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Wesley's Visit

Kampala School of Excellence Children's Home this month received Wesley Cardew Smith who is in Uganda for a number of activities. Wesley who arrived in the country on 5th October 2009 was welcomed at Entebbe Airport by KSEM Director Daniel Ntale and the Administrator Moses Kalanzi. He was later taken to the children's home where he was welcomed by its happy residents. He was involved with the children in their evening activities including games and study. He was accorded a guided tour of Kampala by Simon one of the older KSEM boys. Wesley introduced rugby to the children and was stunned by their quick adaptability to the game. He came along with him a number of items including books, games, a music system, solar lights, a badminton set and scholastic materials.

Wesley also went with the children for an outing at Lido beach on Lake Victoria where they had a wonderful time playing rugby on the sand and swimming in the lake.

He later visited the prestigious UMA trade fair at Lugogo where he met the ladies who make beads before he embarked on his journey to Soft power in Jinja

Wesley's Visit in pictures



Playing rugby with the children



With Richard and his brother at a rugby game.



Playing badminton at the Home



with Daniel and Moses at Soft Power Jinja.

Community work

On the Saturday morning of 24th October 2009, a group of 12 KSEM boys rose up to action by rendering voluntary service to St. Cecilia Nursery School located in Rubaga Musigula Zone, approximately 500 meters away from the KSEM home. Established in the early 1970s, St. Cecilia has taught hundreds of children who have now grown into responsible parents and citizens of Uganda. Such great service and excellence has been achieved behind the sacrificial, selfless and hardworking personality of Mrs. B. Nayiga who founded the school and has up to now not given up. The work was to include sweeping the classes, mopping, cleaning the windows, benches, curtains and washing some clothing.

After three hours of work, the team was served with tea and bread after which Mrs. Nayiga offered counselling and wise advice to the young members. She cautioned them not to ignore God during moments of joy and sad ones as well. She further encouraged them to work hard alongside not undermining any work. The session was closed with a thanksgiving prayer led by Bongole Patrick (Project delivery officer P.D.O) who thanked the Almighty God for the life and service of Mrs. Nayiga and for God's provision and guidance in the running of St. Ceclila Nursery School.

Pictures of the event



KSEM Team that worked that day

Below are the pictures of what they did.



Arrival of consignment

Finally the long awaited consignment of donated books, clothes and games reached the KSEM Home on the evening of 26th October 2009. The consignment which was sent in July 2009 consisting of children's books, clothes and games was received by the children who were overjoyed by the number of items they received. The items are donations from different individuals who are friends and supporters of KSEM based in the United Kingdom. The individuals through Daniels Dream Charity have been fundraising for the KSEM childrens' home since 2008 and have donated a number of items which have been helpful to the children .

The children led by the KSEM Director then held a thanksgiving prayer thanking the good Lord for enabling KSEM friends and supporters to assist the children. The Director thanked the KSEM friends and supporters of Daniels Dream Charity for the support.



The consignment on arrival



Clothes



Playing boots



Bags



Shoes



Games



Story Books



Education progress

We are pleased to report that some of our members will be sitting for their primary leaving examinations in November. The 3 members Ssebunnya Abdul, Ssekitto Abdul and Ssebuufu Manfred will be sitting their examinations on the 2nd and 3rd November 2009. Meanwhile other members are proceeding on well with their studies and they are expected to break off for their holidays after their end of term examinations starting in late November.

Challenges

Despite a number of achievements this month, we faced a number of challenges some of which have been tackled and others yet to be solved. These have included

1. Malaria

While all the children have protective mosquito nets, a number of children were affected by malaria. The cases were reported by the Home warden and all the children received immediate medical attention with the exception of one child Kateregga Ibrahim who was admitted in hospital to undergo special treatment because of the severity of his condition.

Also another child Muwonge Ben received special medical attention for malaria. He had also had an accident when a coffee bean he was playing with slid into his ear. He has recovered and is back at school.

2. Safety(Power installations)

It has come to our attention that the power installation system at the home is faulty. This poses a threat to the safety of its residents. The same issue was raised by Jill as an observation during her visit to the Home this year. Solving of the anomaly requires re-installation.

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