



School children celebrating the renovation of their school building and chapel



Hurray for new warm coats!

# CLASS OF 2022

2022 was a year of double celebrations! Due to Covid cancellations, graduations were doubled up. Kenya's education system adjusted their school calendar after closures in 2020 by shortening school breaks and terms over the last two years. The 2021 school year ended in March 2022, and the shortened 2022 year ended in December. The graduation of the Pre-Primary 2 classes to grade one is a huge celebration in Kenya and for Mercy and Caring Academy (our own school).

The whole school goes on parade up to the main highway. Music is played and the atmosphere is celebratory. Afterwards, the celebrations conclude with a special lunch and cake.

## March PP2 Celebration



## December PP2 Celebration



The students receive recognition and certificates. Afterwards, the celebrations conclude with a special lunch and cake.



# Highschool Graduation

MARCH



Gensher Wafula



Paul Simiyu

Congratulations to these young men on their highschool graduation.

Gensher and Paul attended KMTI (a local Bible College) in the fall.

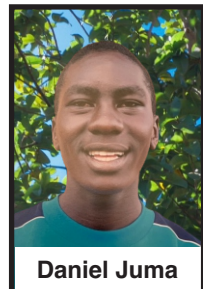
DECEMBER



Ipili "Billy" Sunday



Ian Ibrahim



Daniel Juma

# Welcome | Karibu

May was a very special month for 15 little ones. Eleven orphaned and vulnerable children were chosen and welcomed into MCCH. Another four were placed in our care by the Kenyan District Children's Office, for a total of 15 new children.



Abednego, Elphas, Princess, Lavin, Estellah, Emmanuel, Ezekiel, Truphenah, Isaac, Benard, Remy

Pictured are 11 of the 15 new children. Each of them need sponsors.

# Termite Fun!



These children are very excited! It is termite season and they have gathered around some of the mounds found on the property. They pour water into the termite holes and beat the ground with sticks to make it sound like rain. The tasty treat then comes up to the surface where the boys and girls have their buckets and pails ready to collect them. This is a favourite protein snack of the children, raw or fried.



# Christmas Came Early

What a surprise when Operation Christmas Child came to Mercy and Caring Children's Home with shoe boxes filled with gifts for every child in July. The staff also received fun activities to do with the children.



# Visit From Canada

After a three year wait, Pastor Ed, Cheryl and their daughter Brianna, visited. They brought a fun Vacation Bible School in April. Children from the community were invited and they had an awesome time together. The older children of our site manager, Moses Arusa, were great station leaders, while the grade 7-9 children were crew leaders. The group of the girls who learned the words and actions to the songs ahead of our arrival did a fantastic job leading the songs. The kids enjoyed Bible adventures, games, crafts, singing and learning about Jesus. "Amini Yesu!" "Trust Jesus!"



About 100 children attended the VBS. They are seated in the Children's Chapel that was renovated this summer.



We gave our lives to Jesus today!



The children enjoyed creating with yarn, tissue paper, beads, stickers and colouring.



Lunch Time



Bible Adventure Fun!

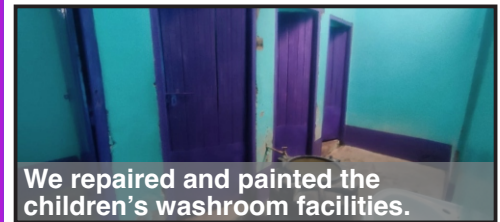


More Bible Adventure Fun.

# Renovation Update



The education building has been renovated and repaired. Painting the exterior and interior is next.



We repaired and painted the children's washroom facilities.



New swing sets were installed.



Pastor Ed, Cheryl and Brianna pictured with Moses Arusa, MCCH Manager.

The Paul Initiative has also continued its renovation of the new guest suites. The septic system has been installed and the first unit is nearly completed. The remaining two units will be started soon in preparation for a mission's trip in August 2023.

# Thank You So Very Much - Asante Sana!

To all of you who have sponsored children and supported MCCH in 2022. Check out our website for updated pictures of the renovation progress and our 2023 projects.

[www.mercyandcaringhomes.org](http://www.mercyandcaringhomes.org)



Brianna taught the children some fun games that they could play on the field in the afternoons. She even joined in a soccer game.



Cheryl and Brianna with George. He was found by authorities wandering around Kitale by himself. When his family was not found he was brought to MCCH.