

A.C.K. ST. STEPHEN'S CHILDREN'S HOME

"We love and care"

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ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR 2022

1. INTRODUCTION:

We thank the almighty God for the year 2022 which he has enabled all of us to be at St Stephen children home.

- We held our New Year thanksgiving on Sunday 2nd January 2022 at our Church St Stephen majimbo.
- All the children both secondary and primary resumed back to school from 4th January 2022

✓ **POPULATION**

The current population of the home in the residential care program is 44 that is **21 boys** and **23 girls**. In the family support program we have we have 46 children that is **24 male** and **23 female**. All this make a total of 90 **children**.

✓ New admission

Mostly we receive children from the children's department around Embu County. We had **eight new** admissions in the home as from January to December 2022 that is five girls and three boys. These children were referred by Mbeere South Children's Office, Runyenje's Children's Office and Embu West Children's Office.

✓ School visit

This is a follow-up program that is very important in reorganizing and improving education to our children. It is done every term when they open the school.

✓ Repatriation and follow up

"East or west home is the best" this is where we reunite children with their families. Most of our children are repatriated after sitting for their Kenya Certificate of Primary Education. In May 2022, we managed to repatriate **eight** children among them being three boys and five girls. Seven of them joined secondary school and the other one was repatriated while in grade five due to the home policy. All those who have been repatriated are doing well with their families.

It is our prayer that by the end of this year we will be able to repatriate more children and be able to create even more space for other needy children.

✓ **School Holiday:**

The year 2022 we had short school holidays since the school calendar had four terms in order to cover time which was lost during covid19 period. Every Christmas time in the month of December holiday children are encouraged to go and visit their relatives and guardians as they bond with them. Therefore we released 5 boys and 12 girls' **total 17 children**. We were left with **27 children** 14 boys and 13 girls. The children resumed immediately after Christmas to come and interact with their friends from UK.

2) EDUCATION

Education provides children with a platform to learn and in turn equip them with skills that help them improve their quality of life. Education can be formal or non-formal.

- Our children go to school whereby they are taught by professional teachers.
- Guidance and counselling.
- We also offer life skills like food preparations, farming skills and craft skills.
- We also enlighten the children on their rights.

a) Below are those who sat for their Kenya Certificate of Primary Education in April 2022 and the School they Joined In May 2022.

| NAME | KCPE MARKS / PRIMARY SCHOOL | SCHOOL ADMITTED TO May 2022 |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Omar Juma | 323- kamiu pri sch | Kangaru Boys |
| Jane Wanjiru | 324- kamiu pri sch | Kangaru Girls |
| Faith Kawira | 321- kamiu pri sch | Mayori Secondary sch |
| Ann Kairuthi | 277- Embu county | Kiangima Girls |
| Mercy Murugi | 190- kamiu pri sch | Thicingi Girls |
| Harrison Munene | 244- kamiu pri sch | Gitare Mixed Sceondary |
| Elizabeth Njeri | 219- kamiu pri sch | Kiangai Day sec School |

The below children joined vocational training centers as from January 2022

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|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Denis Kimanthi | Ena Vocational Training | Certificate in Mechanic |
| Dorcas Kagendo | Ena Vocational Training | Certificate in Hotel Hospitality |
| Martin Kariuki | Tenri Vocational Training | Certificate in Welding course |
| David Muriithi | Jeremiah Nyaga Institute Rwika | Certificate in Plumbing course |
| Titus Mbugua | Jeremiah Nyaga Institute Rwika | Certificate in Plumbing course |
| Norman Waweru | Ena Vocational Training | Certificate in Plumbing course |

- b) We also had four candidates who sat for their Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education and the results are as shown below. At the moment this students are waiting to join tertiary institutions.

| NAME | SCHOOL | GRADE | COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ADMITTED |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------|---|
| Eric Mwangi | Nguviu Boys | C+ | Egerton University Joined in September 2022 |
| Humphrey Kimani | Moi Mbiruri High | C+ | Zetech University Joined in September 2022 |
| Roseline Kagendo | Kathuniri day sec | D- | Repeated form 4 |
| Triza Njoki | Mbita Day | D- | To join Ena vocational training in January 2023 |

- c) The following children sat for their K.C.P.E year November 2022 and attained the marks as indicated:
- ✓ David Mutugi - ----- 276 marks
 - ✓ Purity Wakuthii----- 235 marks
 - ✓ Pauline Muthoni----- 236 marks
 - ✓ Britney Wachera----- 236 marks

