

Welcome to VICODEC NEWS December Edition. We delight in sharing with you some of the activities and successful stories we have achieved in the year 2018. Among them are Annual graduations for pre-unit class and the Technical training students and our class 8 candidates that excelled in their national exam. Take a look at some of them.

Edward's way to success



My name is Edward, I joined VICODEC School in 2008 in Kindergarten. At that time my parents were struggling really hard to make the ends meet. Not once or twice did our house get locked by the landlord for the lack of house rent, my father was a casual laborer in a certain Mechanic site and he could get meagre payments. My mother was cooking and selling porridge in construction's sites. I was so much privileged to join VICODEC School and after a while I got Education support through sponsorship program.

I remember vividly well all the time that we were sleeping on the floor on the rugs until VICODEC staff bought for us a double deck bed with mattresses and blankets that we share even today with my siblings. As I look back and reflect where my family and I have come from, I cannot stop to tell the world how my life was changed by the wonderful people. My family right now is doing great, my Father started his own business and is doing well, my mother on the other hand is now a pre school teacher and they can now afford to rent a decent house, put food on the table and pay school fees for all of us. I cannot forget to say that as a result of the opportunity given to me in the sponsorship program, I emerged the best student in VICODEC's candidate class of 2018 and waiting to join one of the best High schools in Kenya. Thank you so much my sponsor and all other sponsors who make a difference in the lives of we Kenyan children!

Feeding Program

As a way of supporting Education and nutrition for the most needy children in Kenya, a feeding program consisting of 200 school children was established at the suburbs of Nakuru town in Gioto slums which is approximately 160 kilometers from Nairobi city. The dwellers of this slum scavenge for plastic items which they sell to recycling shops to make ends meet.



Children from Gioto slums of Nakuru receiving food supplies

Due to high level of poverty in the area, the parents have no steady income to sustain their families, pay school fees or have a decent life, the little amount they receive is not able to cater for their basic needs, which leads them to frustrations, making them get involved in illicit brewing while children go begging in streets for food. The lives of these 200 children will never be the same again, thanks to VICODEC feeding program for the smiles on the children faces.

A Visit to VICODEC

It was a great honor at VICODEC on receiving a team of nine associates from US Venture in March 2018. They participated in different activities which include, donation of food to the sponsored children and their families, Visiting VICODEC's outreach Programs in Magadi region, home visitations to some VICODEC's children who live in Kware slums, launching of the feeding program in a new satellite area, free medical camp and cultural exchange among other activities. It was such a pleasure hosting these wonderful people at VICODEC.



Child in Need

Favors Amani was born on 7th February 2011. Her mother is a single parent of four children and has no reliable source of income, Due to her financial situation, Favors has been in and out of School. Favors would love to be in school without interruptions, as she is a talented young girl who when given a chance will have a brighter future. She is looking for someone support her.



General Fund

The general fund have on several occasions helped a great deal to some very needy yet deserving families. One such case is of a single mother headed family who had been housed by a well wisher who after a disagreement with the family, sent them packing in the middle of the night in the month of August 2018. With the aid of the general funds the family got a rental house and they received a bed, beddings and foodstuffs. This rescue was very timely as one of the children Dympna Makena was a class 8 candidate and due to this she was able to concentrate in her studies and emerged among the top achievers in the national examinations.



The general fund has also gone a long way in catering for medical expenses. David Wainaina was diagnosed with Umbilical Hernia and was scheduled for an urgent surgery. He is an orphaned boy and lives under the care of his grandparents who are very needy. The fund came in handy and the surgery was successful and David is recuperating well. We are very grateful to our sponsors and well wishers who support this noble course of funding the general fund.

Community Empowerment programs

Two community seminars were conducted which were aimed at sensitizing the community on Children's personalities and Temperaments and Dyslexia awareness. The two forums targeted teachers and parents who participated actively and came up with the ways forward on supporting the children who are affected with the Dyslexic condition. They also were enlightened on how to deal with children differently according to their different personalities.



Children's Personality and Temperament seminar taking place.

Music Festivals

VICODEC School music team took two dances to the National level, Scottish dance and "Hamba Ku Yesu" which means come to Jesus, it's a sacred song which is sang by Africa Nineveh church from western communities in Kenya appealing the modern Church to stick to Christianity by acknowledging the death and resurrection of Jesus. The performers of this song wear white attire resembling the uniform worn by the Nineveh church members. The song was composed by Eric Juma a teacher at VICODEC, we are proud to have such teachers as Eric who have great talents and ready to share them with our Children. It is also our African tradition to embrace and encourage children to grow up in a religious way right from a tender age.



How you can get involved

With \$30 you can support a needy family to acquire a mattress.

With \$50 you can help maintain a child in school for a whole year through our feeding program.

With 300 dollars you can sponsor a child's Education for the whole year. The sponsorship also entails family supports, medical support and Christmas gifts for the sponsored children

With 10 dollars you can support a school going girl to manage her menstruation and concentrate in school for a whole year.

You can also support our General fund.



**Merry Christmas
& Prosperous
2019**

