

Below is the story of Neema from Nakuru in Kenya whose plight is so common in countries like Kenya today.

"I met with Neema's mother, Naomi today and her's is a heart breaking story. The family fled Kericho at the height of the post election violence in January of 2008. Neema's father was a businessman in the town and was doing well for his family and Naomi was a stay at home mom.

During the violence, their business, home and property were burnt down and they fled with only the clothes on their backs. The family stayed briefly with relatives in Nakuru and both Naomi and her husband found odd jobs to support their family. Things have not been easy for this family that was not officially recognized as IDPs since they did not live in an IDP (Internally Displaced People), camp and so did not receive any support from the government.

They have struggled to put 3 other children through high school, feed, clothe and house them. The husband is now psychologically affected and may need professional help, leaving only the mother to work and take care of the family and the burden is too heavy for her. As a mother, I feel her pain when her children cannot have the very basic of needs met.

Jaine Kamau  
PE Rotary Club of Nakuru Kenya."

**Unless students have the fees and capacity to pay for uniforms and to pay for boarding, they never get to secondary school and are then extremely vulnerable and at risk, in places like Mathare, Nakuru and all the large cities of Kenya. So we looked at getting 200 more Tracy's into secondary school and beyond.**