

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

Psalm 9 v1

Dear Friends,

It has been a blessed few months. We've seen God answer many prayers as well as show us again the need for our work with children and families. At one point during the last month Beatrice seemed to be finding children wandering in the streets every day! We give thanks to God for leading us to these children and providing us with what we need to start working with them to strengthen the family unit and keep children off the streets.

### Cycle with Dignity

Over the next few weeks Beth will go into the first local school to teach girls and boys about menstrual health and hygiene as we start to implement the Cycle with Dignity project. It has taken us longer than expected to get to this point, with a few disappointments along the way but we are confident that it is going to make a huge difference to girls in Njoro and will be worth the wait! Since last year we have trained a mum from one of the families we work with to make good quality cloth sanitary pads, we've tried and tested different materials and the staff have learnt the education material, which is an excellent resource produced by Irise International who are global leaders in menstrual health programming, research, advocacy and policy development. We had hoped to have three mums making the pads but unfortunately two could not continue and this slowed production. However, the mum who remains with us is doing an excellent job and once Beth has delivered the education, girls will receive a pack of 6 reusable cloth sanitary pads with a small bag.



### Education

Education remains a key focus for us and a priority when we first start working with a family if we find children are not attending school. Usually all that is needed is a little help for uniforms and admission fees which are too expensive for parents living in poverty. Once those are paid, parents are usually able to manage the exam fees and other smaller costs. Since schools have resumed, we have assisted 14 into school and 8 into polytechnic, 3 of those are parents. This has been made easier thanks to the good relationships we have built with the local schools and polytechnic.

PHOTO: *Three of the children from a family of seven. Five of them were not in education when they were referred.*

### **Bible Club**

During the long school break in March and April we ran our holiday bible club four days a week. We were able to hold it at the Salvation Army Special school and are really thankful to them for this safe space that had the option of an indoor hall if it rained. We thank God that the club was well attended and not only gave us an opportunity to share the gospel but also led us to new families in need of help. Giving the children an activity during the day helps keep them off the streets as well. The club ended on Good Friday when parents were invited with the children for a meal and short talk from Pastor Ronald Kogo. 97 children and 27 parents attended.



### **Share and Prayer Evening**

Our next share and prayer evening is planned for the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 7pm UK time on zoom. This is an opportunity to hear the latest news from the team in Kenya and to join us giving thanks and praying for the different areas of work and specific needs. The zoom code will be sent out via email but if you have not subscribed to regular updates it is below or get in touch to receive it closer to the date.

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### ***PRAYER REQUESTS***

- *Give thanks that so many have started education.*
- *Give thanks for the holiday bible club and continue to pray for those who heard the gospel.*
- *Pray for the health and safety of the staff as they work.*
- *Pray for the Cycle with Dignity project and funds to continue it.*

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