



MERCY AND CARING CHILDREN'S HOME

Kitale, Kenya

AUGUST 2024



Welcome to our Newest Children

Big changes to our home as 21 new children were admitted in February (19 of them are pictured above). They range in age from 3 to 8 years old. Thank you to CTK Gibsons (Pastor Matt Rowan) who funded the admission of these children. Admission includes new mattress, bedding, clothing, shoes, boots, school uniforms and supplies. We now have 92 children. Sponsors for 9 of the new ones are still needed.



The children were very excited for new jackets this Summer. August is one of the coldest months of the year in Kenya. With temperatures near 14C (57F) the children find it very cold.



This past June, students from Mercy and Caring Academy attended Kenya's national "Day of the Child" event in Kaloleni. The children pictured are with their teacher Mr. Steven and our Social Worker, Mama Grace. They joined in the celebrations by singing two songs including one they learned from the VBS our mission's team taught them in April.



Over 97% of all donations given to MCCH go directly to Kenya.

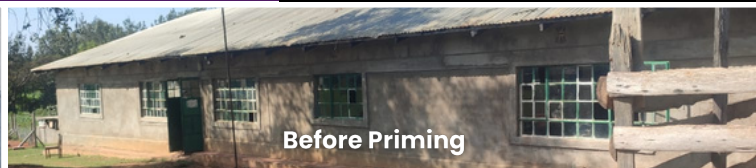
THANK YOU

MCCH thanks all of you, our sponsors and donors, for your generous support in 2023 and 2024.

We are putting those extra donations to work. This year we have started painting the exteriors of the children's dorms. The priming has been completed and new colours will be added as soon as the weather permits. A new washroom facility for staff is also funded and will be completed by year end.

A purchase of a motorcycle and a Subaru car were made.

For 2025 we are looking at purchasing an 8 - 12 seat van. This van will be a great asset to our on-site school, Mercy and Caring Academy and for transporting visiting teams.



Before Priming



After Priming





Reuben and Denis

THIS IS A GAME CHANGER
 During our recent trip to MCCH, we came across this organization that teaches organic farming. The founders are from Canada and their school is in Kitale. Their techniques produce amazing crops of nutritious food. We are excited to announce that MCCH has plans to convert up to 5 acres of land with these organic farming techniques. MCCH hosted a one week training for our farm staff and members of the community this past June. The goal is to grow enough produce to feed the children and to sell the excess to the community to offset operating expenses. Reuben and Denis, recent graduates from MCCH, have been hired with 3 others to establish and develop this new farm.



2024 MCCH TRIP



Toothbrushes donated by Canadian dentists

A team of 24 people visited MCCH in April, the largest team we have hosted thus far. Over the 10 days we were at MCCH, the team held a 2 day soccer camp followed by a 5 day Vacation Bible School. Our 92 Children were joined by approximately 50 children from the community. The team also enjoyed the children's evening devotional times. Encouraging one another and learning some songs of worship in Swahili with the them was awesome.



Children receiving donated guitars for their school. Thanks to Riverside CC Langley and Brent Muxlow



50 Donated hearing aids for the Kitale School of the Deaf.

Below - all the participants and our team. Thank you to the Sunshine Coast Youth Soccer Association who donated cleats, equipment, and over 300 jerseys. Thanks also to CC London for the VBS program, decor, and supplies.

