

Christmas Greetings and New Year blessings from



Our dear donors,

Your continued sacrifices to support our centre is real news for us and good News for that matter.

This seasonal greetings is to confirm to you that, your help made a value adding difference.

We give the Good Lord all the glory for enabling us to come this far successfully through you.

May He in return bless and meet you at your point of need. With renewed appreciation.

By Sr. Emmah-ASN
The Director

Class Eight@2016 after
KCPE Examination with
the Director Sr. Emmah
giving them advice.

The Newsletter for December 2016

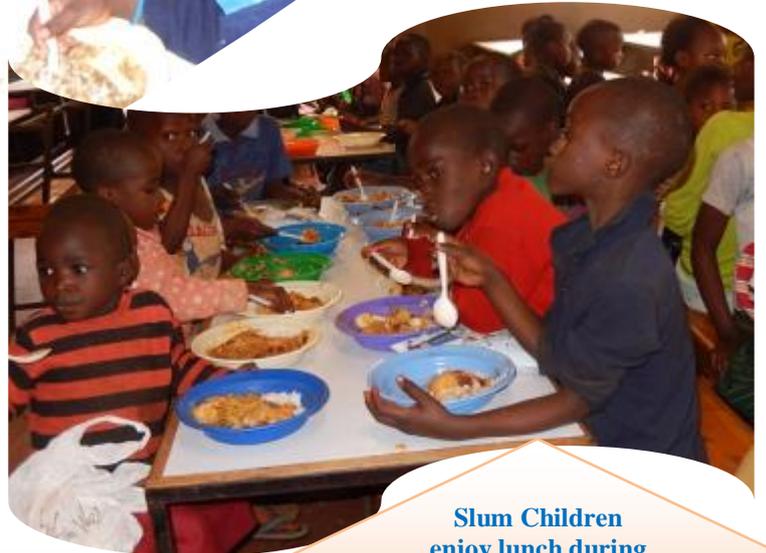
PUPILS HAVING THEIR LUNCH



Sr. Emmah the Director enjoy lunch with the pupils



Slum children at the gate waiting to enter for feeding.



Slum Children enjoy lunch during Saturday feeding.

Feeding programm

We thank all our small and big, local and international donors for your great work and determination to see the children get their daily bread. This has always been a challenge to us. The demand for food is ever on the increase. We suppose it is due to the hard economic and distress that many families are facing.

In the centre, 700 pupils are fed from Monday to Friday and 1700-1800 children fed on Saturdays continue looking upon us. This makes us always remain on our toes as we continue searching for new avenues of food for the sake of the children. A constant regular supply of food is needed and especially at this time. Last season was not good, there was no enough rain as a result there was no good harvest. The food is very expensive.

SPONSORSHIP



**Patrick Muturi –
Form 2 sponsored
student**

We once again thank all the donars and well wishers for the good job they are doing.

The sponsorship programme has become of great help to many poor and broken families.

Indeed parents/gurdians have expressed their delight with the programme as the children who were unfortunat of enjoying the basic need of education can now boast of receivng one.

Kibagare Good News Centre is sponsoring 4 students in secondary school and 3 students who are taking courses. These student were very needy that, if they were not sponsored they could never have gone to school.

My name is Patrick Muturi.

I have two sisters and one brother. My mother is single, asthmatic and the breadwinner. One of my sisters finished secondary education last year and passed with a C+ grade which would allow her to take a diploma course but my mother cannot afford to pay for a course for her.

When I finished class 8 last year, I had lost all hope because, I knew my mother could not afford to pay the school fees for me.

I went to Sr. Emmah the Director of St. Martin's Primary School Kibagare. She got me to a government school.

I looked at this like a dream which had become a reality. I am grateful for this sponsorship. I have a great hope in completing my studies. I am working very hard in school so that in future I can support my mother to support the other children.

There are many pupils like Patrick who lack school fees and they need support.



**Nancy leaving the centre
to College to train as a**

Challenges we face



Rose a Mentormother and the children she takes care of (from left – right) Elizabeth Muthoni , David Kibe, Ann Njeri and Rose Wanjiru.

In the slum there are some children who are neglected by their parents because, the parents are alcoholics. These children suffer very much because their parents are not there for them.

We have put some of these children under the care of mentor mothers.

