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Plunging into Christ

On mission, we experience immense joy when a prayer is answered and all the testing and hard work pays off. In example, our recent water baptism. In December, 17 attendees of our church committed their life to God, 16 of which were youth! We understand that this is only the beginning of their journey, but with gladness of heart we watched them confidently state their desire to follow Christ and the Truth has been revealed to them. We believe that they will be faithful servants of God!



Learning Ourselves—Teaching Others

The ultimate goal of any mission is to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ by teaching people to live in the Word of God, to the best of our ability, bring to light the knowledge of the Truth to people. Our desire is to educate the local ministers who are able to teach their people the word of God through the prism of their culture.

The majority of what makes up the audience of our church are children. In December, we conducted Sunday School teachers' courses. Fifteen young teens underwent a two-week course on the basics of teaching, learned what and how to teach children the Word of God, as well as, learned to use their talents in their teaching. Despite the bulk amount of information and the rather high intensity in the course, all fifteen successfully passed the final exam. Now the missionaries are no longer teach, but stand by as helpers as the young local teachers work!



Make a Difference!

This was our motto for Youth Day Camp. Young individuals from our church village, Shimo la Tewa, spent three days during New Year Eve, discussing subjects such as why God had created them and what they desire to leave behind, what they want their life to be defined as in a decade, and what needs to happen in their life today so that they could have a such a future. The youth were encouraged to stop and think, to ask themselves questions that are often avoided such as vain activities they fill up their time with. A wonderful time of games, team building activities, and of course their



favorite, football (soccer) also took place at camp. The youth were able to show their talents and make new friends. But the camp is only the beginning of change. In January, we opened a Youth Club with the hope that the youth of Shimo will incorporate better habits, friendships, communication, and memories into their life. Now instead of wasting their days, walking through the street strips, playing billiard, and being focused on worldly pleasures – they gather together and spend their time at a place where we believe that God will be changing their hearts!

The “Taste” of Family

An unforgettable time was had at the Pathfinder camp where sixty street kids celebrated the New Year. It has become an annual tradition for us to host a camp for street boys. This year, we focused on family and God’s intention for creating it. We discussed how because of sin, corruption and brokenness came upon families, and how Jesus can restore relationships and change situations. Most street children have living parents and other close relatives, but the model of family that they witnessed at home was far from biblical. As the boys enjoyed games, skits, and conversation with us at camp, we strived to share



the importance of forgiveness towards family, to return back home, and to take responsibility of their life choices. At camp the boys were full of joy in the little things – the food, shower, and bed. After camp, some boys returned to the street, others remained at the “Embrace a Street Child” center, and even more returned home!

Both the street kids and our team were incredibly blessed with teams from Lutsik, Ukraine and New York State – the camp would not have been possible without their help!

Progress in the Educational Department



had to deny many of the children that were brought late to registration.

We converted one of our guest bedrooms at the school/church into a classroom. We now have two classrooms for children ages 3-4, a total for 65 new kids added to our youngest group! Some of these kiddos had never climbed stairs and some the VIPs had to be carried up! We praise God for opening a way for the new students of our school



We have one more event we are celebrating this year! With great joy, we are excited to announce one more classroom that we made available for our youngest kids at Heart of Help School. We decided on this decision because we believe we should not sacrifice the quality of education when we have an overload of children in a class. However, babies continue to increase in the slum and last year we sadly

Healthy, When Medicine is at Reach



A low-profile ministry that we do is provide medical service in just about every department of our mission. Starting with skin treatment for our school children as we strive to remove lichens and provide them with cough medicine, to treating injuries that street boys often come to the “Embrace” center with, to providing aid for malaria and other more complex chronic illnesses for our church members and staff. In order to up-keep this service, an established system, time, and funds are needed.

At the beginning of the school year, our school health center was restocked with medical supplies that are made available for our school and members of our church if they come with a doctor’s note.

We’ve also made available a small supply first aid meds at the “Embrace” center. The most common treatment needs at the center are infected wounds and the need for clothing and shoes.

We also had the opportunity of conducting a Day Clinic for two different communities with our guest team from New York. One of the clinics took place in West Pokot, in a little village called Kachilba. In two days time, 300 people were served, tested for malaria, and helped with needed medicine. Another clinic was held in the Mount Elgon territory, where there is an acute problem with “dudu” (hookworms located on the soles of their feet). In one day, we were able to treat 50 individuals with this specific problem and examined children at a local school.

“EMBRACE” Updates

The “Embrace a Street Child” is a very dynamic and rapidly developing movement for reuniting children with their families, and educating them in making wise choices in hopes that they would return to a normal life at home. It’s a never ending work developing relationships, as these boys coming off the street curiously come to the center to see what we have to offer.

We teach lessons focused on having a change of mind and slowly observe as many of the boys return home, and new boys continue to come to our center. As the boys go through rehabilitation, we focus on teaching lessons, and have a wonderful new teacher leading the studies. However, our current struggle is the broad age range of the boys sitting through the lessons, which requires a lot of effort and talent to simultaneously portray lessons for different levels of knowledge.

We are also blessed with a new counselor at our center! We have been looking for a long time for someone who has the education, experience, and a deep love for desire to help street children develop a relationship with Jesus and be able to connect with the boys as a friend and mentor. We are confident that this is the right person for such a position!

Over the past few months, we witnessed over 30 boys return to their families, and 15 new boys have connected to our center from a nearby slum. We rejoice as God does a work in these boys and vivid change occurs within their heart!

