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A World of Difference

Anyone who travels from a western nation to Africa will notice a world of difference, especially if travel includes spending time in rural areas. Rough roads, no electricity, washing of cloths by hand, no running water except at the community well, if there is one. Long walks to wherever they go, school, markets, water, and medical care. No shopping carts, no SUVs with bags of groceries, just well-balanced goods on the heads of women and children as they travel to and from. As we work, we are noticing a world of difference within the communities we serve. The pictures will give you an idea of what we see; the difference in "our" children verses others.



These two little boys are orphans. The family caring for them have other children of their own. They cannot afford to send all of the children to school. The boys are hired out to tend goats in the bush. The money they earn helps to put food on the table.

Instead of going to school, they work. Far too many families are in this type of survival mode. They want more for their children. They desperately want to be able to pay for school fees and medicine when malaria or typhoid strike again. It's heartbreaking for them to make the tough choices in life, especially when it directly affects the future of those in their care



The boys in this picture are orphans too. Their caretaker is Budjune. She is in the micro loan program. We shared her story in the October newsletter. Some of her goats were stolen from her. She was able to identify one of them at the market and was able to take the goat back home with her. Her boys help with chores before and after school. Their chores include herding the goats. The difference in their world is that they do chores before and after school. This is the difference you make in the lives of children through your support of HCCA. Through your support we are able to give Budjune a microloan. She is able to put food on the table and allow the boys to go to school. She now has the ability to make positive choices. She is now able to go from the survival mode to offering a much brighter future for those in her household. Her micro loan