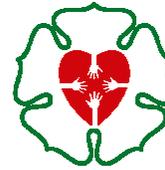


Pangani Lutheran Children Centre



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A friend in need is a friend indeed.

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of fun dancing, coloring, weaving, doing handicrafts and sports. In the middle of the second week many of our girls went to their family places. After they returned and before they went back to school we did some prepara-

tion for the coming school term. And very soon three great holiday weeks were over.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- » A third house mother joins PLCC new home.
- » Samuel joins PAWENA as a new weaver.
- » Soroptimist International Kenya, SI Karen Blixen Nairobi supported PLCC by buying a new refrigerator for our project.
- » Claus joins PLCC as a care taker.
- » 11 girls are preparing to sit for their final examination in primary education.
- » 22 children were baptized on April 22nd 2012.
- » Johanna and Elisabeth leave PLCC after finishing the one year

- volunteer term while Jane and Jacqueline join us for a term.
- » Summer camp 2012 at Karikaribi Assumption Sisters Thika 27th August -30th September 2012.



Pastor Sam Wolff is baptizing the girls.

WEAVING PROJECT - PAWENA

This project continues to produce scarves, liturgical stoles, table runners and serviettes, place mats, kikois and hand bags.

In addition to selling the products we also offer opportunities to interested, talented PLCC girls to learn the craft

of weaving.

Our products are available at the KELC head office. You can also order online. Please note there is a charge for shipping.



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Coming together is beginning..., Keeping Together is progress..., Working Together is success...

Dear friends,

Greetings. I would like to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on our project. We are thankful to all of you for your faithful support of this ministry from the beginning of the first phase.

It is now 18 years along the journey and we stayed together to make sure that the objectives of the ministry have been reached one after another. One of our most remarkable ones is admitting girls when they have serious family problems, critical medical cases, assistance with poor performance and/or attendance at school and to reintegrate them back into their families.

Since we started occupying the new hostel in Ongata Rongai, not one child has missed school for an unknown reason. School performance has improved tremendously compared to the previous years. And no child has gone back to the street among the 46 more children who have been given accommodation this year.

The children are happy and they talk of what they would like to become and what they would like to do for their families after completing school.

The family like environment in the houses has also given them an opportunity to do outdoor activities which every child should have an opportunity do. The chance to water a tree and learn from their house mothers how to take care of a kitchen garden. This is a training expected to bring fruitful results.

We are grateful for what we are today, and we shall continue to be faithful on how we use the donations we receive and promise that we shall not let you down.

We believe these children were born to live meaningful lives and it is because of someone's generosity a child like this can afford a smile.

Let us continue keeping and working together.

Mary Mshana



SETTLED IN WELL

In the PLCC Education Department the year 2012 came with a special blessing, since it is the year when one of our major dreams became true. This is the dream of having the already rehabilitated school girls away from the temptation of returning to the streets of Nairobi after school hours and during holiday breaks.

This was accomplished when a total of 36 girls got accommodation in the newly built Ongata Rongai hostel at the beginning of the



Mary and Lati-fa leading a song during a parent's day in Ole Kasasi Primary school

year. They attend school in a public primary school by the name Ole Kasasi. The location of this school is in the rural area thus making it more suitable for them.

In the initial days, the girls were faced with a few challenges in this new school environment but they have now overcome the challenges and have settled in well.

WORKING HARD AND VERY INTERESTED

After the admission of our new girls between February and April we could finally start the informal education for our new ten girls. We are teaching them according to their knowledge in baby class, first, second, fourth and fifth class. For some girls it was hard for us to find out their educational level because the stories they told us about their education did not equate to their knowledge. Eventually all the girls we placed in the appropriate class levels. They are working hard and are very interested in everything they are learning.

We also arranged a schedule with prayers in the morning, three lessons per day and also other activities, like coloring, singing, games and handi-crafts in the afternoon.

Like in previous years again two volunteers from Germany got the opportunity to assist at PLCC. The two volunteers are working under the education department as assistants to the teachers in educating the new girls. They are also getting to know the other departments under the PLCC better by assisting in these departments. For example they may help in the head office, at our weaving workshop PAWENA or in the social work department.



Teaching informal class

THIS DAY!

On the Saturday July 9th 2012 PLCC had the honor to be visited by Bishop Gerhard Ulrich of UELCG, his Secretary Rev. Schulz and Africa Secretary for Global Ministries and ecumenical relations Rev. Schauer.

During their visit the children had an opportunity to present a skit of their own creation which showed their former life experiences and what forced them to choose the street as a place to live. The main reason portrayed through the drama was that problems in their home environment were unbearable. The main characters were represented by a jobless mother with two children and a drunkard father who decided to start another family while most of the time the first family slept hungry and did not have money for their basics. The visitors and the KELC bishop Rev. Z. Kahuthu got an opportunity to interact with the children. During this time of interaction the children were able to tell of different places they used to live before the social workers



Rev. V. Schauer, Rev. D. Schulz, Bishop G. Ulrich

invited them to our project and to tell of their life expectations after PLCC. It was amazing how they could organize themselves to send out a message of hope and how talented these children are. The maturity of their minds and the look of courage on their faces made it obvious what they had been wishing for; a day when they will have a scene to demonstrate and an ear to listen and this day was the day. An event that confirmed that, 'we were born to achieve'.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM IN BOTH OF OUR LOCATIONS



The girls were doing some acrobatics.

For the first holidays of this year we were facing a lot of changes. Unlike past holidays we would now have a program in both of our locations - Pangani and Ongata Rongai. In addition the girls would have the opportunity to stay with their relatives and families for a few days .

During the first week we offered the girls very varied afternoon activities after they had some extra tutoring in the morning hours. The girls had a lot