

WANAWAKE KWA WANAWAKE KENYA

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INTRODUCTION

This is a report of various activities that took place over the last four months both within the Wanawake Kwa Wanawake Kenya offices and outside its perimeters. It is an informative report and is meant to keep all our stakeholders and leadership networks updated.

VISITORS

We have been so blessed to have visitors come to our centre. All of them were wonderful and made a great impact on the lives of the children, families and the Organisation. We would like to thank them and they are very much welcome again because we are one big family. We are so interested in visitors because in Africa, visitors are always blessings and indeed we have experienced many blessings from our visitors who come by to visit.



Figure 1: Andrew's family & students; Fig 2: Marguerite Ryan & parents; Fig 3: Sheree & Nikita

HOME VISITS

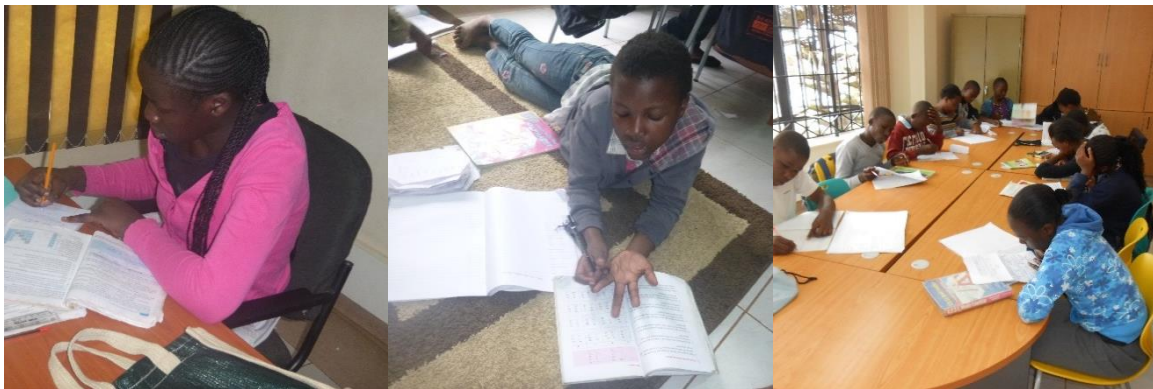
The Wanawake Kwa Wanawake Kenya staff usually pays visits to the slums of Kibera. Usually, we visit the families that we support. During such visits, we assess the impact we make as an organisation in the lives of those families, we respond to new cases emerging, we listen to feedbacks and use them to improve our services and above all, we send a message of hope, courage and “you are not alone.” It has always been satisfying both to us in the office and the visitors we walk with in the homes of our beneficiaries.



Fig 1: A family we recently helped a child Fig 2: Visitors walking in Kibera Fig 3: Visitors praying with a family in Kibera

TUITION

Students whom we sponsor do come to the centre to study, complete their holiday homework, play and eat etc. The staff at the centre helps the student in their study. The older students are mobilized and are made to help the younger students in their own study times. The staff supervises the whole process ensuring quality time spent by the students during their study and tuition times. Fortunately, we have college students, post-graduate beneficiaries and staff members who are very interested in helping the students with their school work.



Both high & primary school students study at the centre during August Holidays

FEEDING PROGRAM

Physical and mental well-being is dependent on the strength of the stomach. When schools close, the children return to the slums where their homes are. At home, there is not much to eat and feed on. Mostly they go hungry. We have a feeding program at the centre for our children. They come to the centre and take mid-morning tea and later take nutritious meals for lunch. They love the centre more because of this program. Food gives them strength to smile and place deeply thank the generous friends and various sponsors who makes this program to run. The children are increasing and so the

need to have more food for them and we have gladly seen generous hands come to support this program. THANK YOU ALL!!!



GAMES

As the saying goes. All work and no play makes Well it is the same here at the centre where we encourage not only strength of mind, souls and character but also the physical strength. The body needs exercise and playing is one major right of a child. Though a small space, the Centre provides a very nice and conducive environment and ground for children to play. Sometimes they knock off the security lights, and destroy some beautiful flowers. They are too energetic, too loud and we love it that way. We say God sometimes reveal himself in chaos... We really are grateful for the lovely and generous hearts of the friends and sponsors who have always given us games material.



