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Calvary greeting from us here in Kenya

Youngsters for Christ team, with praise and thanks giving to our heavenly father we want thank you for being our friend, partner, and donor through your generous support. It's through your faithful partnership that many youth have been reached for Christ, hearts touched and guidance provided as they grow. Operating in the slums, Youngster for Christ is also faced with meeting basic needs, like hunger. YCT reaches out by serving as the hands and feet of Christ.

It's almost Giving Tuesday, Nov. 27th. **Giving Tuesday** is a global day where the world recognizes the commitment and actions of non-profits through charitable giving. We would like to share the mission of Youngster for Christ with you and hope that you will join us. www.youngsters4christ.org

BEN's Story

Our environment can dictate who we are going to be. It is sad yet very accurate. Life in one of the largest slums, Kibera, is quite tricky. Any stranger who visits this slum would have a challenging time trying to adapt to the environment and the people around the area.

To Benson, the story is no different. His family resides in a shanty home in the middle of this slum. Despite the effort his parents make to take him to school, sometimes he has not been provided with enough to eat and attends class hungry, with an empty stomach. Because of this, he was tempted to steal food from his classmates during break time when other kids were playing in the school field.

He would scoop half of the amount and share it with his younger brother, who is in a lower class in the same school.

"I do not love stealing," Ben says, "but the fact that I have to fill my stomach, I just had to find a way."

Ben is not the only one with these kinds of struggles. Many children in his school undergo the same battle. The question we ask today is what we can do to help Ben and change his stealing behavior.



A Bridge of Hope

At the end of every tunnel, is a shining light. It may be small, but it can make a huge difference if you follow it. If you choose to stay where you are, then you give room to negative forces to take over your life.

Youngsters for Christ team (YCT). Is a nonprofit outreach ministry that seeks to bring hope to individuals such as Ben and many others who face hopelessness with different kinds of struggles within the community.

Who do we bring hope to?

Fundamentally, with our outreach activities and Kids feeding programs we help build up three groups of people. They include:

- Kids program
- Ladies Outreach Program
- Churches and School Outreach

1. Kid's Program

The word "Youngsters" brings the points out the fact that we are in the quest of reaching out for young people. They are our leaders of tomorrow; thus, we need them.

Most of the children who get help from us live in these slums. Seventy percent of them are orphans who are mainly living with their grandparents. More often than not, these children, just like Ben in the story above, go to sleep hungry.



When they come to our ministry center, we provide them with food, inspire them through engaging them with artwork (coloring, painting, etc), memory verses, Bible stories, Bible skits, and visiting their guardians.

In the African culture it is said to be against tradition to visit a family without bringing a few items for them. Therefore, during the visit, we will bring some maize, beans and cooking oil for the family. Once we visit them, which we do for a few families on a monthly or weekly basis, we use the opportunity to evangelize to the guardians.

With your support, we hope to extend our basic needs care to include shoes. Some of the children attend school barefoot; alternatively, they will wear the same pair of shoes until it totally tears apart.

Our Goal:

Christmas is around the corner. It is the giving season and season of sharing, our goal is to raise \$2,800 US dollars for this particular program and to reach out to 185 kids between age 3 and 11. We will use the money to buy:

Food supplies

- Two sacks of beans and Two bags of rice
- One bag of maize
- 50 kilograms of sugar
- Artwork materials, which includes pencils, paint, drawing books, crayons, and other items.
- Shoes! We also want to be a blessing to children providing them with a pair of shoes.

Your gift of \$35 will purchase 1 sack of beans to feed children experiencing hunger

2. Ladies Outreach Program

As much as the boy child is in trouble, I believe that the girl child is also under the same threat as well. Girls in this area do not go to school. More boys attend school than girls, when you compare the numbers in a class.

When the girls leave school, because of obvious reasons, some of them join gangs. You will find 12-year-olds joining these gangs, whereby the men in those gangs sexually assault them and get them pregnant.



The other struggle that many girls face is having no sanitary towels. Girls share their pads, and if they cannot afford to buy one of their own, they will use dirty rags. They will make folds and wear them until they are completely used.

How do we help in such a case?

The cost of a single sanitary towel is one dollar, which is way above the average cost of living among many people in this area. Typically, most people live under a budget of one dollar a day, according to various findings.

Through our Ladies Outreach program-or “The Dignify a Girl” program, we will do our best to supply towels to these individuals from our ministry center and through school programs that we hold. In one month, we supply 600-800 packets of pads.

We also encourage girls to acquire life skills to teach them that they have value and to empower them to earn income from the skills they have learned. Some of the skills we teach them include making juice and cooking. Sometimes our work is to link them with local established institutions, especially those where they can learn more advanced skills.

Our Plea:

Our budget for this program is \$800 dollars. Your \$30 gift will help provide a one month supply of sanitary pads and help us get in touch with more women who are facing the same difficulties.

3. Churches and School Outreach

We all have a call to evangelize. Jesus called out his disciples to reach out to every living creature. In his time on earth, he would send them out to villages and towns to declare the word of God to them.

As Christians, we do not want to let that fire die down. Our ministry has a heart for missions and discipleship. Other than reaching out to individuals and the community, we also reach out to institutions; in this case, schools and local churches.



In schools, we link up with their Christian Unions, and through the department, we will develop small Bible Study groups to encourage students to read the word. Additionally, we urge the students to meet once a week to read scriptures together.

As we disciple youth and young adults, we encourage them to invite a friend to the Bible study, which is also creating a way for the youngsters to evangelize to their peers.

When it comes to discipling churches, we reach out to the local church leaders. Our work is to encourage them to get out of the four-corner building and evangelize to various communities.

Some of the things we do to help these individuals include:

- Teaching them the importance of evangelism and missions
- We purchase the New International Version (NIV) Bibles for them since most of them cannot afford them. Some own old Bibles with torn pages.
- Note that most of these pastors use vernacular languages to reach out to people, speaking in the language or dialect of that particular area.

Our plea:

In spite of our efforts to reach out to them, it has been challenging to get manuals and Bibles that they can use. Our target is to raise funds to purchase at least 25 Bibles each month, with each copy costing around \$18.

Therefore, with your \$18 gift, we will be a blessing, and building someone faith through by supplying them with a bible.

Think about BEN

Ben's story is just but a small highlight. We have others that come with complicated stories, and sometimes, these numbers can overwhelm us. Running on a tight budget, there are even more children and families that we are unable to reach out to who would be in need of assistance.

Since we want to reach out to them in the best way possible, we challenge you to take part in this noble task, of **joining with us to meet our fundraising goals on Giving Tuesday, November 27th!**

Your donations will provide:

- Meals for the kids program
- Shoes for children
- Sanitary towels for girls
- Life skills training for girls
- Life skills for all youth
- Outreach to more communities and institutions through evangelism
- Training for spiritual leaders

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