

NEWS IN BRIEF

- » Utalii Hotel, Nairobi stretched a hand of help to PLCC by donating 50 mattresses, 50 beds, 50 chairs and mosquito nets.
- » Elizabeth and Johanna, volunteers from Germany, joined PLCC in August. They have already become accustomed to their new surrounding. We wish them many good experiences at PLCC.
- » “Wageni ni baraka” is a Kiswahili saying and means “Guests are a blessing”. PLCC was blessed by having Rendsburg Youth group, Rev. Dale Burke & Family from Honolulu, HI, Danita Waterfall,



Listening to our guests from abroad is every interesting.

Frankfurt, Germany; Grace Lutheran Oregon group, USA; Church group from Rantzau - Münsterdorf, Germany; Markus Tiefenbacher, Austria and Jörg Paetzold, Germany visit us!

READ MY STORY

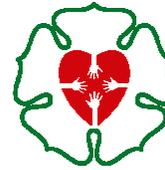
My name is Simon. When I was in class six I was severely injured and had to drop out of school. I never imagined that one day I would be homeless. But after the death of my parents this became a reality. I earn my living selling second hand items such as serving spoons, spades, electronics, etc. My daughter Susan, ten, is one of the children at PLCC. Her mother died seven years ago of TB when Susan was three. I love my daughter and she

loves me too. I visit her during holidays. I am one of the parents who benefit from free counseling at PLCC. The weekly counseling sessions offer me a chance to change my lifestyle. My goal is to stop drinking, increase my business, and be able to rent a house. My friend James has changed his life and become a Christian pastor. I am also committed to change and I need your prayers.
(more next bulletin)



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FRIEND

A friend in need is a friend indeed.

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Dear friends,

On October 5, 2011 the new PLCC Notburga House at Ongata Rongai on the outskirts of Nairobi was dedicated. The new house will accommodate 48 girls and four “mothers”. The JMCK chair, Rev. Volker Schauer, opened the ceremony by prayer. Rev. Luke Mwololo gave a short history of PLCC and acknowledged partner churches representatives who were present. Representatives of several parishes were also present along with 70 girls from PLCC and staff. The women’s group from NILC, among others, presented money to purchase kitchen utensils for the house. Next, the KELC Bishop, Z.W. Kahuthu, blessed the house and handed the key over to the PLCC director Mary Mshana. One of the PLCC girls had the honor of presenting the Bishop the scissor to cut the ribbon and officially open the Notburga house.



Upon opening the door there was an audible “WOW!” from the girls. Once inside the Bishop blessed the PLCC workers and praised them for their commendable work of completing a dream which began many years ago. Once everyone had toured the new facilities that had been brightly decorated, a catered luncheon was served. The fulfillment of this dream was made possible through monetary donations throughout the world and by many busy hands at PLCC, specifically Claudia Heiss and Cindy Wolff who have worked tirelessly with the

director, Mary Mshana. After the luncheon and a closing prayer by Pastor Samuel Wolff of NILC, people slowly left to return home. What a special day it was.



SUCCESS STORY

Wambui is ten years old. She was born in one of the slums in Nairobi. Her father died when Wambui was a small baby. Out of frustration her mother turned to alcohol. Wambui's life became worse as she grew up since she did not have her parents' protection.



By the time Wambui was found by our social workers, begging on the streets, she had a lot of health issues. Spending nights on the streets with a drunken mother, Wambui encountered sexual

abuse and rape that caused various infections. She also suffered psychologically.

She was offered shelter and taken to the hospital for a check up and treatment. She is still on medication though from her physical appearance there is a big improvement. She can smile, play with others and participate in academic activities.

PLCC is committed to seeing her life become normal. Her mother has joined weekly counseling sessions organized by PLCC management. The goal is to assist her to become sober and lead a productive lifestyle. It is a long journey but we believe one mile starts with one step.

God willing, Wambui will join public school next year while staying in the PLCC's new home. To be able to rescue more like Wambui we need many more caring hands from near and far.

THE EFFECTS OF HIGH INFLATION

Kenya is currently experiencing rising inflation that has reached levels never experienced before. This has seen the Kenyan Shilling lose its value against the major world currencies like the Dollar, Euro, Pound and others. The prices of commodities are rising making it very difficult for the Kenyans to purchase the basic necessities. There have been instances where some of the basics like sugar and maize flour have been in short supply, making them extremely expensive.

What this means to PLCC is that we have to spend more on food purchases as well as other purchases we make such as school supplies, uniforms and

medical services. Schools have also revised fees upwards in order to cope with this sad reality. Due to the high increase of oil prices we are now spending more in transport costs and energy expenditure.

Like all other low income Kenyan workers, PLCC workers have been hit hard as prices increase while their income remains the same. Nevertheless every Kenyan will have to endure this hoping that the government will put forward more efforts to ensure that the Shilling regains its value and that the prices of commodities return to affordable levels.

HURRAH, I CAN MAKE A CANDLE



At Don Bosco, Karen

Don Bosco, Karen, opened its doors for a group of 103 adults and children for a four day camp. During these days the children got the opportunity to sleep in a dorm-style room with three meals served daily. The children were very happy, energetic, curious, well behaved and hard working. The PLCC family was joined by a team of eleven from Corvallis Grace Lutheran USA, Jörg, Elisabeth and Johanna from Germany and Markus from Austria. The adults worked in a team to organize activities for the children. Some of

these activities included sports, candle making, bead work, embroidery, and a talent show.

This summer camp was different from those of previous years because we had enough volunteers to attend to the children. We also visited the Kenyan Museum where the children had an opportunity to learn many new things. Because of the team spirit and sharing, the days passed very quickly leaving everyone wishing to spend more days next time. Bravo everyone who participated in making all these possible!



Happy Girls at Nairobi National Museum



Candle making - what an experience!

