

NEEMA NEWS MAY 2023

Greetings from Neema Children's Home. We pray and trust you have been kept and protected of the Lord. Neema family is well. God has faithfully been a present help, even in times of difficulty, thank you for praying for us. The peace of God has immensely kept us. When we have been weak, the sufficiency of God's grace has been evident. In the book of Isaiah 26:3, the Bible, in the Message translation reads, *"People with their minds set on you, you keep completely whole, Steady on their feet, because they keep at it and don't quit."* This passage has really blessed our lives. May it be true with you too.

NEEMA HOME

All the children are in their respective schools; we thank God and thank you for praying with us for them. As you may be aware, we have Kennedy in University doing Education. We have Boniface, Johnston, Mwanja and Nancy in College. Twenty two in Secondary school, the rest are in primary, Early Childhood and two at home. We thank God so much for His faithfulness, goodness, mercy and grace which have kept us. Thank you for your continued prayers, may the Lord bless you abundantly. Please pray on with us for school fees especially College which is becoming a big expense. We are blessed to have established a good relationship with the respective schools such that, even when not able to pay in time, they can wait as our children continue learning.

Thankfully, their health has really improved. We have one who had defaulted in taking his medication for quite some time, but we did counsel him and he has improved in his medicine taking. Caleb, the nine (9) month baby with cleft palate issue has not yet been taken in for surgery. He is yet to gain acceptable weight for surgery to be done. Please pray that he will improve on his food taking habits.



Miriam and I took Mwanja to College. He is doing Electronics. Please pray for him so that he settles quickly.

Neema support staff are also well. On the whole, we have a very dedicated team; some of them go the extra mile to ensure that all is well at the home for which we are so thankful. Please pray that we will be able to increase their salaries/wages because the economy in our country is not doing well. For instance, in the beginning of this month a bag of 50kgs of sugar was going for Kes 5,600. Today it is going for Kes 9,300. A 90kg bag of beans was going for Kes 8,000, today it is selling at Kes 20,000. Please remember our country's economy. We pray that God will help us all as we go through this economically turbulent time.



One of Neema Home support staff, Jane, retired this month. Here, the entire Neema family celebrated her seventeen years of faithful service. Please pray for Jane who has retired so that the Lord will direct her paths. She has trained as a preacher of the gospel and is a pastor of a church in Eldoret town.



Miriam (extreme left), Joshua (extreme right) presenting Neema Home gift to Jane as our retirement gift among other gifts.

Eldoret has not been raining as expected. Crops are in need of rain, please pray for sufficient rain fall in this country otherwise there is looming drought that inevitably will make life more difficult economically.

As we share about all these challenges in our country and ministry, we are also aware that every country has its challenges. We should continue to pray for each other. May the merciful gracious God remember His creation and in His mercy hear our prayer.

NEEMA SCHOOL

The school is doing well. As you are aware, we have been praying for pupil number increment. Today, we have 217 learners. There was a time we had less than 70 in the entire school. Thank you for praying with us. The next prayer request is that the parents will pay school fees in time because lack of school fees payment has been a big challenge in our school.



A view of the playground which has been a great help in number increment. In the background is the tent used during tea break and lunch time.

As a result of the learner number increment, we have had to put up a temporary structure to accommodate the swelling numbers. If the trend continues, we will have to put up at least two more classrooms.



The upcoming school structure.



In the new Kenya School curriculum, (Competency Based Curriculum, CBC,) learners are supposed to learn how to play football among other games. Here, the learners are being taught how to kick, play and enjoy football.

May the joy of the Lord be your strength, may the Lord shine His face upon you.
May His mercies be new every morning in your lives.

Peace be with you.

Joshua and Miriam