- d) We also had three candidates who did KCSE in November year 2022 and attained the following grades:

| Name | Secondary school | Mean Grade 2022 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Philip Rogers Mugambi | Chavakali High School | C+ |
| Barbix Maina | Moi Mbiruri High | C+ |
| Christine Mukami | Gatumbi sec school | D- |

- e) Below is another table for those children who have completed their courses from different institutions.

| NAME | INSTITUTION | COURSE |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Simon Mwangi | Chuka University | Bachelor of Hotel Management |
| Juma Nzioki | Rwika Technical | Certificate In Electrical Engineering |
| Simon Kabata | Rwika Technical | Certificate In Food And Beverage |

It's our prayer that for the years they have been in school they will shine.

3) PROGRESSIVE ANALYSIS IN EDUCATION

The achievement of the home is measured by the successful progression of our children in their education. The following is a breakdown of our children's education progress:

| LEVEL OF EDUCATION | NO. OF CHILDREN |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Nursery class | 5 |
| Primary school | 37 |
| Secondary school | 34 |
| College/ university | 14 |
| TOTAL | 90 |

4) HOME PROJECTS

a) *Nursery school*: The home gives services to the children who are brought to the institution. They are rehabilitated as well as being taught the basic of education. The home also opens the vacancies to the community for good interaction with our children. So far the class has: **8** children in the **play group**, **15** children in the **PP1** and **12** in the **PP2**. In total **35 children**.

On 24th November 22, we held a very colourful graduation ceremony of the ten (10) PP2 pupils who were transiting to grade one to other schools of their parents' choice.

b) *Hostel and Dining Hall / Chairs*: The home gets some income from the hostel and hiring of chairs and dining hall for occasions. This far we have had diocesan liturgical team and synod book editorial team who have utilized our facilities. We also recognize our neighbouring schools Tenri primary, Kamiu primary and Tenri vocational training who have been hiring our chairs whenever they have big occasions.

= In August we hosted the ordinands for a one week retreat **31st July to 6th August 2022**

= Kumbamba team was also hosted for two weeks from **2nd October to 17th October**. **All these groups brought some income to our home for sustainability.**

c) *Farm and Produce*: The home is also sustained by the milk and products we get from our farm. We have two dairy cows whereby one calved this year. There are also two pigs (male and female) and piglets which have been disposing for sales. This has been a great source of income. So far we are remaining with five piglets.

d) *Rentals and business centre*: Our business centre here we have rented it to Emmaus proprietor who runs a café and this brings some income. The housing in Gatodo business centre is also doing well only one storey house is vacant.

e) *Gown shop and Curio shop*: This project is not doing well. We are trying to see how be invasive for its progress.

5) REPORT ON THE LEASE OF GATONDO CLINIC FACILITY:

- Following up the much deficit accounts from our health facility since it was not able to sustain its self, the management found it worth to lease it out.
- The process began by getting authority and advice from our lord bishop in consultation with the BOM executive, then approved by management.

- The Gatondo clinic was closed in February 25th 2022, and the staff were invited for a meeting by the management and they were released. They handed over all the equipment as it required.
- The partners' by the name **North Grand Hospital**, approached us since they had interest to hire the facility.
- After several meeting with the management we made an agreement through our diocesan lawyer,(chancellor) on the terms of payment and lease period which was as follows:
 1. That the lease period is for **5 years 2 months** commencing from 1st June 2022 which is renewable.
 2. That the rent payable shall be **Kshs. 360,000/=** per year with effect from 1st June 2022 and this will be paid for the first two years.
 3. It was also agreed that the rent for the next two years shall be increased by 25% per year, making a payment of **Kshs. 450,000/=** per year.
 4. The rent for the last one year shall be increased by **30%** giving a payment of Kshs. **585,000/=**
 5. The equipment in the clinic facility were sold to the lessee at an agreed amount **Kshs. 225,000/=** which shall be paid within a period of one year from the date of agreement 1st June 2022.
 6. The North Grand hospital were given a go ahead to do all the painting and branding to what pleases them, but the major renovation of the toilets and ceiling was done by the home.

