

ITEM OF PRAYER CONCERN

- * Peaceful and safe home visit for the girls at their families' place and a joyful time for those staying at PLCC during Christmas holidays.
- * A successful start of the school year in January, including a successful start to our own school in Ongata Rongai
- * PLCC girls diagnosed of serious diseases
- * The ongoing development of the plot in Ongata Rongai

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF US

November 21st, 2015 was a special day for all the PLCC children staying in Ongata Rongai compound. Eliaich, a granddaughter to one of the Jerusalem congregants decided to celebrate her first birthday at PLCC.

Laughter was heard when the time to sing Happy Birthday came. Instead of singing Eliaichi, every child sung her



name!! When asked why, one of them said it is because they do not know their birthdays so that day was a birthday celebration for all of them.

Eliaich's parents were very much touched by this so they promised to celebrate her birthday every year with the PLCC children as long as they live in Nairobi. Isn't it wonderful to have a day to celebrate birthday for all the PLCC children? What made the event more exciting was that the children had just finished their end year examinations and they were all in a celebration mood, with only few weeks before Christmas.

Thank you Lucile and Neka for such a great idea to give an opportunity to the Notburga house children to celebrate their birthday.

Happy Birthday Notburga Girls!!!!

NEWS IN BRIEF

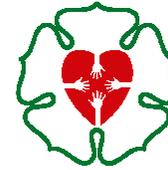
» Our international guests during the recent months were Pastor Deborah Troester, Tanzania; Rev. Bob Wagner, Rev. Dena Gable and Jeana Foster from Allegheny Synod, USA; eight trainees and their two trainers from Merck Innovation, Germany; President of the North Church Peter Unruh and Torsten Becker, Germany; Pastor

Thorsten Pachnicke together with a youth group, Germany.

» PLCC welcomes new staff: Bärbel Löffler, part-time teacher at the PLCC School; Bibiana Nzioki Kaluki, matron at Pangani House; Esther Adisa Ong'uso, teacher informal education; Beryl Akoko, social worker.



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F R I E N D

A friend in need is a friend indeed.

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Isaiah 54:10 "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Dear friends in Christ,

The year 2015 is coming to an end and is another time we look back and see nothing but the compassion of the Lord on us.

Our work to serve destitute girls continued to focus on their physical and psychological health. Each situation we encounter has been individually considered and those in risk of physical harm were recommended for accommodation at the Centre.

One-to-one talks in cases of behavioral disorder of the children referred for counseling by the social workers were done with positive results. As an addition, offering spiritual welfare, Devotions, and Sunday service played a big role in helping to reduce the number of school dropouts this year compared to the previous years.

The fact that every admitted child to the program has a different story to tell, some of which are very sad, throughout the year we helped them through counseling to avoid holding in the past but and instead to embrace the bright future ahead of them.

Teaching of basic skills of reading and writing for the children who had never attended school before during the rehabilitation process was successful and seven children who were rescued in the beginning of this year will join public schools in January next year.

As it is our tradition, summer camp took place in August 17th -22nd where we

managed to bring together 94 children and 10 adult volunteers who helped the



children in learning different activities. Please know that all these would not have taken place without a support of our friends and well-wishers who have time to time participated in helping us to travel this journey of saving a life of a destitute child for the last 21 years. The need is still on so we continue to need support to be able to continue working.

I would like encourage you to read through this bulletin to see the compassion of the Lord on the PLCC ministry. As I take this opportunity to wish you Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year of our Lord 2016, I would also express my appreciation to every one of you who in one way or another has contributed toward helping PLCC come this far. Your prayers, your financial and materials supports have been received with highest respect and value.

Sincerely,
Mary Mshana

FLEXIBILITY TO WORK AT ONE'S PACE AND LEVEL

Pangani Lutheran Children's Centre is continuing to grow and expand their work and services. In an effort to better serve all of the girls in the community, PLCC is starting a new school for students with learning difficulties. A school building has been built at the PLCC Ongata Rongai compound.

Now that the building is completed, the teachers and staff are hard at work developing classroom materials and learning tools before the start of the first class scheduled to begin in January. The new



PLCC staffs during a MGML-Methodology seminar conducted by Dr. Ralf Girg and Theresa Stamm, University of Regensburg, Germany

school will use an innovative teaching style called MultiGradeMultiLevel Methodology. This teaching framework allows for many students from different grades, levels and academic abilities to be together in one class. It gives students the flexibility to work at their own pace and at their own level. Depending on the lesson and the needs of the students, the teacher provides instruction to the whole class, students work individually, in twos or in small groups using a big variety of material. Each and every student is following a systematic learning sequence the so-called milestone. Each milestone consists of five steps:

introduction, reinforcement, evaluation, remedial and enrichment. The learning material is meaningful, joyful, manageable and offers a lot of activities. The whole setting changes the teacher's roles and tasks. She has to prepare the learning environment, explains and initiates the learning process, observes and gives advice and support, and documents the learning status of each child. The students are not focused on the teacher but on their subject matters.

Even the room structure adapts to the methodology. The black board is no longer the teacher's area, all learning material is reachable to the students, students have not their place to seat but will change according to the activity they do.

Step by step PLCC is going to implement the new method. We shall start the first MultiGradeMulti-Level class with nine PLCC girls. Together with their two teachers, Bärbel Löffler and Daisy Mugo, the students will embark on this new learning venture in January.

With the new school and distinctive teaching method, PLCC is working to support all girls toward successful completion of their primary education.

Read more www.rishivalley.org

Claudia Heiss

A REAL CHANCE

Linda was born in 2003 in the streets of Nairobi. Her mother fell sick, got admitted in Kenyatta National Hospital and later died. Linda was left behind by her father till date. When she was three years old she was suffering from tuberculosis, got admitted in Kenyatta National Hospital and after recovering was left there in the care of the nurses for more than a year, because her father was not able to take her home.

In 2008 PLCC social worker came across her in the hospital and with the support of the children's officer admitted her in PLCC. After a year of rehabilitation in PLCC, Linda joined a public school where she was performing quite well.

Till date Linda is suffering from a chronic disease, is under medication throughout and needs to be checked



monthly. One and a half years ago all of a sudden Linda regressed academically. Subject matters she knew before were not retrievable any more. She is trying to improve, but till now we cannot see any development. Her teacher got tired of helping her and sent her back to pre-unit. Being twelve years old and sitting

with five to six years old classmates in classroom is again a frustrating situation to her and has a reinforcing effect on her academic development. Now that PLCC has established a school in Ongata Rongai, for cases like Linda's, we are planning for her to join in next year. We believe and hope that the new school is really going to help girls like Linda achieve their goals.

Daisy Mugo, teacher



Test-sitting in the new classroom

YOUR DONATION COUNTS

We are convinced that MGML School is a genuine alternative to girls like Linda. Please join hands in offering the girls the opportunity to learn in an appreciating and understanding atmosphere, to develop more self-confidence and to improve their school performance and finish their primary education with good grades.