



## VISION PEOPLES NEWS

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### INTRODUCTION

As we step into the second half of the year, we're excited to bring you closer to the heart of our collective mission to create a brighter, more compassionate world. This newsletter serves as a window into the lives touched, the progress made, and the relentless spirit that propels us forward in Jesus' name.

You will find stories of individuals who have embraced our vision and transformed it into action. From the initiatives that are rippling through communities. Our shared journey is a testament to the power of human compassion and determination.

At the core of this newsletter lies the celebration of each milestone, no matter how small, as a step closer to realizing our grander vision. We believe that in order to enact change, we must remain steadfast in our commitment and adaptable in our strategies. Together, we are crafting a narrative of hope, resilience, and progress.

Join us as we dive into the heart of impactful projects, and offer a glimpse of what lies ahead on our transformative journey.

As we highlight the synergy between our vision and the people who bring it to life, we invite you to immerse yourself in the stories that remind us all of the potential within each of us to be a catalyst for change.

### WORLD CRISIS OF INFLATION

There are times when the delicate threads of uncertainty and disruption in the global economy come together to form a catastrophe of epic proportions. Such is the situation with the current global inflation crisis, a difficult and extensive economic issue that has affected many different countries and communities.

Inflation, as a worldwide economic challenge, has not spared the African nation of Kenya. With its economy intricately linked to global markets and factors beyond its control, Kenya finds itself facing the repercussions of the ongoing world crisis of inflation.

The sharp increase in global inflation has had a direct impact on Kenya's import costs, which



include everything from basic goods to energy resources. As a result, the cost of goods and services has increased nationally. The economy is struggling with lower consumer spending as a result of individuals' declining purchasing power, which stifles demand and could result in lower output levels.

Last month, protesters had taken to the streets in Kenya to decry the end of subsidies and rising taxes as the country's debt crisis looms. Food prices have doubled hence making it difficult for Kenyans to even afford a basic meal. Maize flour prices increased from 80 Ksh to 280Ksh while a kilogram of sugar is now retailing at 450Ksh which was previously 120 Ksh .

Informal settlements, often characterized by inadequate infrastructure, limited access to basic services, and economic disparities, magnify the impact of protests. During the protests, the protestants were met with heavy-handed responses from authorities. Excessive use of force, arrests, and intimidation tactics which discouraged residents from exercising their right to peaceful demonstration.

Since the protests were happening on Wednesday to Friday, they also brought disruption of daily routines, affecting residents' access to essential services, education, and work. Road blockades and business closures can exacerbate economic hardships and limited opportunities for earning a livelihood.



*Protests against the high cost of living in Nairobi Kenya*

Charity has also suffered greatly with the inflation since Kenya has imposed heavy taxing on any money coming in for charity .While the recurrent expenditures are increasing , money intended for charity is being reduced.

As we join together in prayer, we ask for a peaceful world where every individual can flourish, where children can grow up in safety, and where prosperity is shared by all. May our country be a beacon of harmony, showing the world the power of love and reconciliation. We also ask for your continued support during this difficult financial times .

#### **HAVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Nestled within the heart of Korogocho lies a place of learning, growth, and inspiration. With a mission to provide quality education and foster holistic development, Haven Primary School stands as a beacon of hope for the young minds that pass through its halls.

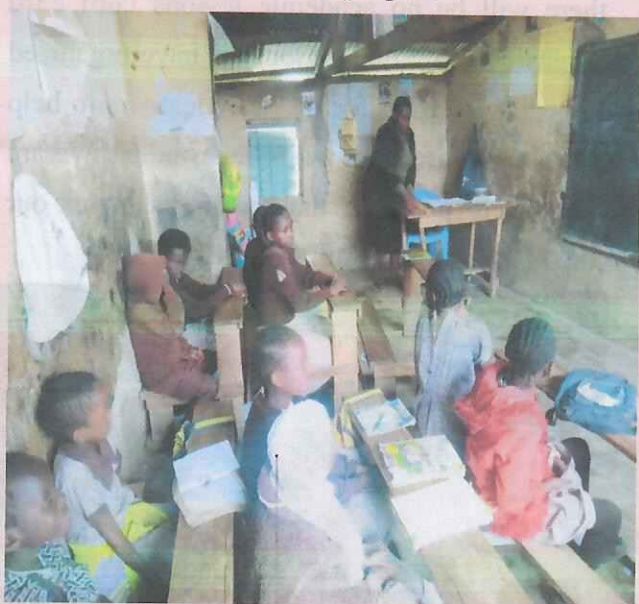
Haven Primary School, much like its name suggests, is a sanctuary of knowledge. It opens its doors to children from diverse backgrounds, offering them a chance to access education and



transform their lives. In an era where education is pivotal, Haven Primary School strives to bridge the gap and ensure that every child receives an equal opportunity to learn and thrive.

Beyond academics, Haven Primary School is committed to nurturing well-rounded individuals. Through a balanced curriculum that includes not only core subjects but also art, sports, and extracurricular activities, students are encouraged to discover their passions and talents.

