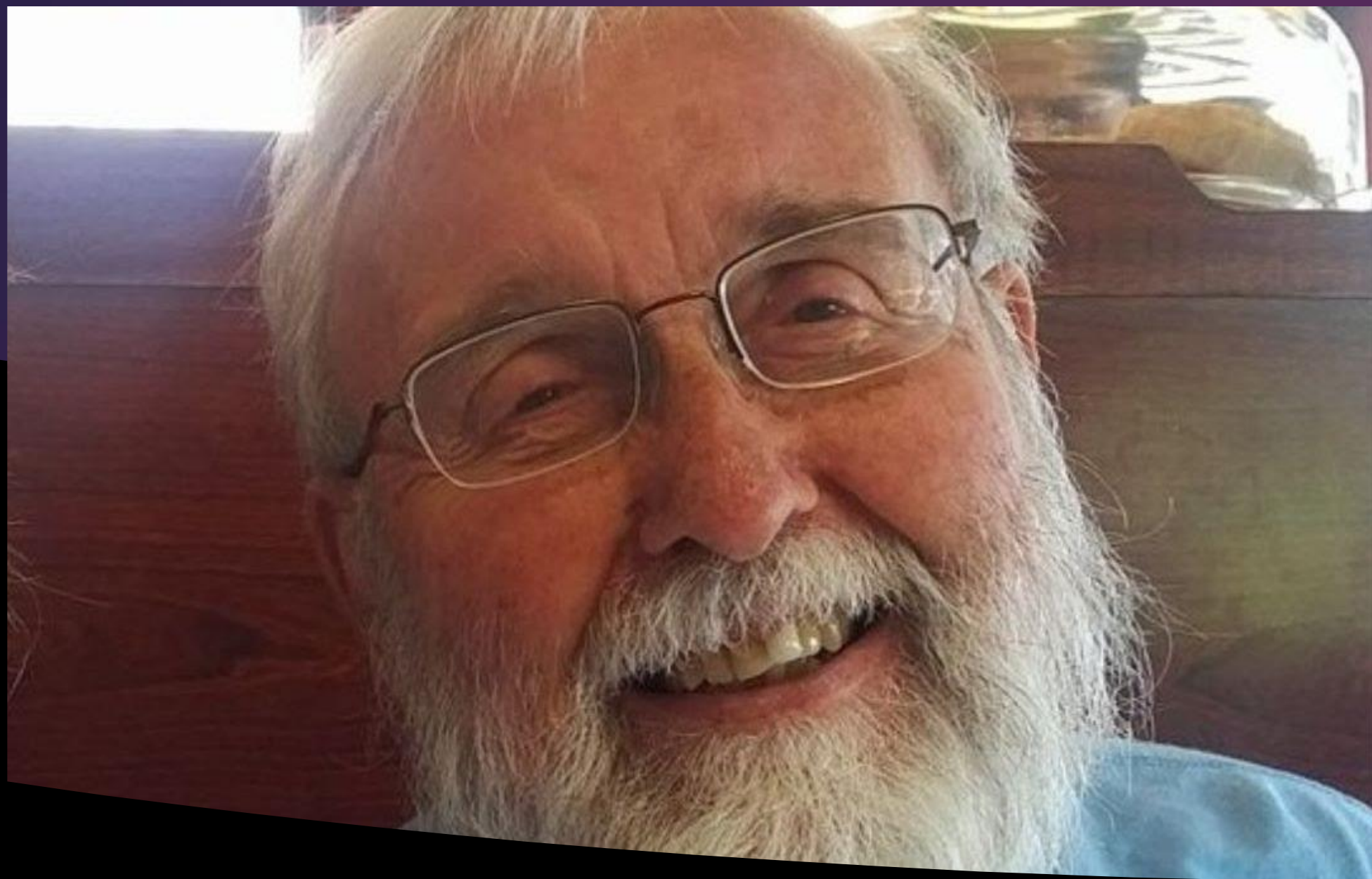
John Njoroge graduation celebration

- ▶ The OVC program celebrated the graduation of John Njoroge from Masai Mara University
- ▶ John started the OVC program in 2014 and realized his dream of going to a school “with no uniforms” by being accepted and graduating from university.



OVC program Visit to the United States

- York Avenue Presbyterian Church invited 4 children and 4 committee members from the OVC to come visit us in October 2024.
- After a several month wait, our Kenyan partners secured an appointment to apply for visas. However, all the visas were denied.
- NYAPC is working through our representatives to have the applications reviewed and assistance in re-applying.



In loving memory of Fritz Von Fleckenstein

- ▶ Fritz was a devoted supporter of the OVC program who passed away on March 20, 2024. He is deeply missed by the congregation and partners in Kenya. His memorial is on May 4, 2024. The chairman of the OVC program, Francis Muchemi, will be traveling to the U.S. for the services.