



Calvary Greetings,

It occurred to me just how giving to a Gospel cause in itself is a picture in reality of the truth of God's love. Last month, we were coming from the mission field in one of the villages. We met a young mother with two children carrying luggage on her head with carrying her children and we could see they came from far. Something prompted me to say hello to her and I asked her if I could help her carry the luggage on her head to allow her to carry her other child. She then turned and looked at me surprisingly wondering how a stranger asked to help her to carry the luggage. She smiled at the question and allowed us to take the luggage and we carried the luggage for her just close to her home in the village before we parted ways she asked, "What do I owe you for helping me?" I looked at her in her eyes, thought for a moment, and told her, "You do not owe me anything for the time we spent as we were walking it has been made possible through God's Grace and Jesus has paid it all in full and through our dear ones who make our ministry possible through their love, engagements, prayers and financial support, THAT'S IT."

The message of the Gospel is that we do not have any debt from our sin, 'Jesus paid it all'. We just have to believe the Good News and receive the gift of redemption.

As we were walking with this lady we took the liberty to share with her about Christ. That which brought her to a place of the realization that she needs a Saviour. As God's servants here in Kenya through youngsters for Christ, we believe our lifestyle should be an act of worship and devotion to God. To all those that God brings our way to minister to. This is made possible through your love and sacrificial giving.



This is our ministry building center in the middle of the slum with a sign in front.

Serving in the Vineyard of Christ takes a passionate heart for the people around you. By honoring the call of the Great Commission in the Kibera slum which is known to be the largest slum in Africa. We continue to see great opportunities for sharing the word of God through different programs and activities one among others is the need to reach out to the young girls in the slums and the villages. A girl who has reached that age of maturity lives in so much suffering and shame, especially at that time of their menstrual cycle. You'd find due to a lack of sanitary hygiene pads will look for rugged clothes, to protect the blood flow and go through so much shame and embarrassment because she can't work well. Fearing for anything that may happen. Choosing to stay inside the shanties or mud houses for some days because of the periods. An example of what these girls go through during this crucial time of the month.

This is one among so many of the girls that we minister to, through a program called Dignify a Girl. She's a single mother of one child she has undergone so many operations due to the rape cases however she did open up to our leadership team and told them that she got raped when she went to ask for some help to buy a pad from someone whom she thought was a friend. This is just one case among so many others of young girls going through so much pain. As a mission here with so few resources, we try what we can to step in to

be true and open friends to share with them God's word even with some of them. We visit their homes and pray with your family members as we donate a monthly pad sometimes finding in a household two or three sisters. Sometimes when we can, are urged to come through where we can. Though the main thing beyond the donation of hygiene pads, we share with them God's word. Each month these girls come to our ministry center building



This one among so many of the girls sitting next to her son. That our mission team has been an encouragement to them through the pain and horror they have gone through. She among other volunteers swept and tidied up the building. Next to her are the pads we had her previously for months past.

Ladies Outreach Program

As much as the majority of the boy children living in the slum, many are found in bad groups, in wrong environments and most are doing drugs, I also believe that the girl child is also under the same threat. Girls in this area do not go to school. More boys attend school than girls when you compare the numbers in a class due to peer pressure, early pregnancy, or drugs.

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 rugs as 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. On a monthly basis, we help to support using 600-800 packets of pads. Even as we do so we find this to be an opportunity to share God's Word which helps them to purify their minds and hearts so they can be agents of positive change.

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 appeal for this program "Dignify a Girl" is any kind of help. This will help provide these girls with a sanitary towel.

Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel in an environment where people need much hope to live. May God multiply your gift for the glory of HIS name.

Asante Sana.

¹⁴ How then are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? How are they to believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ But how are they to preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who ^[j]bring good news of good things!"

¹⁶ However, they did not all heed the ^[k]good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word ^[l]of Christ.

Romans 10:14-17

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