KIENI WEST HOME JUNE 2023 WELFARE REPORT

Introduction

Psalm 23: 1, “The Lord is our shepherd, we lack nothing”. This verse is a real testimony to the Kieni West Home since God has always been our pillar of strength, provider, and protector.

Piping of the borehole water and installation of irrigation tanks

The Kieni West Home’s borehole was dug some months ago and it has been really a blessing to us and a boost to our agricultural projects. Even though the borehole was dug some months ago, the water got piped this month and now we have a number of dispensation points that we use to irrigate our farm.

The G.O.A. project manager, Patrick, inspecting the piping of the borehole water

Agricultural Projects

Sustainability is one of our major goals in the home and agriculture is one way through which we intend to achieve it. The piping of the borehole water has been a great boost to our agricultural projects and they are currently fairing very well. We have green cabbages, red cabbages, potatoes, capsicum pepper, and sweet potatoes in our

farm. Similarly, we have planted fodder, napier grass and hay grass to feed our cow. The cow is productive and it gives us sufficient milk for consumption. Likewise, we started selling milk from it to the Kieni Dairy this month. We sold two pigs this month and we are now left with two. Four pigs were many for us based on the resources we have and the size of the house that was built for them. The two remaining pigs will be sufficient for us since we have sufficient resources to feed them and the house is now spacious for them. The children holding 2 goats we bought to boost our animal projects

The children eating a meal with red cabbages harvested from our farm

New Admission

The Kieni West Home is blessed to have a new member by the name Jane Wairimu. The girl is 10 years old and is in grade 3. She comes from a nearby village and was rescued by the Kieni West children officer from an abusive environment that she was being raised in. Her addition to the Kieni West Home brings the number of children to 37.

A recent photo of our newly-admitted girl, Jane Wairimu

Repairs of beds

We continue with improving the state of the home by doing repairs wherever necessary. This month we called a carpenter to repair bed in the girls' and boys' dormitories that were broken and unstable. The broken and unstable beds were putting the children at a very great risk of get injured but now the threat is over.

family Tracing

The families of almost all of our children were already traced a long time ago. It is only one family that had not been traced but we always had faith that it would be eventually found. One of our virtues here at the

Kieni West Home is faith. We are very grateful to God that He has rewarded our faith in our family tracing endeavors since we have been able to trace the mother to Mary Njeri, Paul Migwi, Kelvin Kimani, and David Kabara after 12 years since she disappeared. We were able to trace her through the help of our home mother and care giver, Rose Muthee, who dedicated her time and resources to trace the children's mother. All glory we give to God.

Staff meeting

Team work is among the factors that has kept the home going in the right direction. This month we held a staff meeting to discuss various matters related to the home especially how the staff can work together to improve the welfare of the children and the home. Issues that need to be addressed were raised in the meeting and we will work together to create solutions for them.

Story of a child – Morine Nyakio

This month we focus on the story of Morine Nyakio. Morine is 9 years old and she is in grade 4. The girl was brought to the home in the year 2019 due to extreme poverty in their home and abandonment by their mother. She is a very joyful and humorous girl who has a very likable personality. You can never be bored when you are around her since she likes cracking jokes now and then, and I believe she has the potential of becoming a comedian in the future if her talent is nurtured well. Unfortunately, beneath the likable personality and humorous nature of Morine, she suffers from a health condition that causes her to lose consciousness at times and start convulsing. Due to this health condition, she is unable

to study effectively since she faints a lot of times when she is in school. Recently, we took her to hospital and the doctors said that she has low hemoglobin level and that is why she feels light-headed at times and faints. It is our prayer that we will find a solution for her health condition.

Conclusion

It is a great honor for us to be serving in this children ministry, specifically the Kieni West Children's Home since we believe that it is not only service to humanity but to God. We thank you at the head office for the support you give us because our work here would really not be effective without the resources, attention, and guidance that you give us. Likewise, we thank our sponsors, donors, and well wishers for the support they give us. God be with you.