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Autumn ... For most countries, Autumn is the start of a new school year. However, during this season in Kenya, the school year heads to the finish line where exams and final grades are recorded. This year, our 5-8 year olds also passed the final exams, making us happy with their success.

The long awaited event was waiting for our students ahead! On October 26, we celebrated the closing of the school year and graduation. This year, 49 children graduated from nursery school, and as early as next January they will be first grade students of elementary school.

This day was special. Our graduates, along with teachers and parents, marched through the streets of the village in robes and graduate caps. To celebrate, each class presented its dances, songs and poems. Diplomas were presented to the graduates and a congratulatory and blessing-prayer completed the official part of the celebration. And then there was a holiday dinner! Everyone's favorite chicken, rice and chapatti (local flatbread) pleased both the stomachs and the souls of our students and their parents! We thank God for the opportunity to put His love and wisdom in the hearts of these children all these years. We believe, He will bless their continued education and their future.

Go!



Vacation time is always a time of freedom and fun, as well as the time of camps and hikes. Our kids love these events. With great impatience, the children waited for the start of our annual camp. Aware of their anticipation, we worked hard to plan out a thrilling camp program for them. By the end of the third day, there were about three hundred boys and girls ages 2 to 15 years in the camp. Dealing with such a large group seems nearly impossible, but God has blessed us with a wonderful team of local youth who worked so well with the children.

During the three days of the camp, we talked with the children about the gospel brought by Christ, and that we should go and share it with others.

Thirsty for truth, a Pilot and the Apostle Paul accompanied our children on this journey and helped them learn and share the gospel using ordinary colors: yellow, black, red, white and green. We also played many games, made crafts, sang and danced. Then we returned home to turn the motto of our camp into reality: "Go and preach the Gospel!"



Recruits



yet an teen, but no longer a child. You really want to be among the guys and girls who are older, but you are not quite sure whether that's the place for you either. In order to avoid the discomfort or shyness of moving on to youth group, we announced officially the transition of our grown Sunday school students. At the end of November, fifteen 14-year-old boys and girls were warmly welcomed into the youth ministry, taking the place of honor of the "recruits." Now they are part of the youth, ready to know God and serve Him together!

Adolescence is a time when you are not

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The relevance of the great commission of Jesus Christ is not limited in time or age. It is equally important for a child, for young people, and for an adult. Therefore, we have been talking about evangelism not only with children, but also with young people.

"Reach out" was the motto of the youth conference, which was held in November in the city of Kisumu. 22 of our boys and girls went to participate in this event. It was an amazing time! And not only because we saw new places, saw old

friends and made new acquaintances. Most of all, the ultimate joy came from the prepared word from God, as God's undeniable presence throughout the event, in which our children received deliverance and baptism of the Holy Spirit. It was a memorable conference. It filled the spiritual life of our youth with freshness and fire, inspired them to go and reach their peers. We sincerely hope that this fire will glow and change our village of Shimo La Tewa, as God's Word continues to it arouse in them the desire to be active for His glory!



"... and throughout Judea"



This fall, our youth leaders are actively involved in the ministry. And not only in the ministry of our church, but also in sharing the Good News throughout Kenya. They conducted two camps: for slum children in Nairobi and in the village of Mhorborokoni, near Mombasa.

This event was pleasant and useful not only for the kids, but even more for our youth who were serving. They matured greatly and became more responsible, and had the opportunity to more deeply experience what it means to give and serve.

Again in Action



We prayed and looked for opportunities to resume full-time work of the center. In September, God gave us this opportunity by opening the hearts of several people to cover the missing amount every month. Since then, the number of boys in our center has increased. Anyone who is tired of glue and street life, who wants change and is ready to return to normal life, can come to our center and find help there. We are very grateful to God for the opportunity to once again fully influence the lives of street boys.

The last six months have brought many changes to the work of our center for street children. In early July, we closed our round-the-clock program, as there was not enough money to keep it full time. Most of the boys returned home. But some had to return to the street and come to the center only during the day. It was painful to send them back to the streets, where it was damp, cold, and full of immorality and temptations. Unfortunately, there was no other way out.



Visiting Families

Families who have adopted children from our orphanage remain part of our ministry and our life. From time to time we invite them to visit, to be together, chat, encourage and help.

In October, we had two meetings with the largest of the families: one of them has ten children (six of whom were foster), and the other had eight (five of them foster). It is interesting and so exciting to observe how they become close, how barriers are destroyed. From the outside, one would never be able to say that these children are blood-relatives.

These evenings left pleasant memories and a desire to pray for God to unite them more, making their families an example to others.

