



Poverty and family breakdown continue to drive boys onto the streets in Kenya. Here's how we are helping 25 who came to the Sunshine Centre in January...

## **Safety and love...**



Life on the streets is brutal. Street boys risk being abused and beaten, but at the Sunshine Centre we provide them with a safe haven and loving care.

**...nutritious food...**



On the streets, they survive by eating rotten fruit thrown out in the market. At the Sunshine Centre Patrick keeps the boys strong and healthy by cooking mountains of nutritious food (the vegetables are grown on the Centre's farm).

**...warm beds...**



Because street boys sleep under trucks, in shop doorways and in drainage culverts, they really appreciate their warm, dry beds at the Sunshine Centre.

**...good shoes...**



Street boys often go barefoot. At the Sunshine Centre they love having a smart pair of shoes to keep their feet safe from cuts and infection.

**...and back to school...**



Street boys drop out of school, and without education their future is bleak. Sunshine Centre Director Rev Simon and his wife Rebecca pose with the boys as they head off to start the term at the local government primary school.

**...with the opportunity to excel (like Peter did)!**



We have cared for former street boy Peter Mutegi at the Sunshine Centre for many years. A bright boy with a cheeky sense of humour, Peter has done well, and last year was elected head boy of Nyahururu Boys High School.

The school was so impressed with his performance in this role that they rewarded him with a trip to Mombasa to enjoy himself on the beach (the first time he had visited the sea).

## Graduation milestone for Emma



After leaving school, Emma's family was struggling to pay for her higher education. We have been able to support her as she trains at Kenya Medical Technical College in Medical Records and IT.

Emma graduated at certificate level recently, and is now pressing on to the higher diploma level which will give her the best opportunity to find a job at a good hospital when she completes.

## **Food and a new kitchen for children in the slums**



The children at the Imani pre-school gather excitedly around the latest delivery of beans and maize - they know that this means they will be able to enjoy free lunches at school this term.

The lunches used to be cooked over a charcoal stove inside the school, but the smoke was a health hazard, so the meals are now being cooked in the recently built outside kitchen (in the photo above right, the builder is giving the kitchen

its finishing touches).

We are very grateful to our friends at Green St Green Baptist Church for funding the new kitchen and the beans and maize for this term's lunches.

## **We couldn't do it without the amazing people we work with**



Whether he is encouraging Kelvin as he heads off to college (left), helping Joseph Mbutia with his transport needs (centre) or welcoming new street boys, Sunshine Centre social worker Simon Kuria always approaches his job (he calls it his vocation) with optimism and a smile on his face.

Charles and Mary are usually surrounded by the many children they look after at the Tumaini Children's Home near Mombasa, so it is rare to get a photo of them on their own.

The couple have been looking after orphaned and abandoned children at Tumaini for 20 years, patiently and faithfully caring for them and guiding them as they grow up and eventually move on from our care.



Sometimes they need a rest! This photo was taken during a moment of relaxation after church.



Rev Simon has many roles. Here, as director of the Naivasha Technical Training Institute he welcomes five new trainees who have enrolled to train in plumbing and masonry.

Simon's job is to ensure that the trainees work hard and in a disciplined manner, giving them the best opportunity of qualifying and earning a living when they graduate.

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## **Personal message from Martin and Mary**

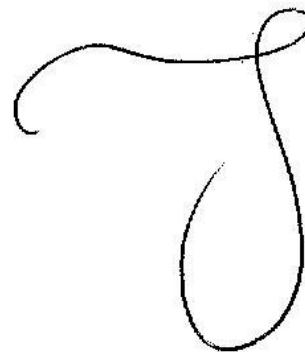


Despite Mary suffering medical setbacks just before and after Christmas which were very hard for her, we had a lovely Christmas with our family, and Mary has continued to receive wonderful medical care.



Once again, we want to thank everyone who has helped us with prayers, letters, cards, visits and beautiful flowers (we always check to see if the flowers come from Kenya).

We press on with the work we believe God has called us to do!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted.A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary". The letters are highly stylized and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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