

## TUNZA REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2010

The month of September was truly filled with various activities in relation to the well being and life of the Tunza Kids. The kids reopened their schools for the third term 2010 and this came with its own challenges as well. For instance, the issue of school fees and shopping back to school was quite hard to intervene because whenever the kids miss school, they all look up to us yet we are limited to only offer moral support at that juncture.

As we have repeatedly stated before in our reports, the kids are on their path to full growth and this has been our continued joy. We have been looking forward to embark on long term goals and strategies that will enhance the holistic growth of the kids.

The kids in Tunza need, most if not all, the very basic needs that every other child would require to grow aptly. When all these are given to them, then moral issues will be easier to address. So we continually call upon your kind support so that we may instill the required discipline and morality that is conducive for their well being and success in life. We have made various inputs to ensure that our goals for the good behavior and morality as well as spiritual resources of the kids are achieved. Some of the attempts we have made include the following:

Our objective to have the centre absorbed by a stable Bible believing church is really bearing fruits. This initiative began in August when we had the kids attend a Daily Vacation Bible School at Nairobi Pentecostal Church - Ngong for a week during their holiday. It was an event worth attending in that most of their time was well spent and utilized and more so they were modeled biblically in addition to the t-shirts donated to the children.

Secondly, we have been working towards establishing a Sunday service for the children and the workers every Sunday and this has finally come to a success and we had our first service yesterday. The church in collaboration with Collins will be sending at least two ministers every Sunday to conduct Bible teachings and a Bible study every Sunday. These and other programs like music training through the church will help us achieve a whole spectrum of modeling, mentoring, life coaching and psychological counseling for the kids hence attain

an whole-built young men and women from the centre. There are key life principles that would better be instilled in life through Bible teachings using Jesus Christ as their role model and heroes of faith like King David, Abraham and Apostle Paul. As we apply our psychological counseling approaches, we also need other spiritual resources for the healthy character formation of the kids.

Moreover, Collins managed to organize a group of youths from the church to visit and spend time with the kids on 25th of September and this was fruitful too because they carried with them a few goodies for the children as well as the quality time they spend with kids. The group is willing and planning to pay more visits to the centre and this is really helpful because many of the youths are university students and therefore act as role models to the kids as they conduct sessions with the kids. Many shared their life experiences as well as giving academic talks and life excellence tips.

Moreover, we have also pushed to have a management board for the centre and finally this has been fruitful as we look forward for more members because only 6 made it to the first meeting on 18th September. We had Becky absorbed in as one of the trustees in the board which is a big move for us to reach the top leadership and discuss on the various issues affecting the morality of the kids. These were the activities we managed to achieve besides our usual Saturday counseling sessions at the centre.

We are looking forward for great success and moral well being of the kids. Again please we appreciate your continued support towards the success of this program. We also have a special request to you that we also long to continually remain relevant and effective in our counseling program and this call for us to be equipped more with new and current life coach skills offered by a certified and recognized organization in Nairobi. But the challenge is that the fees or charges for the "Life Coach Skills" are Kshs 20, 000 or \$250 for 3 months. This is a very thorough-going course for all counselors who seek to be relevant to the society today. We therefore ask for your kind support for us to enroll.

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