

Mercy and Caring Children's Homes

2021 News Letter



Jambo

Greetings Friends and Partners,

The children of Mercy and Caring Children's Home wish you all a belated Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

2021 has come and gone, but with your continued support the children have done well. Here is a look at their year in review.

SCHOOL DAYS



I Graduated This Year



The children received new school uniforms this year for school. They were very excited to receive them. Some of them were sewn by Ruth, a former child who lived at MCCH, now a teenager who has been attending a technical school near by.



School in Kenya is full of milestones and celebrations. This is the 2021 Pre-Primary 2 class. Our North American equivalent of kindergarten. The entire home and staff are celebrating with these new grade 1's with a special meal and music in March 2021.



In Kenya the new school year begins in January and ends in December. This year the children have had shorter breaks because of school closures in 2020 to make up learning time. Children grade 3 and under enjoy having their classes right on campus at the Mercy and Caring Academy.



To fulfill grade 3 requirements the children learn about African culture. On November 20th, at the end of their studies the students put on traditional African attire and enjoy preparing and eating traditional Kenyan cuisine.





Helping with the kitchen chores

Pictured left to right are: Grace, Lucy, Dorcas, Mercy, Salome, and Esther



Enjoying a special treat - sugar cane

More Celebrations!



Happy Birthday To Me!

Every year on Kenya's National Jamburi Day (December 12, 2021. Celebrating their nations independence) the children eat a special meal, celebrate their birthdays, and have cake together. They also received their Christmas clothes and shoes. Pastor Moses sent the most adorable video of the children singing "Happy Birthday To Me" and another song thanking everyone who sponsors and supports MCCH for their new clothes, shoes, cake, special food - It is priceless.



Happy Jamburi Day



If you can imagine it!

Check out this fun innovation. A few of the boys built their own bicycle. Pictured with the bicycle are **George** (on the bike), **Daniel** (back left), **David** (blue jacket), **Jesse** (yellow shirt).



Dinner & Soda

A special meal enjoyed during the year supplied by one of the Kenyan Bank's outreach to children's homes. Even a chicken is getting a treat.

Completed 2021 Projects

Water Tower Project Completed

Funds for this project were raised by The Paul Initiative. All the work was done by hand. No machinery was used. There are 7 families in the area who are now receiving clean water for their families.

This water tower will also supply the new guest facilities and washrooms for the church.



Classroom Block and Kitchen Building Exterior Work



Above are pictures of the newly plastered and painted classrooms and kitchen building done in 2021. This work will extend the life of these buildings.

2022 Projects

Right is another school building that is next on the list to be plastered, painted and have new windows installed. Mercy and Caring Academy is expanding to include grade 4 and we are raising funds to renovate this building.

Over the next couple of years the academy will expand one grade a year till it reaches grade 6. Students from the surrounding area are attending the academy for a school fee. There are currently 50 students at Mercy and Caring Academy. What a great opportunity to minister to these young children through education.



New Guest Facilities

This is a Paul Initiative project. We are continuing to work on the new guest units. When completed they will be used by visiting missions teams and for conferences held for local pastors and leaders. Projects still to complete for this to happen are: septic field, indoor plumbing, bathroom install and a simple kitchenette install. After that furnishings and window coverings.



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