

# Simba Ministries 2017

*Their eyes will always tell their stories*



Meet Valentine, Rochelle, and Gertrude. Valentine and Gertrude are cousins and Rochelle is their close friend. These beautiful young ladies love going to school. Their personalities are so loving, gentle, and intelligent. Valentine and Rochelle are a part of our sponsorship program and have met their sponsors. They have shown us what it means to be joyful in any of life's circumstances. Already at this age, they have walked through suffering and are learning what it means to trust in Jesus as their Savior and King. We are grateful for their lives.

## 2016 Praises

- Completion of Library
- Completion of an additional teacher's living quarters
- Completion of Carmon Dining hall
- Numerous speaking events
- Four missions teams sent
- 171 Children sponsored
- Vision of House of Zion birthed
- New bathrooms built
- 35 additional home visits done for 2017 kids
- Athletic track and basketball court completed



## Medical Missions 2017

"I had a chance to be a part of the medical team in Kenya this past January. As nervous as I was, I felt called to go. Feeling called was mainly in the sense that the timing worked out so perfectly for me with where I was at in my life. I had no idea what to expect when I got there, but whatever small expectations I had set for the trip were blown away. Never in my life have I seen a more joyful and gracious culture. My eyes were opened and my heart was filled with a new kind of love. The adults were full of smiles, simplicity, and strength. The children were so full of love, laughter, and playfulness. They melted my heart with each song and dance they prepared for us. I thought when I came to Kenya it would be a one-time thing, but I've been so inspired by these people, including the group that accompanied me. Being surrounded by such love and cheerfulness, as well as being able to serve others and give back was something so fulfilling. I cannot wait to go back again!

-Kelsey Swanson, BSN, RN



"My heart was pounding. I was uncertain what emotions would follow. I soon felt the tender arms off my sweet Ezabella wrapped around me. I was consumed with the pure love in that very instant. She was perfect! Soon I found Alex wearing his big banana smile, he was shy and quiet but enjoyed playing Googlie eyes with me. Then, Elvis put his hands in mine, we let our eyes do the talking. Each one being so timid, but only at first. We communicated with joy in our hearts seeking to know more about each other. I wanted to know what was deep inside those piercing eyes. What I found was Jesus Christ alive and well! God took my heart's desire and showed me the sweetest love a father can give, all through these beautiful children. Within days we were smitten, eager to share the morning sunshine and warmth of the day. It was hard to say farewell in the evenings. I couldn't get enough of them, as they could not resist the urge to squeeze me, kiss my hands, my cheeks, and say I love you.

Their sweet sweet souls bonded to mine in a way unforced, simply natural!! What a good good Father to show me His grace. He delivered on His promise. I found Kenya, Kenya found a forever friend in me.

Thank you Simba for the opportunity to meet my sponsored children. I am forever grateful for the change in my heart."

-Jennelle Cassidy

### Sponsors:

If you have not written your child, please send your letters to P.O. Box 193 Garretson, SD 57030. If you have not paid for your child's tuition, please do so through paypal. You can connect a bank account and set up reoccurring payments. Their school year runs January to November so we are half way through their school year so far. It is vital to be faithful in this area as children cannot continue to board and go to school if their tuition is not paid.



From the Founder	From the President
<p>I'm humbled at the opportunity to greet you all in the name of Jesus. I want to thank the Lord for being at the center of Simba Ministries. He is the reason why we do what we do. Our prayer is that everyone involved feels the love of Jesus in an intimate way.</p> <p>I just came back from a three month stay in Kenya. Everything is progressing well. Our first VBS trip was a great experience and the kids loved every minute of it. Then we did 35 home visits and entered the children into the sponsorship program. We have 25 remaining from this group to be sponsored. In our program we have 171 now entered and currently going to school. Parents continue to thank God for answering our prayer for their children to be entered into the sponsorship program.</p> <p>Lastly, our medical clinic saw over 1000 people in four days. We had a prayer station and saw the Lord work in amazing ways. Each one of you reading this newsletter helped us in making this all possible. I can never thank you enough. We will continue to do what the work to expand the kingdom of God and love on everyone we come into contact with. I pray this newsletter finds you well. I pray that you will be encouraged by the stories that you read in this newsletter. All glory and honor go to our heavenly King. We will lift the name of Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>As we are quickly moving through 2017, we are aware, as a ministry, that God is fully in control of what He wants done with His people in Kenya. There have been an overwhelming amount of people that have felt called to go, give, and send others to Kenya with the goal of sharing the love of Jesus with people who do not have a relationship with Him. So many people have stepped up to sponsor children to go to school and start a relationship with them. This is a thriving part of our ministry. As a sponsor, I have seen the change in a child's heart when they meet their sponsor. It is life changing for them to meet someone who has changed their future. We are humbled to get to be a part of what God is doing. We believe this is going to be a big year for Simba as we turn two years old as a non-profit. We thank God for loving us like He does and call us His children.</p> <p>We want to thank you specifically for being a part of Simba and for allowing God to use to impact someone you have never met. It is our greatest blessing to be the messengers of your love.</p>

## 2017 Needs

- Sponsors for 2017 kids
- Finances for: Early Child Development classrooms, New Dorms, New teachers wing, Land for missions home and House of Zion
- Office Intern in Sioux Falls, SD to assist our treasurer
- Three missions teams to go in May, November, and Dec/January

Thank you to all of those who have selflessly put their time, efforts, encouragement, and finances into seeing the people of Kenya thrive. You have touched our hearts, and we are grateful for you. Thank you to those who serve on the board to make big decisions and volunteer your time. Thank you to the sponsors who have began relationships with their children. They adore you. Thank you to those who have donated and met with Chase, our founder to discuss the future of the ministry. Thank you to those who have gone to Kenya and have given of your time to serve. We are so grateful for you all.