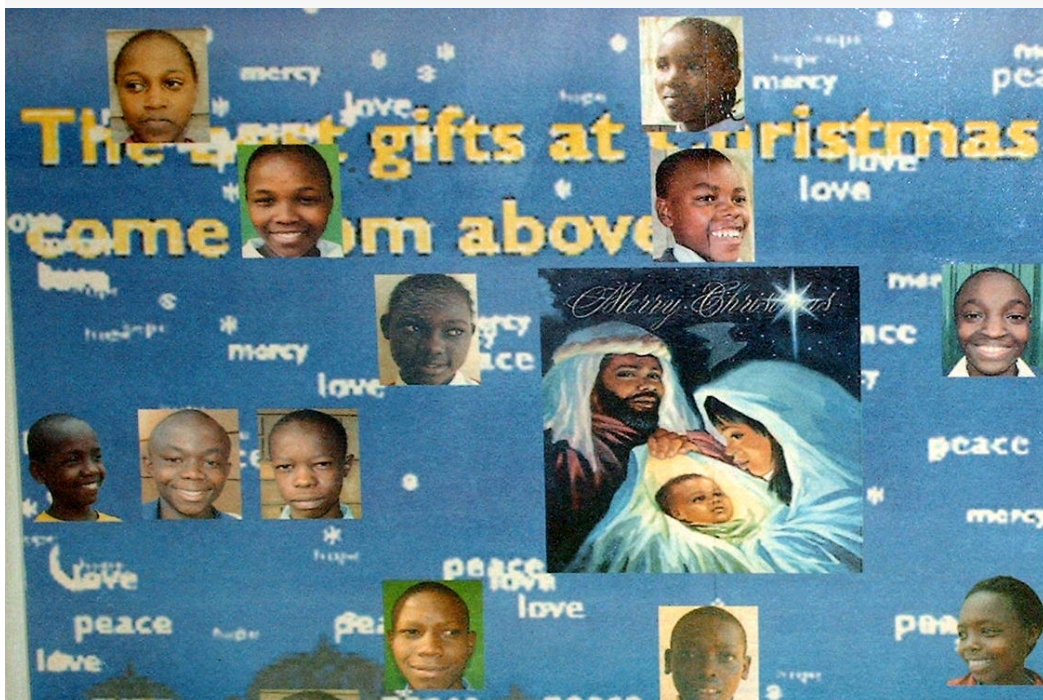


## MATHARE MOMENTS

Reflecting on the ministry of Mercy Care Centre school, serving disadvantaged kids in the slums of the Mathare Valley in Nairobi, Kenya

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### MERCY CARE SECONDARY SCHOOL END OF YEAR REPORT

It gives me great pleasure once again to thank you for your kind support towards the needy children in Mercy Care Centre. Indeed it has been a very successful term despite the economic crisis being experienced around the world.

Students did their National Examinations in October and November. It was a great joy to teachers that, for the first time, students were able to sit the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (K.C.S.E) in their own premises. Much thanks to your support to equip the school during the examinations period, for it was successful. 54 candidates sat for the exam (19 boys and 35 girls). Much effort was shown by both teachers and students and therefore we are hoping for the best results, to be announced in March 2012.

Form one, two and three did their end year examinations in late November, early December. Marking and recording of marks and an intensive review by students and teachers of the completed exams was completed by mid December.

It would be desirable to have an extra 2 teachers in 2012 to cover the syllabus in good time. Just to assure you all MCC staff are committed and dedicated to "excellence".

I take this chance to wish each of you a happy Christmas holiday and prosperous new year 2012. Thank you and be blessed.

**Makokha Emily    Head Teacher**



- *Community Church Hornsby partners in this ministry through committed prayer, financial support and regular communication with the school management*

#### More information

For more information about CCH's involvement with Mercy Care Centre, and advice on how you can assist financially, please talk to Phil or Carla at CCH or ph. 94762263 or email [phil59@optusnet.com.au](mailto:phil59@optusnet.com.au) or see [www.cch.net.au/mercyare/](http://www.cch.net.au/mercyare/)



## MERCY CARE PRIMARY SCHOOL END OF YEAR REPORT—Some highlights

Introduction of education open day meetings with parents to verify the progress of their children.

Nurturing a reading culture in the school to improve the use of English language, as English is the main language for delivering subject content

Early completion of the syllabus and embarking on revision.

Spiritual emphasis. Mercy Care was built on a spiritual foundation and therefore our strongest pillar and value is prayer. We always meet every day in the morning before the start of lessons to ask for God's guidance throughout the day. Each Wednesday we meet at 2pm for teacher's fellowship. Staff share the leadership and we have also had several spiritual leaders, pastors from supportive churches, come to lead us.

The Clinic and Counselling department organizes special gatherings of pupils on Fridays to chart and discuss the way forward on issues affecting them

Founders Day. On this day of remembrance we were honored to have Mama Pricillah, the sister of the late Gilbert Amimo, school founder, bless us with the history of the school. She reminded us it has taken the divine guidance of God to experience MCC's achievements .

We move toward 2012 with high hopes that God will make us better leaders by helping us to develop our spiritual self, improve on our management skills and improve our strategies to face the future endeavors to the glory and honor of God

**Kubwa Peter Head Teacher**



*Donor funds enable Mercy Care Centre to feed, care for and educate children from the Mathare Valley slum and introduce them to Jesus Christ. If you would like to help a Mathare child break free from poverty, talk to Phil, or Carla.*

### **From the C.A.O.**

I wish to take this opportunity to thank God for this far he has brought us in 2011. He is our Ebenezer.

The Key activities that took place this term were: Successful Completion of Kenya Certificate of Primary Education and Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education; Leaver's (Class 8 and Form 4's) tea cup party; Observation of Mercy Care Centre Founder's Day; Mercy Care Centre Staff End of Year Party; Successful completion of Mercy Care End of Year examinations for both Primary and Secondary and eventual closing of the school for December holidays. We sincerely thank our God that we were able to deal with these significant challenges.

Feeding of students (in both Primary and Secondary) and teachers also went on very well.

There was great improvement from the Primary section in end of year exams with 80% assured of promotion to the next grade in 2012. The year ended with a visitor from Pacific Hills Christian School working with us to improve our understanding of accounting techniques.

May I wish all of you Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, 2012.

**GOD BLESS MERCY CARE, GOD BLESS FRIENDS OF MERCY CARE**

*Benard*



*I will turn the Valley of Trouble into a Door of Hope—Hosea 2:15*