## The story of Samuel and his family

Samuel, his little sister Sherine and his mother were found half-starved in the bush and brought to the hospital. After Nice View had cared for the children in the hospital for a fortnight, the children came to the children's village.



still in the hospital



Sherine shortly before her death

Sherine, who weighed only 2 kg when she was about 6-8 months old, was released from her suffering after one week in Nice View. She was already too weak when she came to the children's village and despite all the care she received, she died at night in her Mama Gudrun's bed as a result of malnutrition. After her mother also died in hospital a few weeks later, Samuel was now the only survivor of this small family. According to dental status and doctors, he was certainly already 2 years old at that time.

At the beginning he could hardly sit independently, but already 2 months later this had changed. He could sit independently and upright, crawl, stand and was already scampering around in a walker. In the beginning, he only made whining noises. Later he had the strength to roar and began to speak his first words. His hunger belly had shrunk a little and the first rolls of fat were forming on his legs.



after one months in the children's home



after half a year in the children's home



after one year in the children's home

Little by little, he became a happy child who laughed a lot and was always up for games and jokes. We were also impressed by his character. He always wanted to share his food, beaming all over his face. But he was happy when everything was just for him. In the course of time, he had continued to develop magnificently physically. Soon it no longer occurred to us to have a child in front of us who had almost starved to death.

After 8 years in the children's village, we unfortunately had to say goodbye to him. Something that no one could have imagined before. Like some of the other children, he had fallen ill with tonsillitis. He was particularly badly affected. His whole body was swollen, he could hardly speak and only very quietly and had to be taken to a hospital in Mombasa. There he was given lots of medication and was discharged with the diagnosis of nephrotic syndrome (damage to the renal corpuscles), presumably caused by the pharyngitis.

A few days later, he was sitting with the other children and his Mama Gudrun at dinner when he suddenly fell off his chair. He was immediately taken to hospital, but it was no longer possible to help him. It all happened very quickly and fortunately he hardly had to suffer. A stroke of fate from which no one has really recovered to this day.



after 3 years in the children's home



after 5 years in the children's home



after 6 years in the children's home



shortly before his illness

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