

Encouragement from "Oasis"

by Oasis of Hope

Hi Friend,

Brian's friend, Jacob here. God has kept us safe here in the Mathare slums of Kenya and I hope this report encourages you today.



Library Update

In October, People Bridge raised money to furnish our library at the Clark and Vahle educational center. We are working to equip the library with materials that will positively impact the lives of children in Mathare slums. We are also working to have one of our volunteers spend 2 to 3 hours a day helping children with studies and revisions at the center.

We are also glad that through that funding we managed to furnish my office, where I can now meet parents and our volunteers for counseling sessions.





OOH is still preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to children and teenagers in the Mathare slum; we have an **average of 150 children attending our Saturday Bible class** when schools are in session and **over 200 children** when schools are closed. We fellowship with them through games, songs, bible stories, and snacks.

Pauline (at the right side image) and Anne, two female volunteers, and my wife Maureen are striving to empower girls through the "I AM PRICELESS" initiative. This program's major goal is to **give girls life skills and to reassure them of their importance.**

In these sessions, individuals can talk about any issues they're having, report any abuse or other violations, and gain more self-assurance.



This month, I'd like to tell you about **Christopher Omondi**. Christopher, who has attended Saturday bible class since 2017, is 17.

His father abandoned the family after getting remarried, and his mother used to own a small business that has since been shut down.

Christopher has missed almost all of this school year and is concerned that his dreams of becoming an engineer may not come true because he has a sizable school debt that his mother cannot afford. Is God calling you to help by entering Christopher's story? Reach out to Brian to learn more.

OUR PRAYER

Every year we celebrate Christmas. **The event brings over 1000 children from the Mathare slum to fellowship together and also share a hot meal.** The reason for having the celebration is that most households cannot afford a meal on Christmas Day.

That is why we bring them together—to show them love and also remind them of the love of Jesus. We have been spending over \$800 for this event in the previous years; this cost is likely to go up slightly because the cost of living has gone up this year. We trust that God will make this happen again this year. In our next communication, we will share more!

Thank you for walking with us. May God bless you all!

Yours in service,



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