



AFRICAN HEARTS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

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Dear friends and supporters,

I am delighted to share the newest happening at African Hearts. We wish you a Happy New Year and thank the Lord our God for giving us another opportunity to serve Him in this new year. This is what the Lord has done in and through us at African Hearts.

► School

The school has been on a long holiday. We closed off the term with a school concert where children exhibited their talents in music and drama. Many parents, guardians and well-wishers attended in big numbers and made some contribution by buying the school CD to raise money to construct the vocational center and girl's dormitory.



The African Hearts Creative Learning Center is a new program. It is a ministry that provides a second chance to girls who are kicked out of school or lose support from their family and community because of conceiving while in school. African Hearts is educating these young girls in math and English and some crafts skills with hopes that they can run an independent life or even go back to mainstream education.

We have started construction of the girls' dormitory/vocational center phase 2. Please join us in prayer that God would provide all we need for this project as this is the way we can run the school sustainably while serving the orphaned and other vulnerable children.

► Slum

We had a great Christmas party with the street children. It was very colorful and a great time with our friends who do not have families to spend that quality time with. There were many moments of happiness and sharing the true meaning of Christmas. There is a great increase of children in the slums, both boys and girls, and some girls have become pregnant which makes it more necessary for us to create programs like the Creative Learning Center at African Hearts. We have changed our strategy of working with street children in order to comply with government requirements, so please pray that everything works. Street children's space in the Kisenyi Slum is getting smaller day by day! There are many houses that have been demolished in the slums including the small room where we were keeping the boys before we brought them to the Ssenge Home. Some teenage mothers are also stranded, so please remember these people in your prayers.

► SSENGE HOME AND HOSTEL

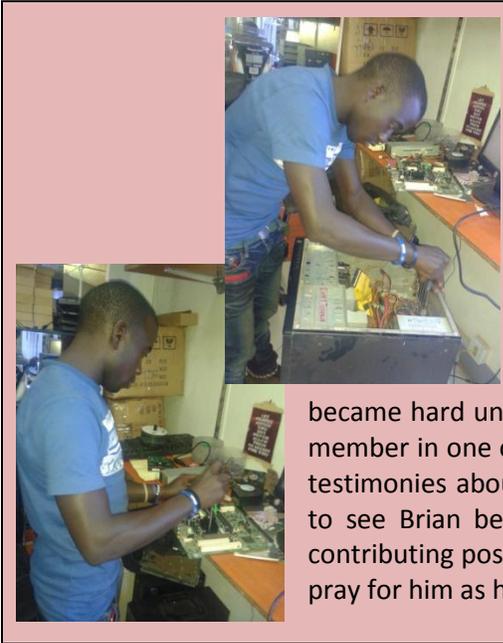


I am happy to report that the boys in the home are doing great. Many go to see their families during the holidays, and in fact, some had their Christmas with their families. The boys had a great time for Christmas at the home. I am also happy to report that some young men from the hostel have made decisions to start living an independent life. This is sometimes how we measure success when vulnerable children become fully grown individuals honoring God and contributing positively to society. God has done this before our own eyes! Many young people are examples of this, and so when I see Bashir Isiko and Brian Kisakye, I praise God for their lives.

► **Brass Band**

I am happy to report that the training of new young boys in the band is going on successfully. These children, unlike the previous regimes, have had a great opportunity of learning to read music. Most importantly, they get to hear about the good news of our Lord every day that they come for practice.

► **Success Story**



Kisakye Brian is young man who joined African Hearts as a very little child. He has grown up under the care of African Hearts. He is one of the best trombone players and a great footballer (American soccer) too. Brian accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. He is now staying in the African Hearts Youth Hostel, but recently he made it known to us that God was starting a new chapter in his life. He says he is forever grateful to God and to African Hearts because when he lost both parents life became hard until African Hearts took him in. He is a committed staff member in one of the computer shops in Kampala, and I receive good testimonies about him even from his boss. My heart is filled with joy to see Brian becoming a “fully grown individual honoring God and contributing positively to society.” That is our vision statement. Please pray for him as he starts this journey.

► **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- God’s provision for the dormitory/vocational center
- God’s provision for the right people to work at African Hearts this year and in the future
- Children’s safety and holistic growth

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF
AFRICAN HEARTS,
YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:19