Rose Wamalwa a mentor mother takes care of Rose Wanjiru - mother is dead and the father is an alcoholic. David Kibe, Elizabeth Muthoni and Ann Njeri. Their mother is an alcoholic. Rose Wamalwa stays with these children and her two children. They live as a family and we provide her with the basic needs for their upkeep.

This is what Elizabeth has to say:-

In the home where I live with my brother and sister, it is a real home for us. Our mentor mother takes care of us as if we were her own children. She does not differentiate us with her children. She treats us the same. We even call her “Mum“

In the home we are given time to study and we are bought books, we have food and all the necessary things we need.

Before we came to this home, I was getting 100 – 200 marks in school.

I am proud to say I am among the top ten position in my class. My brother was always the last position in his class. He has improved tremendously.

I am very grateful for the care we receive.

Ruth Karugari also a mentor mother with the children she takes care of
(*from the front*) Mary Wambui, Richard Kamau, Elvis Onyango, Cynthia and Stephen.



Ruth Karugari is another mentor mother. She takes care of the following children. Cynthia, Elvis and Stephen. The mother of the above children is an alcoholic. Cynthia and Stephen were not going to school in order to take care of their younger brother Elvis. We took Cynthia who is 9 years old and Stephen 12 years old to school and took Elvis to babyclass. We provide them with breakfast, lunch and supper at 6.00p.m. before they go home.

The role of mentor mother is to ensure that, they have eaten, show them how to wash their clothes, she goes with them at home to show them how to clean the utensils and maintain their house clean. We provide the children with clothes and other basic needs.

Ruth also takes care of Richard Kamau 3 ½ years and Mary Wambui 5 years old. The mother is an alcoholic and the father is a casual labourer. He would leave the children to loam about alone without food in the slum. Their security was at stake. The slum elders requested us to assist them. Ruth ensures that the father brings them to the centre when they are clean, that Mary goes to school and that they eat.

These children are in great need of your support in order to make their future bright.

Ruth and Rose are women with great loving hearts. They have transformed the lives of these children by making them feel that somebody is there for them.

Different Activities in St. Martin's Primary School Kibagare



Music as part of the extra curriculum activity



Some of the Pupils dancing during entrance hymn in the church as the mass is being celebrated.

Pupils taking porridge for breakfast



Pupils in class learning

School

Our big challenge is in keeping at par with the demand of the school materials. The children are in dire need of stationeries, exercise – text books, and other school requirements.

One book is shared between 3 pupils. It becomes very difficulty especially when the pupils are given homework, some fail to do it because they do not have textbooks to refer to.

THE CHICKEN PROJECT

It is now two years since I came to Kibagare. I have been wondering how I can start a project which would boost our income. I was thinking of starting a chicken project but, I did not have money. One day an Agricultural Officer from the City Council of Nairobi told me that the City Council had selected St. Martin's primary school to be supported with a chicken project. There is only a small portion of land which is not utilised. I decided to make use of it. The City Council has brought all the materials. We are putting a fence for security and the buildings will soon be constructed. They will support the project for 5 months after which it is supposed to support itself. It is my great hope that this will improve our income and support the children with eggs and meat.



Fencing for the chicken construction

KIBAGARE SLUM



Household visits by the programme coordinator

Kibagare Slum

The slum is the home of the pupils in St. Martin's Kibagare Primary School. In this slum there is a vicious cycle of poverty. The people who live here most of them are not employed, some of them are alcoholics, drug addicts, commercial sex workers, young girls get early pregnancies, some of them are infected with HIV, some have died leaving orphans with child-headed families and with grandparents. Some people are idle and some end up by becoming criminals. Some work as casual labourers while others do small-scale businesses whereby they earn very little money.

I have been wondering how the community can overcome the poverty.

From June this year a small project called **Nilinde Nijinjenge** was rolled out to empower the households on how to manage small-scale business in order to make them self-reliant. The project also aims at prevention of the root causes of poverty by giving awareness on drug abuse, HIV and AIDs and prevention of Alcoholism. It is my hope that this project will help to reduce poverty.

We wish to thank you all our donors
because through your support we
have seen ourselves come to the end
of this year.

We appreciate your donations and
we say thank you very much and
may God bless all your future
endeavours.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

As a program dedicated to serving the poor, the Kibagare Good News Centre
relies entirely on the financial support of local and international Donors.

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