

ITEM OF PRAYER CONCERN

- * Two girls who are suffering from serious diseases.
- * The ongoing MGML implementation and the team.
- * The social workers safety as they go for home visiting.
- * Ongata Rongai plot development

PRAYING AND SERVING



Amani (Peace) is a house to house group that belongs to Eastleigh Parish in Nairobi. The group meets every Wednesday for prayer and bible study. It started in 2012 with 12 members and as for now

there are more than 30 members. Its main aim is to pray together, and once in a while visit different charitable organizations. As a response to Matthew 25:35 “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...”, in July 7th 2017 they visited PLCC bringing with them food, drinks and hygiene materials for the children.

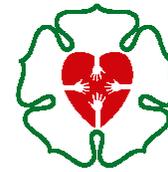
Among other parish leaders, the group was accompanied by Bishop Kahuthu (KELC Bishop) who is also a member of the group. It was a well spent Sunday evening as they sang different songs and played different games with the children. To the children it was a special Sunday. Keep it up Amani!

NEWS IN BRIEF

- » Staff house project is completed successfully.
- » Nine Girls were admitted this year.
- » The MultiGrade MultiLevel (MGML) last seminar concluded successfully.
- » Mary Mshana and Bärbel Löffler visited Rishi Valley, India for MGML experience.
- » Claudia Heiss visited PLCC in August.



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FRIEND

A friend in need is a friend indeed.

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**The Lord will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life”
 Psalm 121:7**

Dear friends in Christ,

This verse means a lot to the PLCC family as we continue rendering our services in vulnerable environments. The experiences that have emerged from January this year to date, have proved with no doubt that the children we serve exist in a tenuous balance of risks and safety both on the streets and in the hands of their close relatives. For them to be able to put that behind them and look forward to a bright future, is nothing more than God fulfilling his promise of “watching over their life”.

As I write this article, I reflect back in the month of October 2016 and April this year, when two parents/guardians came violently to the Centre to instruct on how their children should be handled, or else they should be excluded from the program. Both parents being drug addicted and alcoholic, their violence made it impossible for PLCC to decide against their demands.

Events like these bring our hearts to a point of despair though we do not give up; because of the stories from individual beneficiaries who have proved that their life long journey is growing positively; and God’s promise that He will keep us from harm.

All in all, spiritual nourishment has con-

tributed a lot in bringing hope and instilling discipline and tenderness in the lives of the children we serve. As a result, on December 3rd, 2017, 9 girls will be confirmed.



Confirmation class with Pastor Ole Meliyio

I would like to welcome you to read through this bulletin which gives an oversight of the work of PLCC by focusing on the beneficiaries testimonies, experience from staff, and accomplishments the programs has so far made in the community.

Dear reader, any kind of support to us will be very much appreciated. It is because of the support from readers like you that we have been able to keep the promise to create an environment that offers the beneficiaries what they need for them to mature into a fulfilled life.

May the Lord keep us from all harm.

Mary Mshana

FOCUSED ON BEING SUCCESSFUL IN LIFE



My name is Habibo, I am 20 years old and I live in one of the slums in Nairobi together with my family. I am third last in the family of four sisters and three brothers. Three of my sisters are married but two of us are in school, my younger sister is in form two and myself in the first year at Kenya Medical Training Institution doing diploma in nursing. In 2007, my mother died while giving birth to our last born, who is now in class three. Since she was assisting our father in providing for us, life became very difficult. My father used to work for someone as a goat keeper, being paid two hundred shillings (2USD) only per day. Now he has grown old, and cannot work like before, so even getting two hundred shilling is a problem. He is also sick and just stays at home with no money for medication. My married sisters were not able to go to school due to lack of fees. Through struggling, my brother did his Form Four exam in 2013. He started looking for a job but could not get any, until last year when he started carrying goods for people in a near market. With his little earnings he assists at home and also tries

to pay my sister's school fees. Life has been difficult because we still lack food and other basic needs at home. We go on empty stomach most of the time, and if lucky, we take tea without milk and bread. My brother is still struggling for us yet he does not earn enough to cater for our needs. My sister in Form Two is sent home most of the time because of school fees issues. We live in a house where, the roof is leaking. We lack money to rent a better house. The house is too small to accommodate all of us so, at night we have to place a mattress on the floor to be shared by four of us. When mother passed away in 2007, PLCC took me as one of their girls, which made me very happy. It was a golden chance to me and my family and I am really grateful to God for them. At that time I was in Class Five. I was welcomed well by my new family, PLCC. I was able to go on with my studies from Class Five until Class Eight in 2011. In 2012 I joined Secondary school, which was through the help of the center. In 2015, I finished my Form Four, passed my exam and in the beginning of this year I got a calling letter from Kenya Medical Training College to do Diploma in Nursing. I was very happy as all this happened by the grace of God through the Centre. I can now manage to make my dreams come true out of these studies. I really ask for your assistance in my school fees, as it is too expensive compared to other colleges of different field of study. Thanks a lot for all those who have been providing for all of the PLCC girls, and

making sure we go on with our studies. May the Almighty God reward the work

MOTIVATED BE THE GIRLS' STORIES

I am Grace and I work as a night matron in Pangani house. My work is to ensure the girls are well fed, neat and have a comfortable place to sleep. The children in the house are 15 girls aged between 5 – 16 years. At times, my roles are challenging since the girls are from different backgrounds. What I have realized is that, these girls need one who understands, loves and listens to them regardless of their age. At times, the small girls and I get together in the evening when the others do their homework. The gathering is very informal but at the end of it, I gather very helpful information which at the end is a beginning of change to some of them. They talk of their past experience and I tell them stories. We laugh and in the process of our story telling, I get to know more about them and understand them even much better.



Two girls with my colleague Christine washing clothes

They are six children, their father died and later their mother abandoned them leaving them under the care of their neighbor and

of your hands, be blessed my family PLCC.

relatives who didn't care much. Instead of being taken to school, she was sent to the streets to beg. The mother hasn't returned to date. According to her, it is not known whether she is alive or dead. When she talked about her family, she would cry and sometimes those around listening would also cry with her!! My role is to listen and to encourage them. These girls' stories motivate me to work tirelessly. So whenever I prepare them in the morning for



Serving supper

school or during the weekends for church, I always ensure every child is looking good and in a happy mood ready for the day. If I suspect any one to be having a problem, I inform one of the social workers who later sets time to talk to the child. I always appreciate the ways my gifts of care have impacted the lives of these Children. When I am about to give up always Galatians 6: 9 comes to my mind. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." The children I serve have been a blessing in my life and the lives of many others who in one way or another associate with them.