

# MCCH MINISTRY UPDATE



## WELCOMES, GRADUATES, AND CELEBRATIONS!

This year's partner trip to Kenya held countless beautiful moments involving time spent with Mescal's Kids and staff celebrating graduates from kindergarten to college! Four team members from the USA arrived at Mescal's Children's Center of Hope on March 30th, 2022, and were greeted with a warm Kenyan welcome.

After many hugs, a tour of the school, and a couple of good nights' sleep, the team was blessed to participate in a highly anticipated event - the first Mescal's Christian Academy (MCA) Kindergarten graduation! The Kenya team did an extraordinary job planning the event that welcomed over 250 members of the community onto MCCH's campus to celebrate God's work at MCA throughout the school year. Students from every grade presented poems, songs, skits, and dances for all in attendance. Local community leaders, including the area chief, a representative from the regional education department, and members of MCA's Board of Directors, were in attendance. MCA teachers and administrators were recognized and honored.

However, the most important part of the day was the gospel being presented clearly and God repeatedly receiving the glory for everything that has taken place in and through MCA its first year of operation. Words can't describe the privilege it was for the USA team to be present for this amazing celebration!





## SMALL GROUPS, BIG IMPACT

Over the last several trips USA teams have made to Kenya, some of the sweetest times with Mescal's Kids have been spent in small group discipleship. Currently, there are anywhere from 10-12 primary-school-age children living at MCCH full-time, while the majority of the young people at MCCH are teenagers who spend part of the year attending boarding school or university classes.

Regardless of age, many of these students desire to continually grow in their personal relationships with the Lord.

They also view time spent with peers at school as an opportunity to be a witness for Christ.

Spending intentional time with Mescal's Kids in small group discipleship has spiritually grown both leaders and students! These small groups are only a tiny part of the daily discipleship that takes place at MCCH year-round. Not only do staff members model and teach Christian discipleship to all the young people at Mescal's, but older students pour into younger students and model

for them what it looks like to follow Jesus both personally and publicly.

The daily rhythms of time in God's Word, prayer, and the lifestyle of worship that takes place at MCCH often impacts guests from the USA more than anything else they experience in Kenya. We're always blessed by the mutual encouragement that comes from time with our brothers and sisters in Kenya!



## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- PLEASE PRAY FOR ONE OF MESCAL'S KIDS, MOSES, AS HE UNDERGOES MEDICAL TESTS. PRAY THAT THE LORD OPENS DOORS FOR TREATMENT AND PROVIDES STRENGTH TO MCCH STAFF AS THEY CARE FOR MOSES
- PLEASE PRAY THAT THE LORD WOULD PROVIDE ECONOMIC RELIEF AND RESOURCES TO THE NATION OF KENYA AS THE COUNTRY IS EXPERIENCING HIGH RATES OF INFLATION
- PLEASE PRAY FOR MCA STAFF AND STUDENTS, ALONG WITH MESCAL'S KIDS, AS A NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS IN KENYA. PRAY THAT THE LORD WOULD USE MCA AS A LIGHT FOR THE GOSPEL IN THE LUANDA COMMUNITY

## CONGRATULATIONS, NOREEN!

The day following the MCA Kindergarten graduation, the Kenya staff prepared to celebrate another graduate who holds a special place in the Mescal's family. Noreen Kuya was one of the first children supported by MCCH Founder and Executive Director, Ruth Owuor, over a decade ago.

Now a college graduate holding a degree in International Relations, the MCCH family made time to honor Noreen for her hard work and determination in completing her undergraduate degree. Noreen led the way in praising the Lord for His presence and provision in her life through every step of her journey, which has been highly challenging at times.

We're so proud of Noreen and thankful for the role the Lord has allowed MCCH to play in her development as a "strong, Christian citizen of Kenya and the world," as declared in the vision statement of MCCH.

