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Dear Miss Maria Pia,

It is a great happiness and joy to write to you at this period of the year. Receive many greetings from us AVSI in Kenya. We hope you are fine with your entire family and friends. We are fine here in Africa. We write to update you on progress of your son Kevin W, the child you have been supporting since he was in primary school. He is still living in Kibera with his family. His mother does a small scale business of selling vegetable. Kevin experienced problems in his primary education since his father was a casual worker and the family was left with nothing to live on or educate the children. His mother is the sole breadwinner. She experienced difficulties in supporting Kevin to proceed in his studies hence she approached AVSI through sisters of Charity from a local Kibera catholic church to seek for support to educate Kevin who was very bright and determined to make a difference in his future life through education.

Kevin was so lucky to be enrolled into AVSI program and he proceeded well in his studies. Through your help, Kevin benefited from school learning materials including text books, school uniform and school fees payment made on time to avoid delay in reporting to school. All these enabled him to access quality education. In addition, he benefited from Easter and Christmas holiday shopping vouchers which also directly benefited the family. He also benefited from health care since most of the time Kevin was unhealthy, because he have serious eyes problems. Kevin was actively involved in various recreational activities including football tournaments, trips, seminars and video watching. All these exposed Kevin to a different environment outside Kibera and different approach to daily life. He participated in seminar on Value of Life which enable to understand himself in a positive way and change behaviour.

Also the family benefited from your support since his mother was able to divert small funds into starting a small business to be able to support other children in school. The family also attended parent seminar and meetings aimed at exposing them to real life challenges in parenting and responsibilities towards their children and how to cope with them.

Kevin completed his class eight primary level very well although he didn't get enough grades to be admitted in high school so he decided and joined a hairdressing college for a course in hairdressing through your support.

I'm confident that Kevin will live a bright future and support himself in sustainable manner because he has already opened a small salon shop through the help of the mother who had salon equipments, which was not in use and he has employed two ladies to assist him to run it. We are so happy seeing him run his own salon.

Thank you so much for your support to Kevin you shall always remain in the memory of Kevin thought out his life they ever pray for you and your family.

Thank you so much once more and may Almighty God bless you and your entire family.

Yours sincerely

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