

# ICM NEWSLETTER

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## Activities Conducted

- ❖ Rehabilitation of new boys to the centre and follow-up program of the rest
- ❖ Formal education in the school and special attention to the candidates of this year 2014 subsequent to the recently conducted national examination (KCPE)
- ❖ A special visiting day by members of the church, forming a forum of reintegration of the children to the society
- ❖ Harvesting of corn

## Beneficiaries reached

- ★ 130 children
- ★ 50 adults

## Success Story

- 🔧 Repair of the borehole which is the main source of water in the centre
- 🔧 Third term in the school calendar ended smoothly
- 🔧 Admission of new boys



## Report

We thank our Heavenly Father greatly for taking us through the whole year successfully. This term had successful activities i.e. visiting day and KCPE exams and other term exams that were well done by our boys.

### *Academics*

Continuous assessment tests were conducted regularly to test the ability and progress of the students. Our teachers also endeavored to give the slow learners more specific attention which helped them improve in the areas they were not well conversant with. We also had physical education lessons which our pupils enjoyed.





## Kennedy Aera

Kennedy is 10 years old. He was living with his mum after his father abandoned them. Kennedy was brought to ICM on October 9, 2014 after his mum called us. A mother of three, life was rough for her. She tried to do some menial jobs to sustain the family but they were of very little help. Kennedy was living in the neighbor's house and his mother was depending on donations from Kennedy's aunt to pay his school fees, while using the little money she was earning from her low income jobs to try to support Kennedy's two little sisters.

Recently, Kennedy's family received shocking news that the aunt had passed away in a road accident. Having lost all hope, his mum went to the nearby Pastor to seek help and the Pastor referred her to ICM and that is when she called us and the new door opened for Kennedy to be admitted to ICM. Ever since then, Kennedy's life has totally changed. Now he has access to free education and he has also encountered the peace and love of CHRIST unlike the restlessness, abuses and distress that he used to go through in his past life.

## Closing Ceremony

We held a special closing ceremony at the end of the school term. During the ceremony, the academic results of the pupils for the whole term were released and those who had performed well were awarded with special prizes. Together with the best performers in academics, the following groups were also awarded: prefects, the most disciplined students, the tidiest students, the best in co-curricular activities and the scouts.



## Maize Harvest

Our school has a farm where we plant maize, since maize is the staple food in Kenya. Volunteers from the church assisted us in harvesting the maize and taking it to the store. The tractor was also helpful in ferrying the maize and other harvested farm produce to the store and our boys helped in loading and off-loading the tractor.





## Collins Kipkorir

Collins is 13 years of age from Kapsabet in Kenya. He was brought to ICM by his grandmother and Pastor. Collins still recalls that fateful day when his mother died on January 1, 2009 and his father's death which occurred much earlier. After his parents died, Collins stayed with his grandmother. Sadly enough, the grandmother had several other grandchildren that were depending on her for support, and now with Collins added into the fold, life became tougher for her. Collins had to labor in the farm most of the day in order to help get sustenance and the little they got would be used to take him to school. This, however was insufficient. After a short time, he was thrown out of school for lack of fees. When all efforts by the grandmother had hit the wall, their Pastor told her about ICM and encouraged her to bring the boy to ICM to find relief.

Thankfully enough, Collins was brought to ICM and now he lives a normal life with access to education, food, clothing, games and a new loving family that cares for him and fellowships with him.

## Networking

During the past month, we networked with:

- The NGO co-ordination board
- The Ministry of Education
- The Kenya Police Child Protection Unit
- The Children Department
- Nakuru Children's Homes Initiative workshop (NACHI) forum on capacity building

## Challenges Faced

Challenges faced in the past few months and assistance needed to address the challenges are as follows:

- Lack of the basic (beans, vegetables) needs due to the drought that hit us during the past cropping season
- We need support financially to be able to prepare for the next cropping season (Preparing the farm will cost unto Ksh. 650,000). In the past, we used the farm produce by selling some and buying farm implements, but for this time it will not work due to poor harvest; the harvested crop is used for the feeding program of the children.

