

## Our Vision for Kenya's Children

- Help those in greatest need
- Love and care for them individually
- Raise them in a Christian environment
- Educate to help them achieve their full potential
- Prepare them for life in the community
- Encourage them to be an asset to society



## “Wow, what a day!”



We wanted to share with you the exciting events surrounding the opening of the new extension at Cherry Brierley Children's Home on 10th November. We asked the children to write their reflections on the event and are sure you will enjoy both these and the photos of the occasion.

Excited children, on school holidays at the moment, give a hand with the preparations.



Peter Brierley sits in the shade waiting for the ceremony to start – which it did about 45 minutes later!



### **Our mission:**

To provide disadvantaged children in the Kisumu region of Kenya with hope for the future within a Christian foundation.

"There came a day we waited for so long. We woke up very early and prepared for the day. At 9.00 we set up the tents."

**Titus was:** *"Very happy that the ceremony day had arrived. Our Assistant Manager told us that we should have discipline because today we have visitors."*



The tents are put up and chairs arranged – and then re-arranged!



Lydia, supporter from the UK, dances with the girls while they are waiting for events to begin.

**Iscaline writes:** *It was a blessed day that I have never seen here in Cherry Children Home. To me I enjoyed the day. I am praying to God so that He can help our mother and fathers in the UK."*

**Rose says:** *There were many exciting things and one of the things I learnt from the Bishop is: 'Ber Bedo But Buk, Ber Biro Bedo Bang'e' which means: 'It is good to be near a book always. The benefit of the book comes later.'*



**Sarah says:** *The beautiful thing that I saw was when the Bishop was teaching us the Word of God, when we were saying poems and also when we were singing the praising songs, and when the people were dancing. But the worst thing was when I became very hungry."*

*I saw a bishop teaching people  
I saw Peter planting a tree  
I saw Bishop Francis telling a story  
I saw people eating their meals  
I saw how people are dancing  
I saw the Bishop praying for the 'dorms'  
I saw how people are happy."*

**Jacob**



Peter Nyidah, our Facilities Co-ordinator, proudly stands by the plaque which marked the opening by the Bishop.

Our beautiful matron Pamela thanks God for His generosity and praises her multi-talented children.



*"I saw Peter Brierley giving out his speech.  
I was filled with tears of joy."*

**Samwel**



Bishop Francis, Peter and Mike all plant trees to mark the occasion.

**Stacy:** *Everything went smoothly and the day turned out with lots of amazing things. We learnt that there are not only academics but we are all talented in many ways e.g. dancing, singing and many others. We thank our sponsors and everyone associated to the building of extension. We thank God for the daily blessings we have been receiving. We abundantly thank the sponsors: 'for a hand that gives is a hand that receives.' I can't deny that the day was good. Superb!*



**Leah tells us:**  
*"The Bishop blessed every door"*

The library, yet to be fully stocked, is an ideal room for homework and quiet study. It has additional lighting, and with plug sockets and network cables in situ, it is hoped that connection to the internet might take place in 2017.

**Benter comments:** *"Am happy because you people thought of library, that was just marvellous."*

Kate Dare, one of our trustees, with George the architect.





Our logo, hand-painted on the front of a new brick up-stand.



And on the other side, it becomes a planter!



One of the four beautiful new dormitories which will sleep 6 children in 3 bunk-beds.



The Primary School children sang and recited 9 verses from the Bible and not a prompt sheet in sight!



Sheshe , CBCH's home-grown dance and drama group, presented 2 items. One was in 'rap' form and the other a drama about the effects of AIDS.

And then there was the story of **The Lost Goat**. This beautiful ram had been purchased the day before the event, as a thank you gift to George our architect for all his hard work, the cultural norm in this part of Africa. It was to enrich his herd. The moment in the ceremony arrived and Manaseh our Assistant Manager was sent to find the goat – it was nowhere to be found! After much whispering Peter sadly had to announce that “the goat had been killed and cooked by the caterers!” George laughed until he cried, and we all subsequently had an unexpected and delicious goat stew for our lunch!



**Samuel says:** *“Oh what a day, you can't imagine the works of the Holy Lord Jesus.”*

And finally – the lunch the children had been waiting for, the treat of their young lives!



# SUMMING UP

*The day was fantastic and fabulous. We treasure the event that took place. I tell there was a smile on everyone's face. The UK Trustees, you make us feel that we have someone to share with. The opening of the construction is just more that a blessing to us. Oh my, it looks wow and very beautiful. Thank God for all those who sanctioned for that to happen."*

**From Benter**

*Our creative writer, 14 year old **Lilian**, sums up : "Wow, what a day. Can't imagine the works of God. We were all gathered to witness the praises, wonders and works of the Almighty God. The place was packed to brim and everybody ready for the opening of the new dormitories. The aroma in the kitchen made our stomach desire to have the food even more. Oh! Can't forget the music afterwards which made us dance until we were told no more! I'm glad I was part of this organisation. We were fed the word of God with Bishop Mwai Abiero, a funny man indeed. Not forgetting our father Peter Brierley who acknowledged the work of each and everybody who is involved in helping the Cherry Brierley Children's Home. The day ended with thanks to the Almighty God."*



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Just in case you have mislaid your last order form for our beautiful Christmas cards, we have included it again this month. They are going fast!



This year's Gifts that Count brochure depicts 4 'Lessons in Living' which your generous donations will ensure take place for our children. As a thank you we will send you an attractive gift card to give.

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