

NEWS IN BRIEF

- » Pastor Balozi with a group of guests from Germany visited PLCC on 18th October 2012. These guests did something special; they planted trees in our Ongata Rongai land. We were overwhelmed by this occasion and we will always remember them.
- » Barbara Hinderlie and Pastor T. Deleskamp from California visited PLCC in September.
- » We are grateful for having two interns supporting our service for a period of three months: Daniel Obiri is doing social work at the University of Nairobi and Esther Musioka also doing social work at Nairobi Technical Institute.
- » The PLCC-Christmas party took place on the 16th December 2012. We celebrated with all the PLCC-girls, the staff and some guests in Ongata Rongai. Part of the program was like every year the Christmas service, a great lunch and presentations. But for

five girls the day was even more special, because two of them were baptized and three big girls confirmed. Everybody enjoyed the day and we went happy into the Christmas holidays.

- » We welcome new staff: Rose Kemunto (house mother) joined PLCC in September 2012, Margret Ngoshoke (house mother) and Timothy Panian (care taker) in January 2013.
- » The building of the guesthouse is going on well. We expect it to be completed at the end of May.



Pastor Michael Fonner blessed the baptized and the confirmed girls.

COMPARING PAST AND PRESENCE

Ulrich Kleiner a film producer from Berlin and his assistant visited PLCC in November. The Bavarian mission society Mission EineWelt had engaged him to produce a movie to inform interested people about our ministry. They went to slum areas, talked to our children's relatives, visited Pangani House and Notburga House in Ongata

Rongai and interviewed the staff and some girls.

The idea was to compare the environment the children come from with their life in PLCC and how these influence their development.

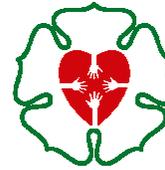
We are looking forward to see the outcome.

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F R I E N D

A friend in need is a friend indeed.

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'A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination. But when we add to that a literate tongue or a pen, then you have something very special.' Nelson Mandela

My dears PLCC friends,

I am grateful to God for getting another opportunity to share with you on the progress we have made so far in reaching to the less fortunate children. Some of you have been keen to see our children attaining education at all levels by devoting your materials, time, money and prayers. As a result of the training and education, the number of children who dropped out of school was zero last year in 2012 compared to the previous years where we had 3-6 dropouts annually. This was encouraging to all the staff and the entire PLCC family.

We believe that the education the children have acquired from different institutions and schools is what has made us proud. It has changed their way of thinking hence their behavior. The children look happier and more caring to one another creating a sisterhood atmosphere.

In the development of our new centre, we have in place a classroom for special education for the children with learning difficulties. One of such children finished primary school while not being able to communicate through writing. Our heart is heavy on this that something could have been done at the early stage of her education.

To enable us to solve problems related to such a case from as early as Nursery School, we have made a step. We have a drawing of two classrooms for which

we are in need of funds to start building. The two classes will be used to assist the children with learning difficulties.

Since we have not managed to get a permanent donor for the program we shall continue to need your support for us to achieve our goal which remains to expand our project of getting young girls off the streets and into school so they can be educated and have a brighter future by focusing on their physical and psychological health.

With this I would like to invite you to read through this bulletin for more information from some of the PLCC staff who have reflected on the entire activities within the program.

May God bless you all.
Mary Mshana



SUFFERING FROM SERIOUS DISEASES

It is not enough to obey the commandments, to make acts of faith or to be sorry for our sins. Christ has called us to love our neighbor and even love our enemy; but to love others can be more difficult than all the Olympic Games. Love is always patient and kind, it does not take offence and is not resentful, it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes.

Thinking about love and caring, we can remember that PLCC has been caring for street girls for a very long time. It gives a lot of love to these girls to make them feel that they are part of our community. One way to do this is



PLCC girl has been to see the doctor for check up -

SOME SPOTS ARE NO-GO AREAS

Because of their low income PLCC parents/guardians live either in slums (areas where houses are built temporarily on a small piece of land) or in the streets. After admitting a girl to the centre, we organize for ways to bring also her parent out of the street. As they cannot afford to live in safe areas, most of them move to slums.

The main responsibility of Hand Stretch Program is to empower these parents/guardians economically through training and by giving them

to address serious health problems some of our girls are suffering from.

There is for example a girl -let us call her- Tumaini. We admitted her two years ago and like every new PLCC-girl she was taken for a medical checkup. The result was not encouraging. Since that time she has been to the hospital now and then. She developed a lot of complications that made her to be referred for different checkups. What Tumaini was suffering from was never known. She was given a lot of medicine but after a while something else came up and it became worse for her. Finally it was found that she was suffering from tuberculosis and she was put under medication for six months. This period ended at the end of November. But again she became very sick on Christmas Day and was taken to the hospital. We thank God, because they finally found out what has been disturbing her. Now she is under the right medication, though seriously sick. Please pray with us for her recovery and good health for all girls.

Susan Gatonga, social worker

loans so as to run and sustain small scale business, to counsel them on issues affecting their personal lives as well as their children's welfare both in school and at home and to create awareness on the dangers of HIV and AIDS exploitations. We visit their homes and business premises for monitoring and evaluation. As we do these, we really face a lot of dangers because insecurity is high at these places. Thieves and robbers hide here after committing crimes in other parts



of the city. And sometimes they harass and beat us although we are entering their zones in order to help. Once I was beaten, felt unconscious and then they took all my belongings.

If the girls or parents warn us about high tension in their area we try to hire

FIVE OUT OF TEN

The Kenya certificate of Primary Education exam results for the year 2012 were released in January 28th which was not the usual time for the realize of this results. Normally the results are released on or before 28th December of every year. The delay was caused by the changes in the school calendar of last year which was because of the public schools teachers' strike that lasted for almost one month. The teachers went on strike because of the unfulfilled salary increment promise that was made to them in the past years. The stand-off was resolved and education commenced. Because of this strike, the examination dates were pushed forward from 4th of November to 4th of December 2012. This meant that the earliest the results could be released was 25th January 2013. The time in between this period was for the marking of the exams.

PLCC had ten girls registered to seat for this examination. The teachers' strike affected their preparation for this examination; both emotionally and

security officers to accompany us. After the mission we pay them. Making the matter worse some of the parents, especially those who have misused their PLCC loan, collude with the criminals to attack us after meeting them at their business premises.

You can imagine the fear we have and the courage we need to do our job. We thank God for His protection and we try to be as careful as possible. Some spots are no-go areas and for our own security we have no option other than to respect this.

Damianus Oloo, social worker

psychologically. This is so because their counter parts in the private schools were not affected by the strike, so they felt disadvantaged as compared to those in private schools.

Out of the ten girls, five of them managed to attain over 250 marks which is the pass mark for them to proceed with their secondary education.

These results of our girls have become an eye opener for us since we have realized the need for continuous guidance and counseling on matters concerning examinations. This decision has become necessary after witnessing some of our girls who were good performers in class work, showing low performances in this final examination.



Ready for secondary school

Ronald Bosire, teacher