

All of these children's names have been changed for confidentiality. Photo permission was given.



Meet Rachel. She is a timid young girl in first grade living in Lamu, Kenya. She has been diagnosed with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, and as a result has limited use of her lower legs. Her parents are unemployed and have been having a very hard time with obtaining the necessary things that she has required in order for her to be able to have as much of a normal life as possible. Because of their lack of resources she has been being carried everywhere (with the exception of when she is at school where she borrows another persons adult wheelchair). Her parents have been trying very hard to look for a wheelchair that would fit her and provide her with some independence (she cant independently move in the adult wheelchair). By God's grace, thru your help, a few weeks ago when they came to a BethanyKids mobile clinic the love of Christ was shown thru the provision of a wheelchair that fit her properly and will allow her to move more independently. As a mater of fact, before she even left the clinic she was pushing herself around in circles!



Meet Walter (on the left and below to the right). Walter is an energetic and happy young man whom has been diagnosed with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus. He lives in a town called Narok in Kenya. He has been attending BethanyKids mobile clinics most of his life, but until recently we have not had an appropriate wheelchair to give to him. He has been scooting himself along the floor swinging on his arms (which has resulted in several wounds as he drags is feet, and with Spina Bifida he has no sensation in his legs). Recently he has been asking to go to school so that he can learn with his friends. When his Mom went to the local school to enquire about him coming to class

they refused saying that he must have a wheelchair in order for this to occur. Thanks to some great donors whom have helped us import a number of these special Beeline wheelchairs we were able to put a wheelchair together that fit him just right! (to the right is Mr. Cool himself, he wasn't so sure about getting his picture taken) Fifteen minutes after he was given this wheelchair he was zipping around the hospital asking his Mom when they could go home with his new wheels! Walter was so excited about being able to go to school!





Meet Kevin (to the left). Kevin is a very happy five year old young guy. He is regularly followed up by our BethanyKids Mobile clinic team in Nyahururu, Kenya. When he arrived for our last clinic the first thing he said was that he wanted to be able to go to school! As we talked, we found out from his Mom, that this was not a possibility for them as the school was unable to take him in since he did not have a wheelchair. His Mom had offered to carry him to school, as she always has to carry him on her back no matter where they go, but the school stated that he still had to have a wheelchair while he was at school. Well, on this day in February, 2021 Kevin's prayers were answered! Thanks to the donations of many to get a special container of wheelchairs here to Kenya we were able to provide him with a brand new, custom fit wheelchair! In the picture to the left we are doing our first fitting, and what you cant really tell in this picture is that before we could even get him seated properly in the seat he wanted to start moving around and kept pushing himself out of our reach to get him seated all the way back in his new chair.

Meet Ralph (to the right). He is a 9 year old boy from the area known as Samburu in Kenya. This is a very remote area of the country with little to no supports for individuals with disabilities. Not only are there little supports, but traditional beliefs influence families greatly. Culturally it is believed that if you have a child with a disability they are a curse associated with some sin that you, as the parent (usually understood to be the mother) has committed. As a result many children born with disabilities are neglected and often thrown away. This is the case with Ralph. He now lives at a government sponsored school in Samburu. Believe it or not, this is his first ever wheelchair! At the age of 9 he has now finally been able to receive his very own wheelchair fit to him and with the equipment that he needs to be as independent as he can.



Meet Pete (to the left). He is a 10 year old from Samburu, Kenya. He has Cerebral Palsy and has also, like Ralph, been abandoned. He also lives at the same school with Ralph where he is cared for and attends classes. Like Ralph, this is his first wheelchair! Fit and prescribed just for him so that his spastic movements don't cause him injury. With a wheelchair built for the rough terrain and constant movement associated with his spastic muscles we pray that this wheelchair will serve him for years to come!

Meet Elizabeth (to the right). She is also from Samburu, Kenya. She, like Ralph and Pete has been a victim of our sinful world and was neglected and abandoned. She is a cheerful and energetic young lady with a desire to play and engage with her world. She has been taken in by a special school where she lives and is cared for. However, with limited resources they have not been able to provide her with her own way to be mobile. Thanks to your generosity in giving, we have been able to provide her with her very own wheelchair which has been fit specifically to her. With her new wheelchair she now has the ability to self propel and get to places she wants to go so that she can engage with her friends and others as she wants and needs!



Meet Jack. He is an extremely happy 9 year old boy with Cerebral Palsy. He lives at the same school as Elizabeth, Pete and Ralph. Jack, however is one of the few whom has been blessed to have parents that continue to care for and love him despite his disabilities. This is also Jack's first wheelchair and we are especially excited to see how this will change his life at home. We pray that having this wheelchair will allow him to not only have more independence around the house and school, but will allow him to be able to engage in the community at home. Thru these opportunities in the community we pray that others will begin to recognize and embrace the fact that Jack is made in God's image despite the difficulties and disabilities that he has. By providing Jack a wheelchair we not only improve the dignity and worth that he

has in his own eyes, but we can begin to affect the thoughts and perceptions of entire communities. Please pray with us that God would use Jack in changing the hearts of the people in his community.

Meet Rosie. She is an energetic, extremely bright 18 year old student at Joytown Secondary School in Thika, Kenya. She has a condition called Spina Bifida which limits the sensation and movement of her lower extremities. However, she does not let her physical limitations stop her. She loves school and has a very bright outlook on her future with lots of desires and plans! The wheelchair that she has been provided with is foldable and will allow her to not only be independent in her mobility, but will give her the freedom to use public transport and get from place to place with greater ease. Rosie is also a wheelchair racer, and competes in wheelchair races!





Meet Nancy. Nancy is a 21 year old student at Joytown Secondary School in Thika, Kenya. She has a condition called Osteogenesis Imperfecta which makes her bones extremely fragile. She is about to graduate from high school this year and is looking forward to next steps in life. We are so excited to see young men and women like Nancy being able to participate in 'normal life.' But not only just that, but to see driven young folks graduating from high school and intending to go on to college and work in jobs that excite them is such a huge motivator for others with disabilities as well as affects the thoughts of so many in the community! We pray that despite the great set of specialized wheels under Nancy, that people would see her for the bright, caring, driven and intelligent young lady that Gods has made her into.

Meet George. George has Spina Bifida and because of his limited strength and movement in his legs he has spent most of his first 5 years scooting himself around on the floor. His parents have been wanting a wheelchair for him for some time. However, because of the difficulty of getting appropriate wheelchairs for children in Kenya we have not been able to provide one for him. Fortunately for George, he has friends, like you, on the other side of the world that care enough about his well being that you all have given generously! Your gifts have allowed BethanyKids to import a container of specialized pediatric wheelchairs which give us the ability to provide kids like George with a properly fitting wheelchair! If it weren't for your donations George would probably have to wait for a properly fitting wheelchair until he was much older. Without a wheelchair he would probably not be able to go to school or even be allowed to play with his friends as he would have to pull himself along on the ground which would probably cause him to get wounds and set him back even more. So, on behalf of the MANY young kids that await a wheelchair so that they can do normal everyday kid things, we thank you! Thank you for seeing the image of God in all of these wonderful young children!

