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## MAISHA PROGRAM - MENTORING AND EQUIPPING GRADES 6, 7, AND 8 STUDENTS

(MAISHA IN SWAHILI MEANS "LIFE")

*"Young growing trees are the future forest." ~ Author Unknown*

We have a new mentorship program at the Farm. It started in July 2023 and is doing so well! We have 8 facilitators, 4 male and 4 female staff. Having the boys and girls meet separately in small groups allows them to be adequately ministered to. Maisha helps prepare the students for when they are transitioned back into their communities. The mentors carefully walk the students through topics: proper boy-girl relationships and how to remain pure as a Christian, saying no to premarital sex, peer pressure and its effects (positive and negative), and other relevant life issues that impact teens. The community students who attend our school also attend the Maisha Program. Please pray as we continue to develop this program to best equip and help the teens.



Praying for and blessing each child, even the community kids who attend our school.



## THANK YOU, VICTORY FAMILY CHURCH OF DOTHAN, ALABAMA!

What a blessing to have this team of 19 visit the Farm! They encouraged the children, did VBS activities and crafts, taught them new songs and dances, played board and field games, and prayed for all the kids. THANK YOU VFC!!



The "Love Like Jesus" Team!



VBS Bible stories, crafts, and activities for each class!



The team presented gifts to the Farm – 4 solar panels with batteries and solar charge, whiteboards, course books, and other supplies.



Staff praying for Francis

## Take the Challenge!

### PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS

3 University, 15 National Polytechnic, 2 Medical Training College, and 60 High School students!

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# STEPS OF HOPE

Psalm 82:3-4a

His dad died when he was young. His mom tried to provide for him, but life was too hard. He boarded a bus to Kitale town, hiding under the seats. Would it seem possible at age 9, that one day he would attend a National Polytechnic and pursue a course in Social Work and Community Development to help children who are like him? About 5 days later, another 9-year-old boy came to the Farm. He was abandoned at age 4. His father who was providing for him died. He and his friends went to the streets. Could he even dream of attending University one day?

His parents separated, and he and his siblings were left under their father's care. The family was very poor, he couldn't sustain them. A pre-teen, her older sister used to brew illegal beer to buy food for her younger siblings so they could survive. Their dreams were broken. 14 and 13 years old, today held enough for them to handle. Would they have enough food?

At age 6, he went to the streets to look for food. It's not known how long he was homeless. He broke his arm, and he walked around with it broken. What kind of dreams would a 6-year-old, who is homeless, have? Who would take care of him? Another homeless boy, age 10, was arrested during a police round-up of the "street kids". He already spent 6 years on the streets, sniffing glue to help numb his pain. He didn't know what his future would be. He lost his desire to dream years ago.

**These are the stories of Dan, Ian, Linda, Charles, Francis, and Owen prior to coming to Challenge Farm. They recently joined National Polytechnic, a Medical Training College, and various Universities.**

*"But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; you consider their grief and take it in hand..."*

Psalm 10:14



Staff praying for the students.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE STUDENTS!



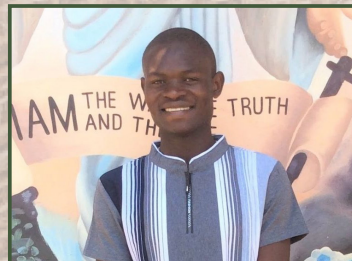
LINDA - University, pursuing a Bachelor of Criminology



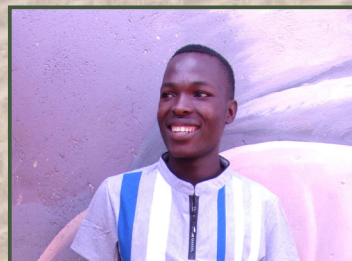
CHARLES - National Polytechnic, Social Work and Community Development



FRANCIS - Medical Training College to be a Health Assistant



DAN - University, Bachelor of Education Science



IAN - University, Bachelor of Library and Info Science



OWEN - National Polytechnic, Building and Technology

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