This empowerment helps build confidence, selfesteem, and a sense of purpose .



***Class is session with Teacher Dorine , also the school Headteacher***

Education at Haven Primary School goes beyond textbooks. We focus on character development, fostering values such as empathy, integrity, and respect. Pupils are taught not only to excel academically but also to become responsible and compassionate citizens who contribute positively to

society. Education initiatives operate as a lifeline in the slums, where the cycle of poverty might seem insurmountable, providing a way out of terrible conditions. These programs give underprivileged individuals access to education, giving both children and adults the chance to dream bigger than their current situation.

Haven Primary School is more than just an educational institution; it's a cornerstone of the community. It brings families together, creating a network of support that extends beyond the classroom. Events, parent-teacher interactions, and community outreach programs strengthen these connections, making the school a vital hub for social cohesion.

The impact of Haven Primary School resonates far beyond its walls. By providing quality education, it equips our pupils with the tools they need to pursue higher education, achieve their dreams, and break the cycle of poverty. As these empowered individuals step into the world, they carry with them not only knowledge but also values that contribute to the betterment of society.

As educated individuals emerge from the slums, they become agents of change, inspiring others to pursue education and creating a ripple effect of positive transformation.





*Class in session with Teacher Diana Omusula*

Our teachers are a group of unsung heroes who take center stage every day. These are the dedicated and passionate teachers who play a pivotal role in shaping young minds and laying the foundation for a brighter future.

They are the ones who translate curriculum into engaging lessons, creating an environment where curiosity is nurtured, and learning is an exciting journey .



*Class 8 candidates in class with Teacher Benson Ashiono*

We have just closed school for two weeks hence there will be no academic lessons until 23rd August. During this period, we have organized remedial program for the slow learners to help them make progress with their studies. We are immensely proud of the accomplishments our pupils have achieved this past term.



*School closing Assembly*



Last term brought its fair share of challenges, but through it all, our students, teachers, and staff demonstrated remarkable resilience and adaptability. Remote learning, hybrid classrooms, and safety protocols showcased the dedication of our entire school community.

The best performing pupils were rewarded for their excellence and it encourages the other pupils to work harder as well as put effort into their academics.



*Awarding of the best performing students during school closing assembly*

It has not been easy providing quality education for the children due to the high cost of living. Your financial support, no matter the size, has been instrumental in transforming dreams into reality. It has enabled us to provide education to those who need it the most. It's not just about the monetary value; it's about the heart behind it, the belief that every individual deserves a chance for a better life.

As we continue this journey together, we invite you to stay connected with us. Your involvement is a source of motivation and a reminder that we are all part of a larger community striving for positive change.

## SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM

The School Feeding Program has emerged as a ray of hope in the center of Korogocho, an active slum in Nairobi, Kenya, meeting not just the urgent nutritional requirements of children but also building a more promising future for the entire neighborhood. This program has demonstrated its ability to impact lives and build a sense of empowerment, acting as a catalyst for change.



*Lunch meal being served in the kitchen*

The School Feeding Program goes beyond the provision of meals; it embodies a profound commitment to the holistic well-being of Korogocho's children. Recognizing the challenges that vulnerable families face in accessing nutritious food, the program ensures that no child is deprived of a wholesome meal. This daily sustenance not only nourishes their



bodies but also fuels their dreams and aspirations.

Hunger and malnutrition can hinder educational attainment. The School Feeding Program addresses this challenge head-on, ensuring that children can fully engage in their studies without the burden of hunger. With their nutritional needs met, students can focus on learning, leading to improved academic performance and a brighter educational future.

Beyond physical nourishment, the program empowers children with a sense of dignity and selfworth. It sends a powerful message that they are valued members of their community, deserving of care and support. This boost in self-esteem contributes to their overall confidence and outlook on life.

Maintaining the feeding program has become expensive due to the increased cost of food items and supplies. To enhance support, we must double the present monetary allocation and seek new donors. However, we give God praise for how far we have come and for allowing us to provide for our children during these trying times.



#### ***Part of the children having their lunch in the school dining hall***

Your support is an investment in education, health, and the well-being of our students. It's an investment in the future leaders, thinkers, and change-makers of our community. By joining hands with us, you become a partner in creating a brighter tomorrow for these young minds.

We invite you to be part of this transformative journey. Your donation will not only nourish bodies but also nourish dreams and aspirations. Your generosity will make a lasting impact on the lives of countless children and their families.

#### **THE ORPHANAGE**

In a nation where slum mortality rates are high and poverty is ubiquitous, becoming an orphan at an early age appears to be the ultimate fate. Regardless of the children's status, we are dedicated to providing for each child by



welcoming them into our Home, showing them unconditional love, and inspiring hope for the future in them.

We are dedicated to providing holistic care and support to orphaned and vulnerable children. Our mission goes beyond providing shelter; we are committed to nurturing the physical, emotional, educational, and social well-being of each child entrusted to our care.

The parable of the sheep and the goats, underscores the significance of helping those in need, as it is seen as a direct service to Christ himself.

