

## ITEMS OF PRAYER CONCERN

- ★ The school building is finished; the development of the concept is in progress.
- ★ Morugi, Mercy and Mabel's families face burdening living condition.
- ★ Summer camp 2015 preparation
- ★ New challenges facing PLCC staff



The PLCC family is mourning on the death of Bennadeta Shikuku, who passed away on 29th June at the age of 18. May God rest her soul in peace..

## AN ASSET TO BRING MONEY?

Nancy was born in difficult circumstances. At a very tender age she became a very nice asset to bring money to her mother. The mother was very happy about it since she could feed herself and the child. She took her to the streets of Nairobi, put her somewhere and wrote down that she was very sick and asked for money to take her to the hospital. As Nancy grew up she started begging



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money for herself and her mother, having mastered how to go

about it.

But the mother felt that was not enough; she gave her daughter to other people to beg money for them and in return bring good money that could feed all of them. She didn't care who is taking the child, and this made it easy for some people to take advantage of the innocent girl. In the process of this, she was repeatedly sexually abused. Out of fear she was not able to tell her mother, but after being rescued by PLCC she expressed her pain to the social worker. Nancy is now one of the children in the informal classes where she is being supported as she tries to heal from her past.

*Susan Gatonga*

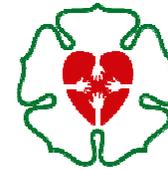
## NEWS IN BRIEF

- » PLCC enrolled eight new girls in 2015.
- » Four PLCC staff are invited to Germany in July to intensify the partnership with Hersbruck Parish which has been supporting the ministry since 1997.

- » After a very successful project with Merck Living Innovation in October 2014 we are looking forward to welcoming the next group of apprentices in October. This year's project will be a playground for the school and the residents of the compound.



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# FRIEND

*A friend in need is a friend indeed.*

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**Dear friends and well-wishers,**

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are grateful to God for giving us another time to share with you what has been happening at PLCC in the last four months.

In my previous article, bulletin 29 I reviewed a case of children who attended school lessons but not able to improve their knowledge in reading and writing, and a ground breaking ceremony for construction of a school where these children could find help.

We are excited to say that the school is about to start operating. Our initial plan was to start operating the school in the second term of 2015 academic year. Though the construction is progressing very well, the plans have been delayed due to unavoidable circumstances. We are looking forward in prayer to the completion of the building

for our dreams to become a reality: PLCC to be able to help the children who have difficulties in learning in a normal classrooms environment using the Multi-Level Multi-Grade Method. The school will focus on learning by doing and relevance to daily life issues will be essential in the program, personal problems counselling, and different levels of understanding in order to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of the children.

In the same bulletin we also talked about two children who had no families to go to during last December holiday. Though the social workers are still looking for reliable close relatives for them, we are happy that both are doing well in developing their careers. One child in Secondary School form one and the other girl is learning dressmaking and designing.



Some of the big girls after Sunday service

For more information, I encourage you to continue reading what the Lord is doing through the hands of His people to see a reason to join hands with us in touching a life of a needy child. My sisters and brothers, when all is gone, it is what we do with children that lasts; as it was once said "It is the young trees that makes up forests."

With warmest regards  
*Mary Mshana*

## A COLORFUL SERVICE THAT WAS!

There was joy in every one's face at the Jerusalem church, on seeing the young energetic PLCC girls, get into the service both Swahili and English.

The services were very well attended and Rev. Mang'oka gave us a warm welcome.

All the children looked happy and excited to spend the day differently from their routine.



Soon the presentations started and our PLCC girls were the visitors of the day and they took most of the presentations. It was joy in its full scales where the congregation was overwhelmed by the PLCC girls who showed themselves to be vigilant and of passion in every single song, dance and even narratives that were full of humour. Not even the smallest was left behind.

The PLCC girls' portrayed a high level of discipline even as they lined up to be served for lunch. We thank the leadership of Jerusalem Church starting from the Senior pastor Rev. Mang'oka, the elders council, women and the youths. May the Lord God Almighty count you for a blessing in every good work done.

*Agnese Nasieku*

## NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

This year, the government ensured that its policy concerning selection and admission of students to public secondary schools was strictly followed. The policy gives the pupils from public primary schools higher chances of joining public secondary schools; which are known to be better than the private ones. Thus there is always high demand for these schools. The government went ahead and set the cut-off marks for joining secondary education at 200 marks and above.

Due to this policy, it was automatic that PLCC will comply and lower our pass mark from 250 marks to the 200 marks.

This resulted to an increase in the number of PLCC girls who joined secondary schools this year. Seven girls out of ten had to join secondary school, making it the largest number of a single admission to secondary school by PLCC ever since. This has brought the total number of our girls in secondary school to 20. Whereas this is cause for celebration, it also comes with a cost! This is so, given that secondary education is the most expensive in the country. Therefore, PLCC will have to shoulder the increased costs in form of: school fees, text books, uniforms, shopping and transport to and from the schools. → continue on page 3

## ABOUT ME

Girls recording information about themselves



For the past several months we have been doing group activities with the girls to help them learn more about themselves. The sessions have included the girls recording their height, weight, age, and information about themselves. The girls each looked into a hand held mirror and wrote what they liked about their faces. A popular response was, "A beauty." We also had sessions about identifying feelings, ways to express feelings, and how to ask for help. We made up a song to the tune of, "If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands ..." and added verses for sad, angry, hatred, shyness, and shocked/scared. We had a great time singing the song at each session!

The program was agreed upon in conjunction with the Social Work and Edu-

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Nevertheless, this being part of our responsibility as a centre, we will always endeavour to fulfil it, knowing that God,

cation Departments. We had very capable and wonderful assistance from university student, Rose, who translated and helped the girls with the activities.

A special, and well-liked, guest was Leah (Christine) Wamaitha who is a member of Nairobi International Lutheran Congregation, a community health worker, and Chairperson of KELC's Diakonia Committee. A long while ago Leah worked for PLCC. Leah talked to the middle-aged girls about

physical changes and care of their bodies. In another session she spoke with the older girls about relationships and care of their bodies. To both groups she talked about personal safety and how to get help. In a third session she met with the house-mothers to discuss similar issues. All of us found her sessions interesting, fun, and very helpful.

*Leslie Weed Fonner*



who is the only provider for every need, will continue providing for us.

*Ronald Bosire*