



The children made tie-dye t-shirts with the missions team



The teenagers enjoyed hanging out with Sophia, Isabella, and Mei Li.

MCCH NEWS

School: Kenya's school calendar resumed its regular schedule this year, beginning in January. The school year will complete in late November. Mercy and Caring Academy expanded to include grade 5 and its students are enjoying one of the newly renovated classrooms from the 2022 education building project.

New Children: In March, we welcomed 10 new children to MCCH. They have all adjusted well and are enjoying their new friends and school. Eight of them are pictured below. Sponsors are still needed for these sweet little children.



L-R: Jemima, Brian, Shantel, Beril, Adel, Leah, Eli, Phylis
Missing are Moses and Sara

High School: Samuel Ruto is our only grade 12 student this year. He will be writing his final exams in November.

Vocational Training Students: Ruth and Reuben have finished their vocational training in dressmaking and carpentry. They are awaiting their final marks and look forward to working. Four more boys (Denis, John, Samuel, Wafula) have started their apprenticeships for plumbing and electrical. They will finish their training and studies in 2024.

Jamhuri Day: The MCCH children are looking forward to December when they will celebrate all their birthdays together on Jamhuri Day with a special party, cake, and gifts.

AUGUST MISSIONS TRIP

A team of 12 travelled to Kenya last August on a missions trip. The planned activities were a soccer camp, vacation Bible school, a youth program, and discipleship training for the pastors in Nairobi and the Kitale area. This was the first trip to Kenya for most of the team.

The team chartered a bus to travel from Nairobi to the children's home. We drove north west, crossed the equator and into Kenya's fertile farm land. Passing through many communities along the way gave everyone a glimpse into the lives of Kenyans. It was an enjoyable 10 hour trip through the country side. Even a few zebras were seen along the way.

RENOVATION UPDATES

It has been a busy year for renovations at MCCH. At the beginning of the year new ceiling boards were installed in the children's dormitories and the floors were repaired.



Before and after floor pics.



The new septic is installed and working thanks to all of those who donated earlier this year



Pictured in front of the bus that took us from Nairobi to MCCH are L-R: Matt Hull (Abbotsford); Matt, Lisa and Isabella Rowan (Gibsons); Cheryl and Ed Hickey (Abbotsford); Brent Muxlow (Langley); Mei Li Shepard and Joyce Shepard (Comox); Sophia Pearl, Megin and Nate Peal (Comox).



SOCCER CAMP • AUGUST 19 & 20



A second team came with Travis Whims and his son Tanner. They came with over 100 donated soccer jerseys, shorts, socks and balls for the children at MCCH. We'd like to thank the Langley U17 Soccer Organization for the very generous donation. The children were very excited and happy to receive these jerseys.

Travis' team organized a two day soccer camp. 110 children (including 30 from the community) enjoyed learning new skills and participating in a Mini World Cup.



YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP



During the VBS the youth met in the evenings for discipleship. Travis, Matt, Nate and Cheryl spoke to the teens on what it means to follow Jesus. Those who didn't have their own Bible received one.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL • AUGUST 21-25



This is the newly renovated Children's Chapel (2022). The room has a new floor, plaster around the windows and has been painted.

Approximately 60 community children joined with the MCCH children for the week, for a total of 140 participants. They learned how awesome God is (Mungu Wa Ajabu). On our gospel presentation day, 40+ children received Jesus as Lord and Saviour. MCCH's 24 teenagers did a fantastic job as crew leaders.



MCCH ALUMNI



Pastor Matt pictured with Erick Juma and Charles Njorge. These MCCH alumni attended the Discipleship Training in Kitale that The Paul Initiative hosted. Charles owns a small store in Kitale and volunteers at a local church. Erick is farming in the area.

NEW COMPUTERS



The team brought 15 donated laptops for Mercy and Caring Academy. This donation is appreciated more than you could ever know.

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