NETWORKING WITH FELLOW KENYANS

They say if you want to go fast, walk alone but if you want to go far then you walk together with others. For us, we prefer going far!! We have seen friends from Kenya and beyond who come here to either see what we are doing or spend time with the children in the Centre. We are very hopeful that this trend of creating local and international network will someday bear fruit. We thank the Wanawake Kwa Wanawake Kenya leadership for this trend and we also thank our friends from Kenya and beyond who have showed desire to listen to the story of Wanawake Kwa Wanawake Kenya and of these poor little children.



Fig1: Dr Lucina & Dr Lillyan Fig2: Mrs. Josephine and Malaika Fig: 3 Christian Brothers District Leader Br. Tony

MEETING WITH PARENTS OF BENEFICIARIES

As the school term ends, we organize meetings with the parents and the guardians of the students who we sponsor. Such meetings are planned very specifically with particular objectives. The August meeting was themed “the proverbial African three cooking stones” you see, in traditional Africa, people used three stones to support the pot on fire. The three stones would be the pillars on which the pot is supported. The same analogy was used in parents/ guardian meeting where by we emphasized the critical role we can all play in the growth and education of the children. When the parents, the school and the Wanawake Kwa Wanawake Kenya office can cooperate and work together, children therefore can benefit more. We also delved into issues of indiscipline and the infernos that have been seen in the schools of late.



WOMEN GROUP & ITS PROJECTS

We have the parents/guardians of our beneficiaries forming up women group. Here, the women get space and time to share among themselves, their joy, sorrows and above all how to manage the daily struggles that confront them. “Poverty”. They are thirty in number and they teach themselves financial management; they do table banking; and others who do not have any skill learn how to make clothes using tailoring machines. They also make and sell beautiful beads, bags, and sanitary pads

they sell to families in the slum at a very cheap price. They want to focus more on marketing their products and in developing new simple designs. We thank all the sponsors and friends who have come into contact with these women. Those who have either donated the machines or bought and marketed this group's products.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WORKSHOP

The workshop was scheduled for one week. Thematic workshop which had the running theme of “faith and science” this was a workshop that targeted what the students had requested in the April workshop. In April, the workshop was based on Scientific story of creation and The evolution theory. The students wanted a workshop that would intergrate that science with their faith. It was again facilitated by Br. Russell Peters. Such a deep workshop that left a remarkable mark in the spiritual lives of the students. The workshop was full of reading materials and one day set aside for recollection and reflections. Looking at the evaluations from the students, this workshop achieved its objective. We are thanking Br. Russell Peters who has continuously offered his time, resources and support to us in this Wanawake Kwa Wanawake Kenya office. A student thereafter volunteered to write a reflection on how this workshop impacted on her and an individual. Here is a sample of her reflections.

“Greetings.. I am Margret Ochieng..

This workshop took me through the Genesis story of creation and how everything began. And I learnt that people of every race and civilization have struggled with the ideas of how the world began, the origin of first human beings etc. I was confused by the Babylonian creation story. I also learnt that God can cry when children suffer. Before I used to think God is strong and very able but then I learnt in the songs that God has no body but mine. I like this workshop because I learn very many new things which I have never learnt from school. Thank you Brother”.



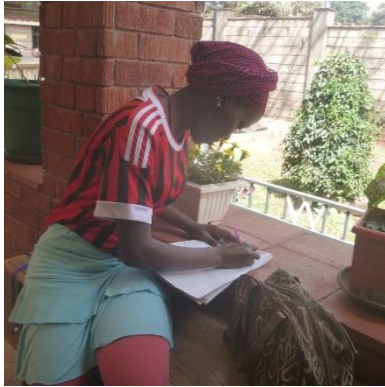
SHOPPING AND BACK TO SCHOOL

We not only pay the tuition fees for our children in school but we also give them some school materials. They include stationery, personal effects, beddings and utensils etc for new students in boarding school . Items that any other person would need in the boarding school. We again thank our sponsors for helping us with resources so that students would feel comfortable in school.



PHOTO GALLERY





Thank you all