



Ripples International

BRENDA BOONE HOPE (TUMAINI) CENTRE PROGRESSIVE REPORT AUGUST 30th 2009

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VISION

To become an outstanding safe haven and a refuge for oppressed and vulnerable girls by providing them with love, security, skills and sustenance to give them hope and future.

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Introduction HOME OF HOPE, LOVE AND HEALING



We thank God for his love, providence and grace in the last two weeks. Currently we have ten girls and three babies at the centre and they are all doing well.

The girls in boarding school went back to school for the holiday tuition. The vocational school students are on their field attachment and from the assessment by

the instructor they are doing a good job out there. They will be reporting back to school on 7th September . We participated in the women's international peace conference held in Meru and the girls volunteered to share their experiences and it was a great opportunity in their healing process.

A home of love, healing and hope we are striving

to be each passing day! We thank God one case we had in court was closed on 19th August and the accused was sentenced to twenty years imprisonment !Having restorative justice done is one of the greatest challenge we are facing but the fight is still on! Our great dreams is to see the abuse of children stop !

New cases

Winfred's case

Winfred is an eleven year old girl in class five at Kauru primary school. She hails from Kiirua location in Imenti Central district. Her case was referred to BBHTC by Imenti North District Children's Office.

Winfred alleges that her neighbor who is an old man together with his son assaulted her on 6th August 2009. She was going to get the goats which were grazing in the field together with her younger brother when the man got hold of her and the son to the man tried to chase her younger brother away. The old man tried to remove the girls' clothes and when he found it hard he used the panga to cut hence causing a deep injury on girls' thigh. When the man heard some voices of people coming towards them he hit the girl on her big toe with the panga causing a fracture and run away. The suspects had also sodomized her younger brother in April 2009 but the matter was not reported to police station.

Winfred has received treatment and her case was reported at Kiirua police station. Both the girl and the younger brother have received threats from the suspects which have made the girl to be at great

risk. Winfred was admitted at Hope Centre to receive the following support; Protection, counseling, legal advice, shelter and medical care.

SUSAN'S CASE

Susan is a eleven year old girl from Ngaremara Location. Susan who is a beneficiary of Ripples International community OVC program was reported missing on 9th August 2009. The young girl had attended the Sunday service at her local church when she was allegedly taken away by an elderly man who has in the past eloped with other four young school going girls from the village. The man is said to have ran away from the village to Nanyuki Town .He is said to be working in the horticultural farms in Nanyuki.

The case was referred to Ripples International by the chairman Ngaremara location. The case was reported at Isiolo police station and the police are following up the matter. We hope that the suspect will be arrested and charged in court of law. The police require to meet with the witness

who saw the girl at Nanyuki so as lead or direct them to arrest the suspect and rescue the girl.

It is a difficult task and with many handles especially bearing In mind that no one knows the exact place where the man is living with the girl but we trust God that this innocent young girl will be rescued and move on with her life to achieve her dreams.

Discharges

We have not had any girl discharged back to the community in the last two weeks.

Eliza came back to the centre on 15th August in preparation to go back to school for her holiday tuition. She reported back to school on 17th August and she is doing well.

The other girls who are in boarding school (Stella, Janet and Monica)went for their holiday tuition and will be closing on 4th September and report back for the third term on 7th September.

The girls that we discharged in the month of July and August are doing well at home . Maureen and Glory came for the after care session on 15th August and they are progressing well at home. They are eager to go back to school when the schools open .

After care program



Meals time during the recent session

The after care program session was on 15th August . We had many girls attend the session.

We are planning to have a big number of the girls exit from the program. The criteria will be girls who have

been in the program for a long time and their legal cases closed and they have fitted in the community well. All girls will be attending the program for a period of six months before exit. We are having the counsellors prepare them for a smooth exit. Hope centre doors will always be hope for them in case they face any challenge in the community .



Income generating activities (I.G.A)



At hope centre we are striving to raise monies through the IGA project and so far we have not been very successful. We are hoping to attain our target for the year which is to have raised Kshs 200,000 by the end of the year and we still believe we can archive this.

In the craftwork and beadwork project I s doing very well and we currently have a number of orders which the Vocational school instructor is working on as the students are on holiday.

There is a drop in the eggs production in the chicken project but we still hoping to attain our target.



Its time to collect the eggs

Home Activities



BBHTC girls giving a hand in cleaning at the center

Restorative Justice done in three months!!!

Jackie* is a 9 year old girl from Ruri location in Buuri district. She was defiled on 13th June 2009 on her way from a meeting facilitated by compassion International .She and her other friend were walking home only to be met by a man they knew and the man tried to drag them to the nearby bush. Jackie's friend managed to escape the horrible incident. The poor girl remained silent and suffered in pain .It was until the 17th June 2009 when her mother discovered that the poor girl had been defiled. The girls had tears and bruises in and around her vagina .It was a very beastly act ! Jackie's case was referred to Hope centre by a compassion staff.

When the girl came to the centre she was in

Success story

bad shape: she was torn both physically and psychologically.

The girl was taken to the hospital where she received treatment and it was very bad that the 72 hours had elapsed and thus the girl could not benefit from PEP and STI prophylaxis! Her parents were in great fear as the accused person I suspected to be HIV +.The case was reported at the police station and the accused arrested and later released on bond!

Beyond everyone understanding the case took only three months in court! Proving that it doesn't require the many long, tiring and expensive delays that the judicial system takes to have justice done! On 19th August 2009, to the joy of all justice was done! The accused was sentenced to twenty years imprisonment!

FROM THE GIRLS DESK

Hi mum ,

May the mercy and grace of the lord be with you !

We love you and we always pray for you!