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"Non-canonical" Christmas Eve



The most surprising and unexpected things happen when you live with God. Sometimes, you get filled with happiness during inappropriate circumstances. Such a situation was for many of us when we were celebrating the New 2016 Year. But first things first.

Christmas season in Kenya coincides with the time of the longest break for the schoolchildren. During this period, the children have a lot of free time, so it is important to use it as efficiently as possible. The youth and children of our church prepared a play production about the purpose of the coming of Jesus Christ to Earth. The most memorable phrase for the actors themselves became the words of Jesus: "Father, I will go, I will become a Man, I will live with them, and then I will pay for their sins by giving My life." They shared this truth first with the street boys who attend the Embrace project, and then with the children in the village, Shimo La Tewa. All together about three hundred and fifty children were able to watch the Christmas play. Together they joyfully played, prayed and thanked God for His coming. And of course, no one was left without a sweet presents, for which the kids were immensely grateful and overjoyed.

Immediately after Christmas, forty street boys who regularly attended "Embrace", were go to the camp. Throughout the week they played, went to Bible studies, ate 3 times a day (which for them was one of the greatest blessings), had a chance to bathe and not sleep under an open sky. We have seen how God has worked in their hearts, how they learned to pray, and how God answered their prayers. Afterwards, we celebrated the New Year together. At the New Year's evening service everyone received a gift - a bottle of cola and cupcake. Overjoyed the boys climbed on the chairs and began to dance. Then we lit sparklers- common for all of us from the childhood. The reaction that they had is hard to describe: they were running and shouting, while their eyes sparkled with delight. Some would run up and say, "Thank you! This is the best day of my life. Thank you Jesus!" Being there, far from home, without the usual attributes of a holiday, without: gifts, Christmas trees or festive tables, we were happy. After all, it does not matter how much you have, but how much you can share with others. The holiday did not end here- we continued to celebrate the New Year with our local church.



And School Again



Tumi with Walter are starting first grade and Victor preschool class. Already, Tumi encourages and pleases us with her progress, as she enjoys attending school. For Walter it is still difficult to grasp many concepts; a consequence of poor knowledge of the language. For our youngest, school is a great place to communicate with peers, get a few new bumps and learn Swahili.

The graduates of our preparatory school "Heart of help" also began their school years in first grade. This year, with God's help, we were able to send 27 children to different schools, while our school was replenished with new students. According to tradition, we started the new school year not with the ringing of the first bell, but with a child wash. Removing worms - doodo, providing new clothes, trimming nails - basic needs, which unfortunately the parents if the child has - do not take care of. We thank God that we were able to show the love of Jesus through simple care. Now, studies are going by the schedule and it is pleasing to see that children have grown to love school. They often ask for their lessons to be longer and they stay

The new school year begins in Kenya in January. For our team it has become a special occasion, as three more of our children are going to go to school:

longer after class. We believe that good changes are happening in their lives, and the Holy Spirit will continue His work in their hearts and families.

Changes come



Work with street children continues. After the camp, fifteen children decided to return home to their families. To us this was a great joy and an answer from God, because now they will be able to live a normal life and continue school. We pray that the guys continue to desire to change and

return to normal life. The majority of street children are not orphans, but have ran away from home because of a bad relationship or just because they did not get along with their parents.

In February, at "Embrace" the school began its work. Many children came with a request to send them to learn, they wanted to go to school. For them, school at "Embrace" - is the chance to gain knowledge they didn't

earn during the time they spent on the streets. And for us it is a chance to see who is ready to make an effort to learn, who really wants to change his or her life. The children who show these attributes in the future we plan to send to public schools, paying for their education there, and eventually we will try to bring them home. We thank God that we can participate in the fate of these children, we are also grateful to all the partners who support this ministry.



Clinic News



Now we are providing medical assistance as an official clinic! Not that long ago the clinic, where we serve with our partners, underwent licensing under the laws of Kenya. Now we have the right not only to treat people, but also to perform simple operations. At the moment we are practicing the autopsy abscesses, wen removal, and so on.

God also gave us the opportunity to do two mobile clinics. In January, our dear guests – a team from New York participat-

ed in one of the mobile clinics. The village (located near Kitale), in which we had the clinic, has an acute problem of doodo (under-skin worms). In one day the guys were able to take care of about 50 people. Among that they were able to help people with many other different diseases. In February, we sent a local team of volunteers back to the village to continue the fight against doodo. About one hundred people



were able to receive medical care. In addition, we treated their houses with a special solution that kills these parasites inside the house. This way, the dudu will not come back to the people.



Construction. The final leap



Construction of facilities for the school and the church has approached the finish line. This winter we were visited by more brothers than ever. They all worked on the construction site with us. In three months



contribution has allowed us to make this leap. May our Father bless and reward you!



we have been able to put up the roof, fill the floors, plaster the building inside,

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your heart, please contact us, we will pray together for a practical implementation.



As always, we need your prayers! Also, there is a special need for dedicated missionaries, who can come for a long period of time. If this in some way calls out to



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