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*The children of the Hebrews, carrying olive branches,
went to meet the Lord, crying out and saying:
Hosanna in the highest.*



Group Picture taken on Palm Sunday

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Dear Friends and Supporters of St. Nicholas Children's Center,

We, the children and caretakers at St. Nicholas are sending you our heartfelt Easter Greetings!

Holy Week has started. Our children are looking forward to a break from school. The last few months of school were very challenging. Magdalena is in third grade and comes home from school at 6 pm. The other children are busy in the afternoons with tuition classes to keep up with the school work.

Holy Saturday we plan to color eggs with the children. Easter Sunday we will stay home. There have been rumors that Christian churches and institutions will be a target for some fundamentalists, so we decided to delay our Easter celebration for a few days.

All of our 15 children are well. We are expecting the arrival two new children in April: Elliot is five years old and is mentally challenged. Innocent is two and a half years old and is both mentally and physically affected. We still have room at our center. Most likely we will receive more children before the end of the year. The decision whether to receive a child depends on the child's family situation.

Our work at the Outpatient Clinic aims at supporting and strengthening families with disabled children. There is a great need to help parents of disabled children. Many times, the parents do not know what is affecting their child, where to get help and if they get medical help, how to pay for it. Part of our work is to accompany parents to the treatment until they can follow up on it by themselves. Many times we help to pay for the medical bill and also for the transportation costs to the hospital. This ministry is important so that the children may remain in their families.

In March two young women from Germany visited us. They did an internship as part of their education to become occupational therapists. Our children always enjoy the extra attention they receive from volunteers.

We in Africa are excited about our new Pope Francis and the Diocese of Bukoba has a new Bishop, Bishop Desiderius Rwoma. We will officially welcome him on April 7th. Our former Bishop is going to retire in the same parish as St. Nicholas is located.

Wishing you all happy Easter,
Stefanie Köster and Children