

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter to describe my visit and experience at the Elma Barnett Children's Centre in Kamonong, Kenya. My name is Suzanne Anderson. I am the Director of the Undergraduate Teaching Laboratories in the Chemistry Department at the University of California, San Diego USA.

The Elma Barnett Children's Centre Kamonong is a nurturing place for these children to live. The children have nice sleeping quarters and are well fed. They are very healthy and physically strong. I have worked with many children in the United States. The children and young men and women at the Elma Barnett Children's Centre are extremely kind to one another. I am amazed at how they get along and support one another. I have never seen a group of children as kind and well behaved as the children at the centre. In addition, I am also extremely impressed by their demeanor. These children are calm and well focused. They are well disciplined. They are gracious, sociable, and welcoming. The centre provides the children with a loving Christian environment. They are spiritual and are taught to centre their life around God.

Christianity and education are the primary focus at the children's centre. These children are excited about learning and it appears they are receiving a first rate education. The children are very bright. I was surprised by how intelligent they are and quick to learn. They are highly motivated and several are at the top of their class. The children are well supported and encouraged to excel in their studies. The young men who were home from college were also impressive and provide a fantastic role model for the younger boys and girls.

Finally, I would like to say a word about the staff at the centre. The house parents, compound caretakers, board members and overseas representative are truly cultivating these young people. They are loving and patient with the children. They are firm and kind. I cannot say enough good things about the staff. These children appear to be in good hands with people who truly care about their well being.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Anderson