



# The Carpenter's Kids

## ANNUAL REVIEW: IBIHWA PARISH

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To our friends at The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, Mill Valley

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**Background:** The first distribution at your link parish of Ibihwa took place on October 18, 2008. On October 3, 2009 the Carpenter's Kids at Ibihwa parish received their second distribution of school uniforms, shoes, and school materials. The Assistant Program Director, Mr. John Mattaya, conducted a review of the parish's involvement in the program at this distribution. He met with the parish committee, the Mama Lishes, the children, and their guardians to discuss the program with them. Some of their comments are recorded below:

**Committee Members:** The Committee Members at Ibihwa are all working hard to ensure that the program continues to progress. They expressed their thanks to their supporters in California for the help the children are receiving. They say that the children are studying hard in their lessons, and their health has continued to improve over the last year. The entire committee is happy that their parish is included within The Carpenter's Kids program, and they promise to work hard to ensure that the program continues to progress without any problems. "Thank you, our friends!"

**Mama Lishes:** The Mama Lishes (the women who cook the children breakfast) are grateful for the opportunity to work for the children each morning. Since they have been serving as Mama Lishes they have seen a great improvement in the children's attention span, attendance at school, and academic performance. They are happy to see how the children have changed over the past year since they are receiving more food, and they are thankful for their friends in California!

**Guardians and Parents:** The parents and guardians expressed their sincere thanks for your help in continuing to support the program in Ibihwa. The program is helping them to support their children, and for that they are very grateful. Their children are attending school every day and enjoying learning with their peers. They ask that God will bless you for your kind hearts and for the generosity you have shown to them.

**Children:** The children at Ibihwa were all very excited to receive their new shoes, uniforms, and school supplies, and they were especially excited when they received five pairs of socks and bars of soap. They promise to continue to study hard in school and work hard to help their parents. They thank you very much for the gifts you have given to them. "Asanteni sana rafiki zetu!" (Thank you very much, our friends!)

**Assistant Director:** Ibihwa parish has continued to do well with The Carpenter's Kids program. The children all looked very healthy, happy, and well-cared for. It is wonderful to see that the program is progressing and that the children are showing the benefits of the program. The committee members and guardians are all working together to make sure that the children are taken care of and that the program is operating without any major issues. We will continue to visit Ibihwa each year to ensure that everything is running smoothly.

The Carpenter's Kids staff extends their thanks for your continued support of the parish of Ibihwa.

Sincerely,  
*John Mattaya*  
Assistant Director