

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15 v58

Dear Friends,

It is our prayer that you are encouraged by the news we are sharing this month. We are blessed to be touching so many lives in different ways and want to thank you again for your continued support that helps make a difference to the families we work with in Njoro.

STREET CONNECTED BOYS

It's been our joy to watch the boys coming to our APT Saturday club grow in confidence and skills. Some of these boys live in very difficult situations and have experienced extreme trauma from a young age. The club offers them a safe place to come without prejudice or discrimination, away from the streets and where they can learn new skills and be creative. They have each made a stool, which they took home and are now making wastepaper bins. The stools they made are really useful for sitting on while cooking at the jiko. It's been a great opportunity to get to know them better, talk to them about the challenges they are facing at home or school and to help them find positive ways to respond. Four of the boys have returned to school and over the weeks and months they have been coming we have noticed positive changes in the way they share, work as a team and the language they use. They now easily share news from the streets and homes, they let us know any school needs and are keen to let us know their good progress at school as well as the not so good progress of others! It is our prayer that as we continue to work with these boys and help them overcome their personal issues we would be able to encourage the boys that have not returned to school to do so.



PARENTS POLYTECHNIC

We are delighted that three of our parents have finished their tailoring and dressmaking course at the local Polytechnic. We now await the results from their final exam. All of these parents have children with disabilities which is why it is so important for them to learn skills that will enable them to earn an income while staying at home to care for their children. As we have done so in the past with others, we will assist them with getting a sewing machine for home so they can start their businesses.

BIBLE CLUB

During the school holidays we held the usual Holiday Bible Club for children. It was well attended throughout, and we are grateful to all who helped with the teaching, games and refreshments. With so many coming we knew the last day would need an army of helpers to provide a meal for the children and parents. God answered our prayers and we were blessed with 17 helpers on the last day. Every one of them was needed as over 140 people attended! Everyone had a wonderful time and through this outreach we have been able to identify several families that need additional support. Some of the parents have been given work at the APT to help them with school fees and feeding their family and some have also started attending the Parents Support Group and weekly Bible study.



Jossey being baptised by Pst. Ronald Kogo

SUNDAY SERVICES

We give thanks to God for the growth of the gospel work in Njoro. Last month Crosspoint Bible Church (formerly Covenant Baptist Church) started meetings on Sunday evenings in Njoro. Our relationship with Crosspoint Bible Church has continued to grow and we thank them for their ministry to the children in schools and at the bible clubs, to the parents every Tuesday at the bible study and to our staff. Beatrice and Jossey (APT supervisor) are both members of the church in Nakuru. We give thanks to God for what He has done, and is doing, in Jossey's life. In April Jossey made a public confession of his faith in Jesus Christ and was baptised.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Give thanks for Jossey and pray for him as he grows in his faith.
- Give thanks for the Holiday Club. Pray that the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of all who attended.
- Pray for the boys that are not in school.

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