

NEWS IN BRIEF

» During the April holiday Rosemarie Charles taught the big girls quilting.



Putting pieces together to make a flower

» Silke Leng, NMZ and Christiane Rimroth, MEW visited PLCC.
 » We warmly welcome two new PLCC staff: Beatrice Githinji joined us in May and is serving in the kitchen of the dropping centre and Damianus Oloo in June and is working with the Hand Stretch Program.

» We express our thanks to Gesche Groth who volunteered in PLCC for one year.
 » Just before we went to the camp Lisa Forstmaier and Ronja Klauschke, international volunteers from Germany, arrived in Nairobi. They will stay with us for one year and teach the rehabilitation classes. PLCC welcomes them and wishes a year of blessed interaction and learning in this new environment.

» We thank Mr. K.P. Doshi and HEART for 40 packets of sanitary towels, each packet for a whole years need of a girl. The presentation took place on July 9, 09.



Mary Mshana and Vickie Winkler from HEART

CHANGES WITH ELCA DONATIONS

First of all we would like to apologize, that our US American friends did not receive a letter of thanks this year. This is because ELCA has changed their information policy due to data protection. Since August 2008 they haven't shared the details of the donors any more. Your donation has been transferred in an amount of others and

cannot be recognized individually. We fully respect this policy, but feel very sorry that we are no longer aware of new friends. We would like to ask you, as our old friends, to encourage new friends to let us know their contacts, email or postal address, so that we can send the newsletter to them.

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in need is a friend indeed

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A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step

Dear Friends of PLCC,

We wish to continue to express our gratitude to all our friends in generally for supporting our program. The management together with the PLCC family recognizes the efforts and the heart of giving God has planted in you. Like any other growing entity the PLCC has been going through different challenges. Healthy problems, food crises, education challenges, accommodation limits and psychological issues just to mention a few. Through these challenges we have seen strengths, weaknesses and opportunities influencing the actions which have resulted to what we are today. We have been able to work under the challenges by insisting on team work and sharing believing God will continue touching His people to keep on holding hands with us in this mission.

While we all celebrate the achievements at the new plot, we are confident that the financial needs around the plans shall be available. We have seen God's hand from the time we purchased the plot, then the fencing as a first dream come true. We worked on

installing electricity on the compound and finally here we have water running for any need we may count of water.

The first phase in our building plan has come on the way. God has provided funds only enough to construct a half of it. While we continue trusting in Him we believe in holding hands with others to see the phase come to completion. The work will go along way to ensure more positive results in behavior change and self reliance, and by reducing the number of school drop outs and early pregnancies.



Look at my beautiful picture!

We at PLCC believe in making the thousandth step only if you decide to hold hands with us. This can be either

through prayer, materials, finances or advice.

Friends, “Thumbs up” as we believe that PLCC will successfully meet the needs of the destitute girls in Nairobi

PROGRESS IN ONGATA RONGAI

After the well drilling was complete, we managed to construct a reserve tank with a capacity of 32.7m³ on top of a tower of 9 m height at a cost of Ksh 1.093.838 - Ksh 755.400 being a donation from the German Embassy in Nairobi.

All the legal applications have been approved by different Government offices and after getting the official certificates to permit us to continue with the development plans, we have made announcements particularly to parishes within Nairobi for interested and qualified contractors. Since the work has been planned to go on phases, our account’s records shows that we have funds to construct a almost half of phase one only; which is

and its environs. We may not have seen the last step as yet but together and step by step we shall reach there.

Mary Mshana, Director

Ksh 13.110.000 and we need another Ksh 17.300.000

While continue to ask for support from our well wishers and friends, we have decided to keep other activities at the plot on going. We have expanded gardening activities for the day to day needs of vegetables for the children.

We believe that people will be touched to stretch their hands in helping to make our dreams come true.



INTAKE 2009



As it was mentioned in our last newsletter, ten girls were admitted to PLCC this year. Since then they have contin-

ued to undergo rehabilitation / informal education. Most of them do not have any educational background making it difficult to place them in the level of education that matches with their ages. This is also a foreseen situation come next year when they join public schools. One of them is Faizun, who has never had any formal education and she is now eleven years old. There is also a tendency of going back to the streets during weekends and holidays, which makes the rehabilitation a hard exercise.

Ronald Bosire, teacher

CAMP 2009 AT MJI WA FURAHA

The five days (17.8.-21.8.09) at Mji ya furaha were a lot of fun for everybody. We had many exciting projects for the children for example tie-dye, sports, dancing, a bible quiz, making a movie, water color painting or weaving. Especially the trip to “Paradise Lost” was a success. Riding on a camel and the little boat trip made it special. Chapati on

the last evening completed the good food of these days. All girls and teachers were happy to have a party the last night. Modeling, dancing and singing brought fun to everyone. Praising the lord with songs was our way to say “Thank you” for this wonderful time full of laughter and joy.

Ronja Klauschke, int. volunteer



Camel riding

tie and dye during the camp



TEN GIRLS FOR KCPE AND TWO FOR KCSE 2009

We are now in the third term of the year as far as education is concern in Kenya. This is the shortest term of all and it is characterized by final examinations which determines progress from one level of education to the other. These examinations are crucial to those in class 8 and in form four.

As usual our PLCC girls are always among those who are examined. This year we had registered ten girls to seat for Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) examination and two girls for Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE). Two from the first group have dropped out of school without giving reason for doing so. But from unreliable sources we are told, that they say:” Even those who were ahead of us and had done the same examination and did not pass, are

outside doing nothing.“ So they did not see a need to do the examination or continue with education.

This brings us back to the challenges that PLCC is facing, as it tries to help these girls. That is the environment in which they live and the living conditions, which are always discouraging. Of notable importance also is that quite a number of our girls cannot cope with the regular schools. This is because their past life experiences were traumatizing that they were left with life time effects that affects their learning abilities. Thus they require special kind of schools. However, with the plans to address some of these challenges in place, we are hoping that, if successful, some of these problems will be a thing of the past.

Ronald Bosire, teacher