





January 9 to February 6, 2017, Edwin, Nancy, Trevor and Candice visited Mercy and Caring Children's Home in Kenya. Trevor and Candice serve on our Canadian Board. Trevor worked on promotional videos, and Candice is updating the website. We treasure their commitment to the

Lord and MCCH, and value their experience and wisdom from a younger generation's perspective.

Nancy's report for the AGM March 25 2017 about the year 2016

It has been a joy to see God's hand move in answer to prayer. It is the tenth year since Mercy and Caring Children's Homes received Canadian Charity Status resulting in income tax receipts for donors. We rejoice in this progress report on each area of our **3-fold mandate**:

1. **Eradication of poverty**: Poverty will not be eradicated in Kenya while bribery thrives. However, where little children are taken from desperately poor situations and placed under the care of many Children's homes like ours, basic needs of food, clothing, healthcare and education are being provided in lovingly staffed homes giving these children hope and a future.



Pauline has been accepted into hairdressing at the Poly technical school nearby!

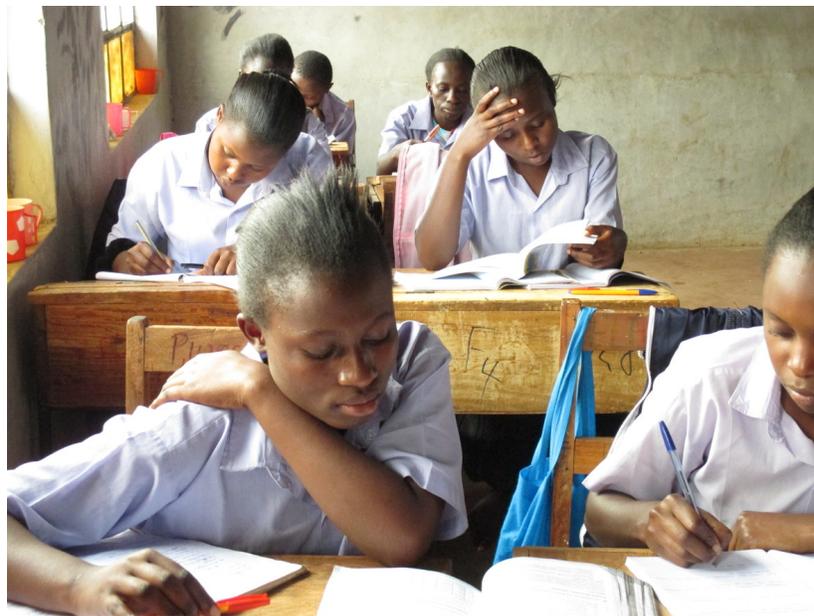
2. Education

Early Childhood
Development on site
Class.

The ECD class of
seven children is open
to students from the
community.

Primary education Gr.
1-8.

Forty-seven of our
children went to the Baraton public school up the road. MCCH paid for each
student's uniform, and materials required by the school. Eight students were in
Standard 8 and wrote their KCPE (Kenya Certificate of Primary Education) exams,
and will go on to High School or trades school.



High School-forty-one of our MCCH registered children, studied in the Mercy and Caring High School on the site just across the farm road from the Children's Home, where 15 Grade 12'S wrote their final exams. This is the exit point from the MCCH program. Each one left with whatever amount of pocket money he/she had saved, a small start to begin their life outside the home.

Many in Kenya cannot afford to go to High School, so our children are privileged. We continue to hope, pray and seek funding for further education for our Form 4 leavers. Some sponsors have been able to continue giving help for college. We have 2 in nursing, 1 each in teaching, computer training, and learning special needs care.



Many like Brenda with Candice came to see us, and to ask for further education.

1. Religious Education

The Kenyan school curriculum includes Christian Religious Education (CRE), so our children are well versed in the Bible. For many it is their best subject.

Our Centre has a nightly devotional hour held in 3 locations: ECD to Grade 8 children, High School girls, and High School boys. The younger devotional time is lead by the manager's wife, Christine or the housemothers. Pastor Arusa, our Centre Manager visits each of the devotional groups weekly.

The High School devotions are lead by one of the scheduled students. One leads the worship singing, and prayer, and then introduces the student preacher. Each High School student takes a turn.

iv. On Sundays, all the children meet for Church in the largest High School room. The manager, an invited guest, or a teacher gives the sermon, and the children lead in the worship. Several play the keyboard. A housemother often prepares the younger children with a song and dance for a presentation during the service. FEW BIBLES are left from those provided about 5 years ago. We need to bring or send funds for more Bibles for the children.



What a delight to visit and again see the changes in the children. THANK YOU ALL FOR READING TO THE END, AND BEING PART OF THIS GREAT TEAM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS DURING OUR TRIP, AND PRAYERS FOR OUR DAUGHTERS TAMMY AND JULIE. PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR THEM.

DANE'S HOOT:

PLEASE BRING ME USED CARS TO FIX AND SELL FOR FUNDS FOR MERCY AND CARING CHILDREN'S HOME. 1-604-886-9792. THANK YOU!

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