



Urban Development Programme (UDP) Nairobi

The Urban Development Programme (UDP) of All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi, was founded in 1991 in order to support 350 families who were displaced from their homes in slum demolitions and re-located to an informal settlement called Kayole.

Today the programme works in partnership with Kayole residents on a wide range of community development projects in the informal settlement. Up to now they have constructed 120 domestic latrines, laid community water pipes, installed water tanks (for times of drought), introduced free school meals, set up small income-generating projects, community health care programmes and the “Tujinue” Young Mothers’ Self-Help group.

Louise Githire (pictured right with Community Leader Lucy Irungu) acts as UDP Coordinator, supported by CMSI Mission Associate, Isabelle Prondzynski.



Tujisaidie School One of the main focuses of the project is the Tujisaidie (= “Let’s help ourselves”) Community Centre School, which currently educates almost 400 children from the slum in a full nursery, pre-unit and primary school up to the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) normally taken at age 14.

The principal John Omondi [left] is a former pupil at the school and is one of 27 children that Lucy (above right) took into her own home - alongside her own 7 children - to ensure they got a good education. Through a CMSI sponsorship scheme John went on to secondary school and then to teacher training college. Other former pupils have gone on to university studying Theology, Media Studies, Civil Engineering, Economics, Statistics, Computer Studies, Journalism, Urban Ministry & Nursing.

The 2017 CMSI Children’s Resource “Growing in God” was focused on Tujisaidie, and funds raised are being used in 2018 to upgrade the school buildings to meet standards set the County authorities so they can be registered for KCPE examinations.

Recently the younger generation in the area have emulated their elders and formed major groups, such as the “Tumaini African Foundation” (TAF), set up by Lucy’s son Antony to provide mentoring for the children of the area. This includes a programme called, “More than just a meal”, where hundreds of children receive lunch and teaching on a Saturday. Once a fortnight, they also prepare and cook a meal for the elderly community members.



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