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DOZENS OF CHILDREN BAPTIZED AT KENYAN ORTHODOX ORPHANAGE (+VIDEO)



St. Tabitha’s Orphanage in Kenya rejoiced greatly on Sunday, as more than two dozen of its wards and several adults were baptized into the holy Orthodox Church.

Fr. Agapios Omukuba, the head of the orphanage, celebrated the Baptisms in a local creek in the village of Malava. Altogether, 29 people received Holy Illumination.

The entire service was livestreamed on Facebook:

r. Agapios commented elsewhere that most of the new Orthodox Christians are from the Pokot tribe—one of over 40 Kenyan tribal groups—who live in the northwest of the country. There are an estimated 783,000 Pokot speakers in Kenya, and another 130,000 in Uganda.

Nine children were also united to Christ in the waters of Baptism at the orphanage in the early spring.

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The St. Tabitha Orphanage and School is a struggling mission that has saved many children from poverty and death. The orphanage's website describes their mission:

Fr. Agapios and Papadia Dorah moved the orphans from the Kibera slum outside of Nairobi to Malava in Kakamega County in order to provide them with a safe place to live. They provide for the children's every need including shelter, clothing, daily meals, schooling, and medical care. Fr. Agapios travels back regularly to Kibera to rescue more children and bring them to Malava.

With the blessing of His Grace Bishop Athanasios and by the generosity of others, we purchased a beautiful parcel of land on which to build a new home, future schoolhouse, medical clinic and church. Click here for the latest updates. Be sure to also check out our blog.

Father Agapios and Papadia Dorah are working hard to complete construction so they no longer have to pay rent. They currently spend approximately $700.00 U.S. per month to meet the basic needs of the children and pay teachers and staff. School is not free in Kenya and uniforms are required. Please consider supporting St. Tabitha Orphanage and School. Be a part of making a huge difference in the lives of a few children.

Please visit the St. Tabitha's website to donate via GoFundMe or Paypal.

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