

TUNZA CHILDREN CENTRE NOVEMBER REPORT 2009

To begin with, Esther ran away again. But according to our findings is that she does not want to live in Tunza anymore. There are issues she has been going through, which is our major concern now. Because if she goes to western province no one will be responsible for her life there and probably she would undergo an early marriage which is common in their region. If she stays with her auntie, we are not quite sure how safe she will be. Moreover, in our explorations, she has a deep attachment back home which we have tried to help her overcome, but she seems not to detach herself yet.

We were preparing a camp for the school-leavers, that is, form fours and class eight graduates, but unfortunately the majority left for their homes without our notice. However, we are planning to have them back to the centre to take them through thorough self awareness sessions as well as career choice programs; so as they decide on what to do according to their ambitions in life, then we take up to walk with them in this journey until we see their dreams come to pass. We currently have financial challenges how to facilitate their coming and for these program to succeed. We would like to help them to be creative and initiate activities that can earn them a living.

We would like them to come, they stay together in order to embrace and challenge one another because we endeavor to see them better and better. Since the class eight will be expected to join secondary in February then we would suggest the only probable time and holiday would be April and we will combine them with form four leavers.

Surprisingly, the number of new children is increasing almost every week and thus we discover we have to re-do our sessions most of the times in order to keep all the children in the same page of our counseling sessions.

Mama Tunza of late has been busy looking for donors and thus the kids are daily losing the motherly touch. Consequently, every moment we get issues of small built-up camps between the kids, fights and hatred is also building up. Therefore, we end up having a lot of issues to solve as well as maintain order and love between the kids which is now consuming a lot of our session's time.

The division of basic necessities is still an issue at the centre. Some are forced to stay without, especially the non-allies to Mama Tunza. And this has caused some of the kids, especially the big girls and boys, to try hustling. The girls, for instance, have been major victims of the same.

Through our talent search sessions, as mentioned in an earlier report, one of the boys we discovered is gifted in singing and we felt this was a treasure to nurture. He has already recorded one song, which we have taken to a DJ to edit, though the DJ now needs money and also wants the boy to go and write and record the song again, but this will also cost us money. And therefore we are calling for your financial support.

The boys have also been able to have friendly matches for their soccer with other children homes around Ngong. Unfortunately, their soccer field is too muddy after the heavy rains and thus something ought to be done in order for them to play without these challenges.

However, we gladly appreciate your efforts and continued support in this noble duty. Looking forward for better growth and personal development of the kids.

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