6) VISITORS AND WELL WISHERS IN THE HOME

- On 2nd April, the diocesan Kama visited the home and gave a donation of Kshs. 150,500/- , 15 bags of maize and 4 bags of beans.
- We also had various different groups who have visited us since the beginning of the year. There has been good interaction of those groups with our children and this has made them to accept the reality of life and be focused.
- Ceres Marino Club Kenya 2/7/2022
- On 13th August 2022, Diocesan Mothers Union Talent week climax was done in the home.
- **219** mothers attended and donated food stuffs, clothes and **Kshs. 329,500/=**.
- **The diocesan deaneries visited the home as they had been scheduled and addressed given topics to the children and also gave their donations.**
- **16/7/2022** – Kanja and Ena deaneries – (**Positive attitude**)
- **3/9/2022** - - Kiriari and Muchagori deaneries-(**Who am I?**)
- **1/10/2022** – Runganaga and kithimu deaneries-(**Value of Education**)
- **12/11/2022** – Manyatta and Mukangu Deaneries-(**Christian maturity**)
- **19/11/2022** – Kaithege and Kathunguri deaneries – (**Managing Trauma**)
- **25/11/2022** – Kaugwiri and Kagumori deaneries- (**Pre-marital sex relationship**)

- **10/12/2022 – Kamiu and Kangaru deaneries – (Effects of social Interaction)**
- **2/10/2022** Seventh Day Adventist church Mt Kenya East and Southern region
- **6/10/2022** KPLC team visited home
- 9/10/2022 Simon and team from Kikuyu- Walkie walkie group of 100pple
- 15/10/2022 Kirinyaga University Catholic Students Association 210 students visited the home
- 15/10/2022 St Peters Kathakwa Health Team 45 students visited our children.
- Embu university sacco
- Platinum Credit
- Tenri Primary school
- Our Lady of Assumption Embu

7) **SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL ASPECT**

Our children are never left behind in the matters of spirituality. Through our chaplain Rev Benson and other spiritual leaders they get nourished.

In the month of March 12 girls and 3 boys attended the girls and boys mentorship program which had been organized by the diocese at St Joseph College.

On 12th October 2022, seven children were confirmed by the bishop and received the second sacrament in accordance to our Anglican Church doctrine.

On **26th November 2022** we had brigade enrolment in the diocese and our 4 boys 3 girls joined boys and girls brigade that day. Our children have talents which needs to be nurtured to get used in the church affairs. We appreciate all the spiritual leaders who have mentored them.

Canada Friends visit: From **18th to 27th December** we had a good opportunity to interact with our three friends from Canada. They bought books for our children library and other items for curio shop. They also facilitated our Christmas celebration on 25th December. It was great! It was wonderful! And one of its own.

UK Partners visit: From **29th December 2022 to 7th Jan 2023** we received our UK partners who were a great blessings to our children and the whole fraternity. They had good time to interact with our children for the ten days in the home.

- They donated school leather shoes (toughies) for all our primary and secondary school children.
- Painted the Dining hall and family room at their own cost.
- Repaired the institution borehole and bought a new water pump to facilitate water in the home.
- They ensured all the electricity and water services are doing well in the whole institution.

- Within our list of many children without sponsors three children were lucky to get sponsors for their education amongst them.
- The visit was climaxed by a very colourful farewell party for all of us on 7th January 2023. We thank God for all our friends and diocesan team lead by our lord the Bishop together with the management team for making it exciting and wonderful with all our children from both programs.

8) FUTURE PLANS FOR THE HOME

- Expanding our business centre for more income if we get financial support
- Constructing residential houses at Gatondo for more sustainability
- Equipping our children with more life skills activities
- Upgrading our ECDE pre-school to lower primary - grade 1-3 in order to maintain the children.
- Put up a storey floor to raise girls dormitory to another level for the usage of a guests house

9) CONCLUSION

It our sincere gratitude to all the well-wishers of this institution and partners for supporting the vulnerable children under our care and protection.

To the management team, thank you for your inputs in the progress of this home without your advice and ideas we cannot make it.

To the Diocesan bishop, clergy and departments, we greatly appreciate your support you have rendered to this institution.

To all our international friends from UK, Germany, and Canada we express our gratitude to you all for the burden you have to these children. God bless you all for your love and commitment on the financial support. You have raised up great leaders and important people from this charitable institution. **May you never lack anything.**

WE WISH YOU A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023 FULL OF GOD'S FAVOUR.

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