



CHRIST'S CARE FOR CHILDREN: KENYA/PROJECT 24

One Team - One Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:27 "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."

The staff of Project 24 and the leadership of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) have remained steadfast in their love and commitment, being of One Team and One Spirit in caring for the children and providing a safe loving, Christian environment for them.

The children have experienced the pressures of early marriages and other cultural traditions and the lack of exposure to their caregivers at the sites who gave them structure and stability. The Project 24 team has modeled unity and teamwork in making sure that the children have remained safe and healthy at their homes. With the reopening of schools, the site managers have also joyfully received the grade 4 and 8 students back at all of the sites. They are happy to be back at school and with their Project 24 families.

In January nine students joined Pre-college Lutheran Academy (PLA) at NEEMA Theological college at Matongo for a one semester course to prepare and strengthen their Lutheran faith. The students engaged in courses that include: Introduction to the Bible, Lutheranism, Lutheran Worship, Christian Doctrine, Campus and Christian Life, Small Catechism, Symbolics, HIV/AIDS and Basic Computer Skills. Due to the pandemic and with closures of learning institutions, classes ended. Students resumed classes on October 25th and ended with a pass out (graduation) ceremony on December 2nd.

Photos: Director Kissinger visiting the children; the kids at Lenkishon back at school; the PLA students with Kissinger & Principal Omolo



Advocate for the Vulnerable

Deaconess Peris Kipchumba serves as the site manager at Project 24 Udom. As an advocate for the vulnerable, she is dedicated to ensuring that the 25 girls in her care are happy and healthy.

Peris became the site manager in January of 2016. She is the longest serving site manager for Project 24. Prior to this she was a parish worker, deaconess serving as the women leader for the North West Diocese. In this capacity she visited women's groups in the parishes, promoted education for the girl child and is an advocate for women rights, female genital mutilation (FGM) and early forced marriages. Deaconess Peris did community outreach under Diakonia Compassionate Ministry, counseling, Bible study and catechism classes; caring for the body and soul of many.

Deaconess Peris is married and is blessed with five children and two grandsons. She is devoted to working with pastors and serving the community and enjoys being part of a team. "Work is life", she says.

Peris gets encouragement from 1 Timothy 4:12 — "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." Her fervent desire is to serve the Lord and those that are vulnerable.



Deaconess Peris helps to distribute food with her collages from the ELCK

Project 24 Sites

Total Number of Students at the P24 sites: 190 children

Lenkishon: 25 students

Tumaini: 40 students

Othoro: 25 students

Udom: 25 students

Rongo: 25 students

Nyambiri: 25 students

Kabichbich: 25 students

Students in Secondary School: 96

Students in University: 9

Number of Students Sponsored as to date:

107

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