



Simon sets the pace for rehabilitating street boys



"I passed through Naromoru Boys, my old school that I left 31 years ago," said Simon Kuria, our Sunshine Centre social worker. "I was a student there for 4 years from 1989 to 1992, then I worked there as a librarian cum history/religious teacher from 1994 to 1996. It was very nostalgic."

Simon was visiting the school to visit former street boy Cyrus Maina who is in his final year at school. "I encouraged him to work very hard as he is only 2 months away from his final KCSE exams. He was very happy to learn that we

shared same school as students, and the staff and students we met were excited too. I believe I was his pacesetter!"

Victor's hard work rewarded with university place



"You have been placed to BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SCIENCE WITH IT) at J.O.O.U.S.T"

This was the text message that Victor had been hoping for, confirming he had been awarded a place at university.

Victor is an orphan who was cared for by his grandmother who was too poor to look after him, so he went to the streets where he was rescued and brought to our Sunshine Centre and enrolled back into school.

Social worker Simon Kuria commented, "We are happy to inform you that the hard work of Victor Ochieng has finally paid off. He has been admitted at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University It was his first choice and he is assured of Government employment as a high school science/IT teacher."

Tumaini: a home to dream from

We have been providing a home for orphaned and abandoned children at Tumaini in Mombasa for nearly 20 years. The children we supported then are now grown up, but a new generation has taken their place.



Jackline Atieno (above left) takes time out from her studies to have her hair done. She is in Form 2 at Tumaini High School and her dream is to become a beauty therapist.



Ali (usually know by his nickname Johnton) is in Form 1 at high school, and dreams of going to university to study architecture.

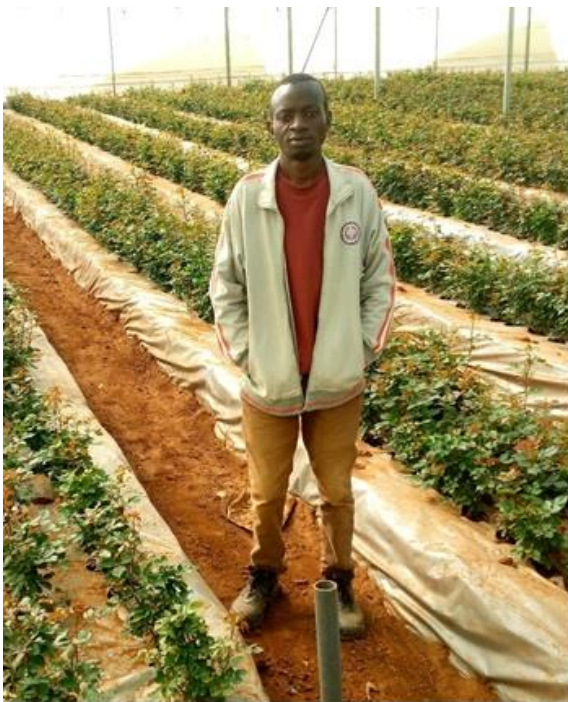
Kelvin destined for higher things



Kelvin Shirisia is an orphan we cared for at our Tumaini Children's Home near Mombasa.

After he completed high school we supported him to train as an electrical engineer and he has recently secured a job as an electrician at a flower farm.

He is clearly destined for higher things!



Focussed on their futures...

Our Future Focus programme provides further education and training for disadvantaged young people in Kenya - Agricolar and Caroline both celebrated their graduation recently at Mt Kenya University.



"The 4th August 2023 will always remain in my mind," said Agricolar (above left). "This was the day that I was conferred with my diploma in Human Resource Management having excelled with the highest grade, Credit 1.

There were various leaders from the government including members of parliament, and the chief guest was Moses Wentangula (Speaker of the National Assembly). I am glad that my family was present to witness my happiest day."

Caroline graduated from her certificate course in Journalism and Mass Communication, and, with our support, is continuing to Diploma level. "I am really grateful to you for standing with me for my certificate level and now diploma level and I promise to make you proud of my results."

Free school lunches are a foundation for success

Each day Everlyne Mutuku cooks 300 school lunches at the Church on the Rock School in the kwa Reuben slum, Nairobi. She knows the importance of serving the children a nutritious meal as, for some children, it is the only proper meal they receive in the day.



Do the free school meals funded by Footsteps make a difference? Michael Mutinda thinks they do. He was a student at the school until 2015 and has recently completed a Bachelor degree in History and Archaeology with IT at Maseno University.

During a recent visit to his old school he took time to send us a message thanking us for providing the meals which were such a great benefit to him and his fellow students who live in the deprived area around the school.



At a cost of just 14 pence, providing a school meal is a great investment in a disadvantaged child's future.

Finding the right balance (1)

Motor vehicle mechanic trainees at Naivasha Technical Training Institute are benefitting from a new wheel balancer funded by generous Footsteps supporters that also enhances the professionalism of the polytechnic, attracting students to study there.



Motor Vehicle Mechanics Trainer Mr Collins (pictured instructing a trainee to use the new machine) was delighted with the new acquisition which provides the students with additional practical skills, leaving them well-qualified to find wage-earning employment when they leave.

Finding the right balance (2)

An orphan cared for at our Tumaini Children's Home, Brian Kiptum has now left school to study Computer Science at St Paul's University, Limuru, Kenya.



Brian has settled into his university studies well. "I am able to create simple websites with the use of programming language such as HTML and CSS, I am currently undergoing training on the Python language and I am familiar with APA, HARVAD and CHICAGO."

But Brian likes to balance academic study with recreation. "I also play pool and table tennis and am on the verge of joining the St Paul's University team. I am also a member of Computech Club which deals with innovation and things like that."

Sunshine UV lightens the load



The Sunshine Ultra-Vulnerable (UV) programme supports families who suffer multiple difficulties such as disability, mental health issues and poverty.

The photo above left shows our social worker Simon Kuria with and Anne Murimi delivering a monthly aid package to Hannah Wanjiru who is very poor and has an extremely disabled daughter Jane (sitting on the ground). The aid pack includes basic food, as well as nappies and special foods for Jane.

Mary Wangechi is delighted to receive her monthly aid pack (photo above right). She is severely disabled and is cared for by her sister who also suffers from disabilities.

It needs a great team in Kenya and many wonderful supporters around the world to achieve what we do. If you would like to donate...

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Personal message from Martin and Mary



Mary has been increasingly tired and spent many weeks in the bedroom. We now have a stairlift to help her get downstairs when she feels up to it, but she spends much of the time bed-resting. However, we have been able to enjoy visits from friends and family, and had a wonderful celebration of our grandson's third birthday blowing candles out round the bed.

We want to thank everyone who has supported our work and us personally - we cannot achieve what we do without you!

Martin

Mary

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