

Molo Street Children Project - *Making street children a thing of the past*

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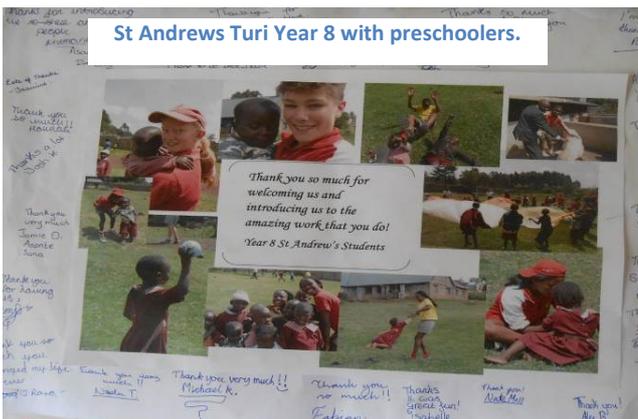
Dear Friends and Partners



End of school term is always a key mile stone for us at the Molo street children project. It gives a sigh of release and joyful hearts to see those of our children from different schools gather again at the project after a successful school term. Its end of term two and the beginning of August short holiday, from the office I can hear the joyful children playing in the field as they enjoy a relaxed moment after thirteen weeks of school term. In all this we have lots of blessings to share in the last three months events. God has been faithful and those he has called along for this work have been faithful as well.

VISITORS

In the last three months we have had visitors both from within and abroad. The presence of a visitor always brightens the hearts of children and gives them a sense of importance and acceptance. A moment spent with them enjoying light moment of fun or learning a new skill is always memorable. 12 students from Bridgewater High School gave the children a Sunday afternoon treat as they played and also shared snacks from their own savings. Such visits continue to boost the immediate society's awareness of the plight of orphaned and vulnerable children and hopefully develop a concern for them.



St. Andrews School Turi, Year 8 students devoted two full days with our preschool children before breaking for their summer holiday in July. Their time in the project was divided between having a session to learn what happens in the project; why the children are at the project and how they can be involved, and a time to teach the young ones different games that they had prepared for them. Their concern and curiosity to understand the social issue shrouding the children was evident during these sessions. The event was organized by Harriet a teacher at St Andrews School, who had shown great interest in the project during her stay at St Andrews. This happened to be her last term before returning to her home in

Canada. Her effort was a great encouragement to all of us.

The most recent visit was by Marie Adeyemi from UK, who spent ten days with us at the project from 26th July to August 4th. Among other things she redesigned and repaired our swings for the children with an easy to maintain method, gave baking lessons to the staff and climaxed her stay with a fun day for the children. The over



seventy children present on Saturday 2nd August had reason to celebrate as they enjoyed face painting, lessons on making toys from simple materials and a Bible encouragement session. The swings have become a stopover point for most children this holiday.



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1 The renovated swings



5 Its swinging time!!!!

Project staff

The staff team has continued to devote their efforts to the welfare of the project but not without challenges, with a few cases of lack of commitment that is eventually leading to termination of contracts for two staff members to allow the achievement of project objectives. With the hope of moving some children to a new house that was acquired last year, we will soon need to hire another house mother.

Challenges with children and families

We have continued to achieve a good level of success, in keeping children off the streets, and maintaining them in school, but not without challenges. Veronica, a mother of four and an alcoholic whose two children we rescued and put in the hostel in June continue to be a challenge with her drinking that has resulted to her other two boys missing school and going to the streets at a time when our facilities in the hostel are strained.

Health issues

In the last two months we have encountered repeated cases of chicken pox among our children and this being a contact infection it spread quickly among those who are in the hostel. It has since been contained though with marks of its effects on the faces of the children still evident. Catherine, a class six girl in a boarding school missed school for a month after repeated incidences of sickness last term.

Feeding program

Feeding program remains one of our key intervention strategies. Thanks to, Kibos Sugar Limited that has been providing a considerable amount of food to the project on tri-monthly bases, until June this year when their CSR policy changed from supporting feeding programs. That was quite concerning to the project with the growing number of children who need food support. We are still trusting God and sharing the need so as to fill up the provision gap. It is sincere of us to say that God has been Faithful so far, and we continue to trust him for every need.

Other updates

After successfully building of a dairy unit that can accommodate three cows, we finally moved the project cow into the compound after a year of being hosted by a board member in his dairy unit. It's now providing milk for the children in the hostel. We hope to grow this project so as to have enough milk for the children and also earn some income from the surplus in future.



PRAYER POINTS

- ✓ Thank God with us for a successful 2nd term in the schools
- ✓ Pray for continued appreciation of the love of Christ among the children
- ✓ Pray that our intervention will continue to bear fruits as children and guardians respond positively
- ✓ Pray for good health among the children
- ✓ Pray for provisions and specifically for food supply for the feeding program

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