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Giving Compassionate Care To Vulnerable Children

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NEW LIFE HOME-TRUST KILIMANI, KISUMU, NAKURU, NYERI INSIGHT

Welcome to our newsletter, one great way to learn more about New Life Home Trust. Read inspiring stories about the Children's lives, receive insight into the Trust's work and updates about how, together with our friends and supporters, New Life Home Trust is transforming the lives of orphans and abandoned children.

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On Saturday 7th August, more than 200 friends, colleagues, and children, including adopted children, with their parents, gathered together at New Life Home Trust – Nyeri to celebrate its 4th birthday.

Guests included the former Mayor, the Area Councillor, and many people from the local community. All had come to share the joy of the children – and the staff!

The official ceremony started at midday and shortly after, the celebrations were declared open.

Young people from the neighbouring church who were among the invited guests stepped out and expressed themselves in different ways through song, skits and dances. Speeches followed thereafter.

Mr. Kanyari, the Area Councilor said: “We want New Life Home Trust – Nyeri to become an integral part of the community. We want you to consider these children not as orphans, not as abandoned or neglected children, but to consider them simply as ... your own children.”

Gabriel Ndiritu, the Home's Administrator, happily acknowledged the support and goodwill from the community: “People who sometimes have little to live on themselves have made the destiny of the children their personal mission – making visits to the home and also donating. This has had a big impact. People have taken responsibility for society's weakest”.

Gabriel, together with his wife Monica, crowned the celebrations by cutting the 4th anniversary cake.

At 4pm, as the celebrations came to a close, it was lovely to see the children wending their way back to their rooms, tired but still smiling and giggling, with the care-givers helping the little ones along.

Since 2006, New life Home Trust – Nyeri has grown year upon year, from just a handful of children who first found solace at the home. In the last 4 years, a total of 66 children have been rescued and cared for.

The vision of Clive and Mary Beckenham, the Founders and Directors of New Life Home Trust, has always been to provide a



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compassionate Christian response to the plight of vulnerable children. In this spirit, as we celebrate the past four years, let's continue to strive to fulfill our calling: Caring With Compassion.

SISTER MARGARET KIBUCHI: 5 YEARS OF DEDICATED WORK IN THE KILIMANI HOME

Sister Margaret Kibuchi joined New Life Home Trust in February 2005. After 5½ years, she is leaving us, but not abandoning us! She will continue to support New Life Home Trust in her retirement.

What positions have you held at New Life Home Trust – Kilimani (Nairobi)?

I started as a General Nurse and then, 8 months later, I became an Assistant Nursing Manager. I have been a Senior Nurse throughout my time at New Life Home Trust.

What major positive changes have you witnessed within the Kilimani home over these years?

Progress has been made to transform the work of New Life Home Trust. When I started working at the Kilimani home, we had only one satellite home, in Kisumu. Two other satellite homes have since been opened, in Nyeri and Nakuru, and many babies have been rescued as a result.



Sister Margaret Kibuchi and Rev. Clive Beckenham

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BABY ANGELA!

Baby Angela turned two in July!
Angela really enjoyed celebrating her second birthday, in stark contrast to her first birthday, which she spent recovering from heart surgery.

This year she was able to have a party with her friends from the toddler's unit in our Kisumu home, where she lives with the other younger children who have special needs.

She loved all the attention and gifts, as well as tucking into her party food.

She has come a long way since surgery to repair the hole in her heart last year.

She is a very happy and sociable little girl who can often be seen smiling, waving at people and clapping her hands.

She brings joy to everyone who meets her.



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What will you miss most about working at the Kilimani Home?

My colleagues, with whom I share so many memories, both good times and bad.

And working directly with the children which, although tiring, was also very rewarding, and gave me the greatest job satisfaction.

What's your most memorable experience at New Life Home Trust?

Seeing babies who were admitted at the home at the point of death, or very malnourished, then get better and go on to live normal lives.

If you had a chance, what would you change?

I suppose I have only one wish, as there are many things I

would like to change. I would change the misery and the living conditions of millions of children in need, who constantly suffer the violation of their basic rights. To bring a smile back to their faces and to give them a fair chance in life and make them happy would be worthwhile.

What are the major challenges you faced in your position? Ensuring that I met the needs of every baby, for my 12 working hours a day; and also handling very sick babies.

Here's how her colleagues described her:

"She has been a mother to me."

"Enthusiastic ... and a professional!"

"A woman of her word and definitely a lady after God's heart."

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