

## ITEM OF PRAYER CONCERN

- \* Vivian, who lost her mother
- \* PLCC as we continue looking for funds
- \* Social workers as they visit dangerous places in the slums
- \* Children who have no family to be integrated to after primary education

## PLCC HOSTS CANADIAN VISITORS



In August, PLCC received visitors who were visiting Kenya on holiday from Canada. The visitors were part of a tour group who visit different non-profit and charitable organizations to complete service projects. The group of 10 people requested to come to PLCC Ongata Rongai to learn more about the PLCC

program, meet the girls, and to plant trees around the Ongata Rongai compound.

Our time together began with introductions and discussions about PLCC, our church, and an overview of life in Kenya. Next, the visitors were divided into small groups to visit the 4 houses. The visitors meet the girls in their assigned house, and worked together with the girls to plant more than 30 trees around fields.

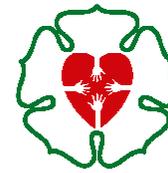
The visit ended with singing, dancing, and poetry performances from the girls. We are grateful for the opportunity to share our program with new partners and for the gift of trees that we received from the visitors.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

- » The second module of MGML took place from 20-23 September.
- » The first phase of OR compound development complete.



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# FRIEND

*A friend in need is a friend indeed.*

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*“Lord, please use me as Your instrument to touch others' lives. Help me not to be concerned about what little I hold but instead that my life might show others Your grace.” by C.P.Hia*

*Dear friends in Christ,*

This is another time of the year I would like to bring you greetings and also update you on what the Lord has done for the children and the entire family of PLCC. Though not everything has moved very well as we all know that every road has a corner, we have touched a life.

We have ensured that all the registered children acquire the basic needs, home visits, health care, and accommodating more children, which as a result have contributed widely in supporting the children to improve academically and socially.

Educational activities have continued to prove to be an important part of our daily activities as the children are now able to move from one level to another intellectually.

The fact that we have not managed to have a permanent sponsor, we have tried to look for ways in which we can contribute in bringing our day to day running of the center's expenses down. The Green House and the weaving projects have been some of the ways which we aim at generating income to support the running budget, though at a very minimal percentage.

Cooperating with the Congregations of the Lutheran Church within Nairobi and accepting visitors who want to share their experiences with us have also contributed in different ways to create awareness on what we are doing which in turn touched individuals to contribute



in supporting our activities.

As you read through you will see:

- Cases of children who have gone through different setbacks in their lives but managed to overcome.
- The hand stretched program telling more of the impact made to the parents/guardians of the registered children,
- Children learning to take care of the creation by planting trees, and much more.

Friends and well-wishers, we would like to say that we are grateful to you for supporting us through materials, financial support and for praying with us.

Receive our kind greetings from, Acts 20:35 "In very thing I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

With kind regards

*Mary Mshana*

## WORKING HARD TO CATER FOR FAMILY NEEDS

Every year, new girls are admitted at the centre. During our search for these girls, we go to the streets/ slums and identify



the vulnerable ones with neediest cases. In one way or another, these girls whom we admit have sad stories behind their stay in the streets and slums, as well as their parents. In the streets they were used to beg money and physical and emotional abuse were the order of the day to some of them. Some went through lots of frustration, from missing meals to physical assault, sleeping in the cold during night hours and at times they could go through emotional torture while seeing their parents being assaulted. His grace is sufficient and they are now safe at the centre.

These and many more are reasons why hand-stretch-program is conducting

### GRACE'S STORY OF HOPE

Grace's story of hope started when one of the Evangelists in the Lutheran Church from the area she was staying recognized the problem and informed to the PLCC social workers.

When the social workers visited the

seminars/meetings to enhance the relationship between the organization and the parents, to create a platform to understand both parties' needs and concerns, to educate, counsel them and much more. When seminars are conducted, all parents are invited. Turn-out is always positive though not all of them attend and those who come have high expectations. Since we want their lives to change for the better so that when we release the girls for a short holiday, we are assured that they will be in safe hands, during the seminars, they are urged to transform their way of living, and this can only happen if they leave street life completely. Those who still use drugs are always reminded on the dangers. Although change comes from within, we cannot force them. Since they cannot qualify for a job in the society for now, we still believe there has been a progress in their life.

In the earlier seminars, we were able to educate them on the importance of saving. Some took it seriously and were eager to give it a try, while others were against the idea and never bothered. Those who were determined to at least operate businesses which could help cater for family needs were considered and given a little money to start businesses of their choice. I must say that some of them have tirelessly worked to expand their business and have appreciated the kind of help that was given to them, either financially or through seminars.

home, they were heavily saddened by the situation of the outside look of their house and the bed room which tell it all. Grace was born as a result of rape. For this reason Grace's father is not known. That is why, her grandparents took care

of her and her mother, though they did not have a stable income and sometimes it was hard for them to put food on the table, therefore hard to afford to take Grace to school. They cannot do farming since the land around them is too dry.

The leaking roof and the condition of the beddings were a real sign of a helpless life the mother and her daughter were living in. Without ignoring this reality, the social workers bought beddings and made arrangements for the roof to be repaired.

After studying the case we decided to take her to a primary school nearby in 2013. Since she was not progressing academically, we found out that she was facing hardship in learning.

There were occasions where she did not do the end term examinations for no specific reason. In some schools the slow learning children are considered to

be a burden to teachers, so are left behind and as a result leave school wounded emotionally.

Good news for such children is that PLCC has a new school for children with learning problems. Grace was admitted to the school to be helped in improving her learning ability. Though PLCC works towards helping desperate children in Nairobi, Grace's case was hard to leave her in the village. Therefore she is now living in Ongata Rongai where she is doing very well.



### EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Through the efforts of each and every one of our staff members and most importantly the donors, who have supported all the PLCC programs to this point, we have been able to make achievements in the transition from primary school to secondary school. This had remained for a long time a critical area characterized with a high number of drop outs because of the inability to attain the required pass mark for them to proceed to secondary schools. This is now a thing in the past, as we are currently seeing the number of girls proceeding to secondary schools increasing, year after another.

Also, from last year's experience, there

is every indication that there is going to be a good number of our girls, who are going to successfully complete their secondary education and join different colleges of their choice. These are no doubt great achievements. However, it should be noted that, these two levels of education are the biggest financial burden of all the others. What this means is that PLCC will require a lot of finance for it to cope with this phenomena. This is the reason we are taking this earliest opportunity to appeal for more support from all the well wishers. God bless you, as you plan to partner with us towards this noble course.