Emmanuel Home Newsletter
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(formerly ***Kanyawegi Children's Home****)*

News of positive progress

In January we reported a change to the education of three of our young people who have been struggling in secondary school for several years. The early signs are that these changes have been worthwhile.



Nelly happy at work



Nelly had failed to 'engage' with her school work for several years. The most positive feedback we were able to share was her enjoyment resulting from joining a dance group! However, her academic performance remained poor. She was due to be doing her fourth and final year in secondary school this year but it was decided that a more appropriate route would be for her to join a more practical vocational course. In January 2026 Nelly joined a Food and Beverage course at Seme Technical and Vocational College and thus far we're told she is doing well. Ater the first 3 months of study she started a 3 month placement. To begin with she was working in the kitchen section but is now working in the housekeeping section of the company she is placed with.



The final two young people still at school are **Kelly** (who happens to be Nelly's twin brother but is one academic year behind her) and Catherine. Both of them have been struggling academically at the boarding school they were placed at so the Kenyan Team decided to move them in January to government schools. **Kelly** is pictured here with an older sister (with whom he is staying) and his niece. Apparently he is proving to be a very effective baby sitter! We await his latest results but he seems to have settled well into his new school.

Catherine has also settled well at a new school and early indications are that her academic performance is improving. It is thought that both she and Kelly may have a future in agriculture – so their performance in that subject will be of particular interest. Catherine is pictured here standing on the right of her family. Her father Ernest used to be a security guard at our Emmanuel Home until we closed it a few years ago. The redundancy payment we made to him helped him to set up as a motorcycle taxi service which continues to this day – and which we make use of fairly regularly.





Other Updates

Alex: We await news regarding his final exam results on his Building Technology course, but in the meantime he is devoting some of his time to raising chickens!

Maurice is due to be finishing his plumbing course this summer.

Beryl continues with her teacher training course at university. We still await details of her results so far, but currently she is getting some practical experience as a trainee teacher covering English and Home Science classes at Ken Obura Secondary School,

Michael is waiting for his results from his final school national exams. He's also waiting for his ID paperwork – which has been delayed.

Idah *(pictured left)* is currently placed with a company called Ecslow Designs as part of the Fashion Design course she will complete this autumn. A selection of some of the clothes she has been designing and making are pictured opposite. These she hopes to sell (or wear herself if they do not sell!).













Congratulations to Idah for all her hard work!

Give Thanks!

There are several things that we can thank the Lord for that are worth mentioning here:

- **Reliable Kenyan Team:** Linda and Lilian do a great job supporting our young people.
- **Robust and Effective Systems:** The work tracking system introduced last year is operating well, alongside our comprehensive and detailed financial recording.
- **Regular Donations:** We are very grateful for sufficient funds coming in to cover the final few years of our operation.
- **Resourceful Young People:** We celebrate the lives of the young people God has trusted into our care and rejoice that they are all growing in self-confidence and maturity and taking advantage of the opportunities given to become equipped for the world of work.

New Prayer Pointers

Please pray...

- For Michael as he awaits his National ID and as we consider the potential for him to do a Parks, Recreation and Leisure Management Course.
- For Nelly and Ida as they complete their practical placements.
- For Catherine and Kelly – that they will make the most of their education at their new schools.
- For Alex and Maurice – that they will find suitable jobs following the completion of their courses.
- For Lilian, our Manager, as she awaits her final professional certification – due in a few weeks time.
- For continued wisdom for the UK Team as we oversee the work for the next few years.

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