

15 GIRLS RECONCILED IN DECEMBER



From the left: Hellen and her grandmother; tears flowing as Hellen is received by her sister; Vivian reconciled with her mother

This December has been a very good month for us in the area of reconciliation. Mission with a Vision's ultimate goal is that all girls that escape home to come to the safe house are eventually reconciled with their parents. This reconciliation involves a lot of negotiations, mostly through middlemen usually the local chief or religious leaders. When a girl escapes to the safe house, we always seek to know the parents. After we locate the parents we inform them that the girl is safe,

and that we would like to negotiate for her to return home. Usually, at this point, negotiations are not possible because the fathers are very violent and going to talk to them would be suicide. We use village elders to assess the situation and decide when it is best to start the negotiations. This could be either one month, or up to seven years after the arrival of a girl depending on the reaction of the parents. One girl took 9 years to be accepted back home. The good news is that we have never

failed in any of the reconciliations. The only difference is the time it takes. This December we were able to reconcile 15 girls with their parents. All went well except one where one of the parents was very violent. The girl did stay with the mother for a week and then she returned to the safe house since we felt that she was not secure. Despite this short coming, it was great to see the girls happy to be back home.

GRADUATION



From the left: Joyce, Irene Kirapash, Damaris, Josephine

Two of our girls, Bilha and Damaris, graduated from college.

We also had Joyce, Asnus, Hilda, Magaret, and Lekiyot graduate from high school. Hellen, Janet, Sharon, Eunice, Irene Sopiato, Irene Kirapash

and Rael graduated from primary, and are set to join high school in January.

Josephine has also completed her law degree at Kabarak University and is going for her internship to Daadab

refugee camp for one year; she will join Kenya school of law in January 2018

PROJECTS



From the left: solar lighting system at the safe house; installing a solar water pump at the farm

This year we were able to install a full solar lighting system at the safe house. We hope to increase the number of solar panels in the course of 2017 to boost the power output so we can be fully reliant on solar power.

We were also able to install a solar water pump at the farm to boost our food production. We thank all those who supported us and enabled us to make these great steps.

OUR WISHLIST

2017 MINI BUS PROJECT

We are sending an appeal to all those who support our vision to assist in raising funds to buy a mini-bus for the safe house to enable us to transport the girls to and from school. The bus will also help us take our girls to various workshops that they usually get invitations to, but are not able to get to because of lack of transport.

The bus will also be used to transport the girls during anti FGM campaigns. If you have a second hand mini-bus you could donate it. Let's join hands and make this dream a reality. We seek to raise \$42,000 for the 32-seater mini-bus.