The concept of caring for orphans aligns with broader themes of compassion, justice, and social responsibility. It reflects God's character and the call for believers to extend love and support to those who are vulnerable and marginalized in society.

The establishment and operation of our orphanage, which provide a safe and nurturing environment for orphaned children, we see it as a practical application of these biblical principles.

Education is the cornerstone of empowerment hence we provide our children with access to quality education, ensuring that they have the tools they need to overcome obstacles and achieve their dreams. We believe that education is a powerful vehicle for breaking the cycle of poverty.

We understand that proper nutrition is essential for healthy growth and development. We provide balanced and nutritious meals to our children, ensuring they have the energy and strength they need to thrive physically and academically.

Many of our children have experienced loss and trauma. We provide emotional support and counseling to help them heal from their past experiences and develop resilience for the challenges ahead .



#### *Children making a presentation*

We are however overwhelmed financially in providing for these children. We are therefore seeking to find foster families for our children and more partners to walk with us in their selfless acts of giving. Through your generosity, you are not just providing material sustenance; you are offering love, care, and a chance for these children to experience the warmth of a family.

Through your actions, you are sowing seeds of love that will bear fruit for generations to come. Your contributions are not only changing lives today but shaping destinies for a brighter tomorrow.

May the grace and blessings of the Almighty rest upon each of you abundantly. As you continue to



partner with us, remember that you are instruments of divine love and transformation.

### VPM MEDICAL HEALTH CLINIC

The medical situation in Korogocho, like many informal settlements around the world, presents a complex set of challenges. The healthcare situation in Korogocho slums paints a vivid picture of the complexities that arise from poverty, inadequate resources, and limited access to medical care.

For the residents of Korogocho, accessing healthcare is often an uphill journey. With limited healthcare facilities within the slum's boundaries, seeking medical attention requires navigating a series of challenge. One of the most pressing concerns in Korogocho is maternal and child health. The lack of access to proper prenatal care and skilled birth attendants leads to higher rates of maternal and infant mortality.

Mothers navigate childbirth without the safety net of medical expertise, increasing the risk of complications and tragic outcomes.

The slum's cramped living conditions and inadequate sanitation infrastructure create fertile ground for the spread of infectious diseases. Malaria, respiratory infections, and waterborne illnesses cast a shadow over the community's well-being.

Korogocho's considerable health difficulties and diagnoses, as well as the differences in those issues and diagnoses, show how important an influence environmental influences may have on one's health. Environmental changes are essential for enhancing health status. Korogocho could gain more from

changes in waste management, drinking water supply, and air pollution reduction than from basic therapy due to the unusually high prevalence of respiratory illnesses and gastrointestinal problems.

Beyond physical health challenges, the residents of Korogocho grapple with the often-overlooked issue of mental health. The stressors of poverty, insecurity, and challenging living conditions take a toll on emotional well-being. However, mental health resources are scarce, and the stigma surrounding mental health can discourage individuals from seeking help.



**VPM nurse Millicent attending to a patient**

The journey towards improved health is arduous, but the determination of the community and our commitment to stand beside them promise a brighter, healthier future. By addressing the challenges head-on and fostering collaboration, we can help rewrite the narrative of healthcare in Korogocho from one of adversity to one of resilience and progress.

In order to stabilize our fundamental free medical services for low-income children and mothers who are unable to pay our discounted rates, we urge our supporters to help VPM. This will significantly increase the likelihood that



certain medical procedures will be affordable or free to the majority of Korogocho residents.

### **VISION MISSIONARY CHURCH**

In the heart of Korogocho, where resilience and community spirit flourish amid challenges, stands the Vision Missionary Church Korogocho—an embodiment of faith, compassion, and a compelling vision for change.

Vision Missionary Church stands as a testament to the power of a purpose-driven community. Anchored in its vision, this church is more than a place of worship; it is a catalyst for change. With a focus on spiritual growth, social impact, and holistic transformation, our church envisions a Korogocho where lives are uplifted and the community thrives.

We extend beyond our walls, reaching out to those in need. Through humanitarian projects, outreach to vulnerable populations, and support for marginalized individuals, we embody compassion in action. As a church, we strive to alleviate suffering and create a positive impact in the lives of its members and the broader community.



### ***Bishop Franklyn Otwoma***

In the midst of adversity, Vision Missionary Church Korogocho shines as a ray of hope. It demonstrates that faith is not passive; it's a catalyst for change. By embracing a vision that seeks to uplift, transform, and empower, we have become a source of inspiration for individuals seeking to transcend their circumstances.

The church is more than a place of worship; it's a living testament to the potential of a community united by faith and purpose. As Vision Missionary Church, we continue to light the way, we illuminate a path toward a more empowered, united, and flourishing community in Korogocho and beyond led by Bishop Franklyn Otwoma who is also VPM patron.

### **FROM THE EDITOR**

Greetings in the name of love and compassion. As we gather in the spirit of unity and kindness, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you who have embraced the calling to support our work with open hearts and open arms. God bless you.

