



CAVELL NEWS

JUNE

EACH LIFE MATTERS!!!

2018

MAKE IT COUNT!

ISAIAH 49: 15-16 ...BUT EVEN IF MOTHERS FORGET, I'D NEVER FORGET YOU- NEVER. LOOK, I'VE WRITTEN YOUR NAMES ON THE BACKS OF MY HANDS. THE WALLS YOU'RE REBUILDING ARE NEVER OUT OF MY SIGHT. Hidden in the darkness of night in our town, Kakamega, sleep 145 children (At least! We know because we have counted each of them.) The reality is, some were probably too well hidden for our team to see. So, let's go with around 200. That is 200 children sleeping on cold floors, shop doorways and slum streets, away from the loving nurture of a family. They are out of sight, but God has **NOT** forgotten them.



On Friday the 8th of June our KCP Street Team facilitated a street connected children's census, followed by a 15% sample survey. Behind every number is a story that we believe needs to be heard. The statistics are useful, and they are powerful. They will help us to form proposals and gain funding for the coming Transition Center. However, behind the statistics are 200 names and behind the names their are stories. There are stories of hurts, stories of separation, stories of abandonment and stories of extreme poverty **BUT** behind each of these stories is a hope and a future. Behind every name we have faith for reconciliation, we have hope for family unity and we have trust in a Heavenly Father who has designed family units to thrive and children to be loved and accepted!



We joke a lot about unglamorous admin. On some days we crave the "down in the dust" missionary life. We love the days that we get to interact with the kids directly, but we recognise that sewing into our social workers and into admin means that more children can be helped. So, while our staff are out rocking it in communities and with families, we have been having exciting meetings with partner charities such as Agape Kitale and getting our heads stuck into a whole lot of facts, figures and spread sheets. **SOOO WATCH THIS SPACE**, our Census results and Transition Center proposals are coming soon!

TEAM CAVELL IS DOING WELL!

This year we had the incredible privilege of getting to come back to Kenya as a three and what an adventure it has been! We have moved into a miracle home, that we absolutely love! We now have a guard dog, Mufasa (AKA Moo!) and last week we all had a great 'staycation' week off in the garden. Bliss! Arlo is now 7 months old! He has visited prisons, defeated malaria, "helped out" with meetings and report writing and he has coped beautifully with being passed around numerous people every day! He has brought down walls that we couldn't because he doesn't see a street child, he sees a friend and they see a friend in him too! We are so incredibly proud of him.





SEX ED SQUAD!

Recently our Street School sessions have been full of giggles! The classroom was covered in cornflour, iodine and milk to show how STIs can spread. We have been making balloons out of condoms (there's no excuse too big!) and we have been discussing boundaries, scenarios and having a lot of fun in question and answer time! **BUT** this laughter came with a serious message behind. Sex education and healthy boundaries are so important for the boys that we are working with. Abuse is high, prostitution is common, HIV and STI's, sadly even more so. From the eldest gang leaders to our tiddly tots, each child that we work with is exposed to some very sad truths of street life daily.

BULLET NEWS!!

- 2 new children rescued from children's prison and reunited with family by our team.
- We have moved house!
- We are headed to the UK for 6 weeks on the 20th of July. Please get in touch if you want us to come and share more about our work with you.
- We have a dog!
- Transition Center proposal and survey findings are coming very soon!
- Exciting meetings with Government officials.
- **YOU CAN BE PART OF THIS!** Ask us how you, your organisation or your place of work can become a Street Sponsor.

Last week we drove past a matatu mini bus on a dusty Kenyan road. It had a picture of Jesus on the back, next to the words "Sky Da Limit". Some days we feel underqualified and overwhelmed but if God's in it, well, Sky Da Limit! Thank you for your continued prayers. Be blessed and be a blessing, **Mark and Lucy Cavell x**

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JOIN US IN: PRAYING FOR...

Us to put together the information from our census and survey well and that God would open the door for the right funders at the right time. Funders that want to see family-based care thriving!

For our time back in England, away from our beautiful Kenyan home to be a great balance of productivity, rest and fun with loved ones.

Childcare! We LOVE having our little game changer join us on our adventure but report writing days are just no fun for him and are pretty "interesting" for us too!

Please join us in continuing to hold up in prayer one the beautiful Mamas that we work with in Mariko's Place community, who sadly lost one of her baby twins to cholera. A place that we love is grieving.



THANKING GOD

FOR... The Kenyan Children's Project's mission trip, which was amazing and saw many lives and hearts touched.

