

Welfare Education Justice



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The trustees send greetings and thanks to everyone for continuing to support the Mudzini Kwetu Centre, through the work of CARIAD KENYA. We are grateful for the good things that have happened even though there have been many challenges, the main one being the government inspection which was extremely demanding but turned out to be very successful. Resources had to be diverted from new projects in order to paint the building, carry out repairs, improve water supply, build stores, construct children's lockers, improve play facilities, create a laundry area, and the completion of the library in order for the older girls to study.



Children: There are now 34 children in the home at Kikambala. Anthony says, "All the children have adapted so well to their home, they live in harmony and treat each other with dignity. The big girls are always willing to help their young sisters and give them the love and care they need. They have taken the home to be their own and suggest how they want it improved, presented and represented."

During the summer, 7-month-old twins, a boy and a girl called Macharia and Agnes were taken into the centre. Their smiles make everyone happy! (Sadly, Machariah died in October) One of the other newcomers is a teenage girl who was forced to marry when she was ten years old. She has suffered from physical and sexual abuse but is now happily settled at Mudzini and is attending school for the first time. Another teenage orphan who was rescued from a very difficult situation. She had been used to a very hard street life. It seemed at first that Mudzini was not suitable for her but through prayer, counselling and God's grace, she has changed.

Brenda, one of the older girls is studying hard for exams in November for the Kenyan Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) Certificate. Passing this is necessary in order to go into secondary education. Examinations are of major importance to succeed to secondary school. Many of the older girls have received very little formal education and remain in lower classes until they reach the required standard.

It was wonderful that Gift was able to come to Wales in May through the Global Schools Partnership Program and represent the home and her school in her visit. The difficulty of obtaining documentation for Gift has prompted the home to start obtaining birth certificates for all the children in view of their different backgrounds and life histories. The Kilifi Children's Department is already helping the home to obtain information and links with the children's relatives or friends of their deceased relatives. They encourage any available relative such as grandmothers or siblings to keep in touch with the children and visit whenever possible.

Justice: The motto of the home is "Welfare and Justice", so the centre does a lot of advocacy and provides legal services for orphans in the Kilifi district. The children taken into the home come through the local children's department and they often need legal representation. The demand for the centre to take on more children is unending and so Anthony, with the children's officer, tries to resettle children who could go back to a relative so that they utilise space for those who are destitute. It is important to know that you are not only touching the lives of children at Mudzini but also of those that they resettle or advocate for and respond to their legal needs through courts and police services.

Summer 2007: Geraint stayed at the home with three volunteers, Valerie, a teacher from London, Helen from Rogerstone and Carol from Pontllynn. They had the opportunity to lead a bible holiday club called

“The King and the Promise”. Everyone had a wonderful time with plenty of singing, story-telling, craft and games. It was thrilling to hear all the children sing ‘Jesus, the best King of all’. They also attended a wedding and Geraint met again with the staff from Bahari School. In fact, the head teacher Mr Owiti and Miss Olive, one of the teachers, visited the home and were entertained by the children.



Developments: One of the new developments is the children’s play area: Ian Williams, one of our trustees, helped to build this on his visit in June. Ian also helped to audit the accounts and his wife, Naomi, put her organisational skills into practice by organising the office and helping with day-to-day management.

A farm has been developed on which they are harvesting vegetables, eggs, milk from the cows and bananas. They are in the process of constructing a fish pond to harvest fish to supplement quality food for the children, who, in most cases, come to the home malnourished.

A new pump and vehicle has been purchased, as well as two new cows, Bedwas and Sophia, and a donkey called George!

Anthony is now in his own living quarters and this has freed up room for the older girls to have a room of their own with new bunk beds.

Alice has joined the staff as a manager to assist Anthony; Christine as a replacement financial worker; Ali as a permanent builder on site; Grace, Daniel’s wife, as a help to Saida(house mother) and Alice(cook).

We thank and praise God for all that he has done

Future Plans: Construct accommodation for volunteers and for a Kindergarten on site.

Construct a mini clinic to serve the home and the community around them.

Purchase land to build a school.

Give the staff In-Service Training – evening house keeping and first aid classes, farming courses and bus driving lessons.

Further help in the village – finances for security around the village; toilets; using the home for conferences of different faiths; water well.

To help maintain Mudzini Kwetu Centre as ‘the best home in the district’ (Kenyan Government Inspectors Report April 2007) and share our ideas for other homes.

Thank you for continuing to put smiles and hope in the hearts and lives of these children. There are many other girls who need the kind of help Mudzini is offering. We hope and pray that friends of Cariad Kenya can help Mudzini to grow and touch as many lives as possible.



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