

2017 – Q3



STREAMS

Quarterly Report

Birthing life, wherever we flow.

Flowing rivers is a charitable organisation founded in 2010, and we oversee various projects.

This is our quarterly report, purposed to provide an update on our projects and share our journey, as we are in this together!

Our desire is to continue to equip young adults with the tools needed for leadership and servanthood development in their communities,

locally, nationally, and internationally.

It is our belief that the church is a representation of the extended hand of The Lord to humanity in love, expressed through teachings, healing, humanitarian support, economic empowerment, and leadership development for posterity.



Our mission is to preach Christ at all times and only if necessary, use words!

NEWS FLASH!!!

We're off on a missionary trip to Kenya NEXT MONTH, read on to see how you can be a part of the success story!

Elderly People Project



The time came to say goodbye to one of our residents this quarter, who has moved onto independent living, during our last visit. On the contrary, we welcomed three new residents and we received feedback from them, they'd love for us to visit more often! As you can imagine this is exciting news and such an encouragement as we continue to preach Christ.

Street Missions

"I have been involved with street mission for around four months now and I am enjoying being a part of the project.



I haven't been involved in anything like this before, I like that it is so raw and personal in its approach of helping people. Also, with the group of people I have been volunteering alongside, you can see that they've come to help

because they genuinely care about those less fortunate.

One Sunday that touched my heart was when a man who had come for food stayed with us to pray and ended up leading the prayer that evening at which point he became emotional when he was thanking us in his prayer.

Up until that point I had underestimated the difference the project makes in people's lives; in an instant because they have a hot meal, but also the seed it sows in them knowing that they have people who consistently come out and care about them."

Shannon (Volunteer)



#KENYA2017



Child Sponsorship

The child sponsorship team is thanking God for his faithfulness during another quarter. We continue to write letters to the children we sponsor and are always excited when we hear back from them.

We received a letter from Vanessa Asami, who is 14 years old and lives in the orphanage with her sister Lyan. Prior to being taken in by Sure24, life became difficult for the two sisters when their mother was involved in a car accident, which led to one of her arms being amputated, and subsequently their father no longer wanted anything to do with their mother or his two daughters and made them

leave home. However, with the help of Flowing Rivers and Sure24, both girls are now being looked after and have a happy and bright future ahead.



We also received a letter from six-year-old Ian Obama 'Obama'. He and his younger sister Eunice also live at Sure24 and attend the school there. Both their parents are deceased and when we first

met Obama, he was suffering from a very serious and rather unpleasant looking ear infection. But with the help of Flowing Rivers' medical team, the necessary treatment was bought for him immediately and now there is no sign of the infection. The siblings are both growing into beautiful, energetic children.



How missions changed my life!

Anne Says, “As I was turning 25, I looked back at my life and thought about things that I could be proud of... nothing major came to mind. I thought of how much time I'd wasted, not walking in line with what I'd been called to do and not investing in the lives that need it the most. Going on missions with Flowing Rivers has given me the opportunity to walk in line with the God-given purpose for my life and I'm finally doing something that I can be proud of! It has allowed me to realise just how much of a heart I have for orphans, and children in general, and has further confirmed that God has called me to this particular ministry for His Glory. My life changed completely, following my first ever mission trip to Kenya. I felt like I'd been given a new lease of life. I now had a vision, a purpose, and an end goal; my 'why' had been birthed and it is what gets me up every morning two years later.



If not for this opportunity to go out to Kenya with Flowing Rivers, I often wonder if I'd still be thinking, at the age of 27, whether I'd done anything with my life worth writing about? Whose life I'd impacted? Who would be living differently, because of me stepping out in faith? I thank God that is not my story! Before I am to

be married and give birth to my own kids, I have over 200 children in Kenya whom I love and adore. I've learnt how to love like a mother even before having held a child in my own womb.”

Kemi Says, “My time spent on missions with Flowing Rivers has got to be one of my most treasured moments to date! The children I met were beautiful inside and out and their stories moved and inspired me. I had the opportunity to serve at the orphanage in various capacities but I enjoyed singing with the children's choir most of all. They are truly a talented bunch of children and are very loving. Even though we were there to help, believe the time at the orphanage helped me to become a more grounded and content person. Since taking part in missions with Flowing Rivers, I think a lot about my purpose and what my contribution to this world is supposed to be. I was encouraged by Sammy Nawali's story and his conviction about why he believes is here. The concept of walking in purpose has become so much more urgent to me now because, just like Sammy, when I fulfill my destiny, the lives of others could be greatly impacted for the better.”



Tessa Says, “Going to Kenya was one of the best decisions I have made thus far. I didn't know being part of this mission trip would change my life completely. Hearing about Sure24, and how Flowing Rivers sponsored 4 children at the time, I just knew I had to meet them. I have learnt that joy and happiness comes from within despite what you have gone through or what you are going through. Material things will not take that pain away but GOD's LOVE will.



Going to the dumpsite and seeing how people lived and made their living, I couldn't but think that this is how the western world portrays Africa. However, I learnt how to be grateful for the little things you get in life. A bag of rice may seem like the norm to me but for them it's luxury, a privilege, a full meal.

The most important thing I've gained from the experience is to preach Christ wherever we go! People need to hear the Good News and that in Christ there is hope and only He can change your circumstances.”





further contributions to help us over the finish line.

I will also be taking a team to help facilitate the youth week in the local church in Nakuru, teaching on diverse subjects from hygiene to improving your prayer life. Additionally, we will run a medical camp this year but our focus will be training the teachers to help the work within the secondary school.

In conclusion, I'd like to thank you once again for all your efforts but we are not there yet. If you would like to contribute towards this year's Kenya mission trip in November, contact us directly via email, speak to one of my associates or donate via the link below. As I always say, "The greatest investment in life, is the investment in a life".

In His service
Pastor Samson Baptist



To get involved in any capacity, please email us at info@flowingriversfoundation.org, our team are readily available to provide further information and response to your queries.

To contribute financially towards any of our projects, please feel free to use our online donating system on our Giving Page:

www.flowingriversfoundation.org/giving

We hope your 2017 has been a great one and we look forward to your continued support throughout the year.

The Story Continues...

Dear friends,

It's been a pleasure to update you on the work that your support has afforded us to accomplish so far in 2017. Our Food Bank support has grown, we've developed a greater working relationship with the care home, we're serving more and more homeless people on the streets of London and making significant changes to lives with our international missions.

Our 44 kids in South Africa are doing well and some (20) will be getting ready for graduation into primary school next September, something we would like to be a part of.

The political climate in Kenya is still of concern since the elections in August. The violence that ensued on the streets resulting in indiscriminate vandalism and fatalities interfered with the conference that I was scheduled to speak at resulting in me being re-routed to Dubai.

Accordingly, we ask for your

prayers for us as we embark on another mission trip at the end of this year to continue the work we are doing there with the children. Saiboku, one of our sponsored children, has been fully adopted by an American missionary which is a bitter sweet situation for us. It's great that she gets to live an even more catered for life however we will miss her greatly.

By the time we begin working our next edition, we will be able to unveil the industrial oven made possible by the generosity of one of our partners. The new equipment will generate income for the orphanage, part time employment for the older kids (when they're not in school), and of course bread and cakes for the Sure24 family.

We previously reported back to you about the partial completion of the secondary school that we have been contributing to and we are going to complete it this time. Your generosity, as always, has helped us to get to this stage, however, I humbly request for

