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4/35 - *Forth of Thirty Five*

End of July - it's the end of the second school semester throughout Kenya, including our school. Before the kids headed out for a break, they were given their final exams.

This semester, our students pleasantly surprised us with their academic performance increasing by 25% in comparison to the previous semester. One of the students advanced from ranking 20th place to becoming 4th place in their class! Educational success not only pleases us or parents, but the students themselves are motivated to become better when they see their increasingly positive results. In completion of their final exams, the children were released for school break. We celebrated the last day of school with dancing, games, and all sorts of exciting competitions.

As the third and final semester approaches, we are hopeful in an even more fruitful ending to finish off the school year!



The Way of Dreams

Regardless of what age we may be, we have a dreams we would love to have fulfilled. As we dream however, we often forget to take note of the difficulties and trials we are prone to face along the way. As was in the life of Joseph - we have to choose between our desires, and the will of God for our life.

In August, our team, along with local youth and guests from the United States, organized a three day camp program for street kids, in which our camp theme focused on the story of Joseph. We discussed the dreams that he had had, the trials he had to embrace, in the lessons his brothers had learned from his example. We also organized lots of great



activities, danced, taught life skills, and played a variety of exciting games. The children were served snacks, sweets, and delicious lunches. A headcount of 170 children attended the camp! It was only made possible by the Grace of God and our wonderful helpers! The children were incredibly blessed with the event and look forward to the next gathering!

Birth of a New Team Member



Earlier this month, the mission received a new addition to the team! On August 2, team leaders Vitalii and Julia Kyrylko, celebrated the birth of their first born!

Despite the fact that the delivery was difficult, Matthew Christopher Kyrylko was born healthy. We thank God for His presence in this family and the blessed birth of this precious little boy. May our Father's will be fulfilled in his life!



Time Spent Together



There's a special bond that occurs between acquaintances when going out somewhere new for a few days together. This August, our church youth were given the opportunity to attend a regional conference. 440 young people from different cities gathered together to learn the importance of being soldiers of God's kingdom.

In addition to spiritual equipment, the youth were able to share their talents, make new friends, and catch up with old friends. They were reminded that they are not alone, that there are many soldiers in God's kingdom, and the work of God's kingdom is done together with so many other individuals. We were pleased with their opportunity to take part in the conference and are prayerful that they will apply what they've learned into their life.



From Dirt to Kings



Among the first street children at our center, was a boy named Kennedy Wafula, who ran away from home because of a difficult relationship with his stepmother.

When his biological mother and father divorced, seven children were left to the care of a new stepmother. Constant family conflict convinced Kennedy to run away.

By the time he first arrived at our center, he'd been living on the streets for one year. Due to his built up glue sniffing addiction, Kennedy continued to return to the streets.

Throughout conversations and counseling at Embrace, the social workers were able to re-connect him with relatives, and he was able to move in with his aunt.

In 2018, Kennedy became a high school student. He became leader of the schools volleyball team, lead the team to a national championship, and the best student in his class.

A new life with a wonderful opportunities, a beautiful future is what God has in store for our street children.

We serve a God of second chances, and his intentions for us are good!



The Melody of One's Hands - the Passion of the Heart



Less than a year ago, we had the oppor-

tunity of meeting a young local woman, who works with street children and has her own music school. In meeting her, a dream began to stir within our hearts, to enable our church children to learn how to play musical instruments. Today, our dream has become reality has 13 children (ages 6-16) have began lessons on the keyboard, guitar, and drums. The first month of music lessons is coming to an end and we are thrilled to see their passion only growing stronger with each lesson. We are hopeful that each of the individuals, will furthermore grow in their newfound talents for the glory of God!

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Jesus spoke about talents being multiplied when you use the ones you have. God not only increases our talents, but children! This summer, and active family in our church, Juma and Juliet, were blessed with not one, not two, but three additional blessings were added to their household! You may be thinking she gave birth to triplets, but that's not the case. In 2015, when the first children in our orphanage were being adopted, Juma and Juliet took into their home, Henry and Peter. Last month, they welcomed three more



children- 2 boys and a little girl!

A total of 8 children (3 biological and 5 adopted) call their place home. Regardless of who's biological and who's adopted, we are able to witness the children receiving equal treatment and love from their parents. Where love abides, God multiplies!

