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## Year End Encouragement for 2022

by Oasis of Hope

### Praise God brothers and sisters!

May take this opportunity to thank you all for walking with us through 2022 and previous years, indeed it has been a journey full of transformations, we have witnessed lives being changed by little children and the larger community of Mathare slums receiving the gospel of Jesus Christ through your support.

Through your support Oasis of Hope, Mathare has managed to reach over 150 families in Mathare slums, we currently have 9 volunteers. The number will increase in 2023 many other young people are interested in joining.



## Saturday Bible Class

This remains to be our key activity, it is the backbone of Oasis of hope Mathare, every Saturday morning over 150 children gather at Vahle and Clark educational center, where we play, sing, pray and share bible stories with them, the reason for doing this is because children are vulnerable and can easily be misled, their parents are also busy trying to make a living, they need spiritual nourishment which they lack from their homes and community, this is where we come in as per **Mark 16:15**.





## Priceless Program

My wife Maureen went for a training under priceless project after she was trained, together with Pauline, Anne and Maryline they started a “girls club” where they meet every Saturday after the bible class, when schools are closed, they meet with girls from ages 9–17 years twice a week to re assure them that they are very special and priceless, they use the same forums to listen to the girls and also address their concerns. Girls are at a high risk of; teenage pregnancies, early marriages, STDs, HIV/AIDS amongst others. The major challenge that this program faces is getting sanitary towels.



## Library

We intend to hire a librarian who will work in the library full-time beginning in 2023. We now have close to 1,000 books in Clark and Vahle libraries, and many children in Mathare slums do not go to school because their parents are unable to pay for their education. To meet these needs, the organization will keep the library open every day, and children who are not in school will be able to interact with books with the help of the librarian.



## Work For Life Trainings

Oasis of Hope, in collaboration with **Work for Life**, has been offering business training for Mathare slum kids and women. Some of the learners were able to start small enterprises as a result of these pieces of training, while others were able to increase their operations. This program has some problems, such as training participants, raising cash for business starts, and creating materials for trainees.

## Mentorship Program

We hold sessions with our high school students when schools are closed. During the sessions, we discuss academic performance, peer influence, relationship with Christ, challenges they face in school, how they can offer leadership to the younger children in the Saturday program, drugs, and substance abuse, and other issues that may arise. The goal of meeting with this group is to equip them for future ministry leadership while also making disciples.

## End Year Celebration

Last Saturday, we hosted a celebration with over 250 people in attendance, and we offered hot meals (rice, beef, vegetables, and chapatis). This is a major event because most of the children we fellowship with come from low-income households, making it difficult for them to buy well-prepared meals. The children thoroughly enjoyed the meal and time together hearing about Jesus and having a great time!



Most of our operations will be suspended until the second week of January 2023, as that will be the last gathering of the year.

## OUR PRAYER REQUEST

### SECONDARIAN

This year 8 of our children did examination for class eight, they will be transitioning to high school which is very expensive especially the first term, in the previous year's Oasis of hope has been giving them a one-time support of \$100 each as they enter high school, this is not reflected in our monthly budget because the number of children joining high school is not constant, any assistance will be highly appreciated.

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### KINDERGATEN

A huge number of school going age in Mathare slums are not going to school, the main reason is poverty, we have space at Vahle and Clark educational center that can be used to start up a kindergarten we trust that God will avail funds for these children to get educated which is a basic right.



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### CONCLUSION

**People Bridge's** assistance has made a huge difference in the lives of many people through Oasis of Hope in 2022. We look forward to expanding our collaboration in the future, and may God bless you abundantly.

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