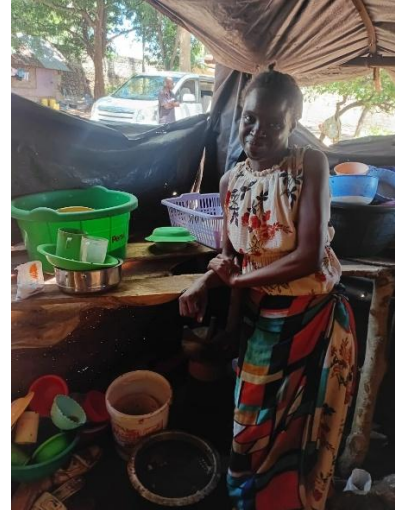


HOME VISITS BRIEF



Ibrahim and Steven with their mother receiving the Dzarino team and getting their gift.



Ibrahim's mother in their kitchen at home



Steven's bedroom at home



The fireplace in their house where they cook



Ibrahim and Steven with their mother

Yesterday we had a chance to visit the Mwangolo family. We had previously written about Steven and Ibrahim Mwangolo to tell you of their good performance in school. This time we took opportunity to go and see where they live. It was a big surprise for them to see us visit them and they were all very happy.

Both Steven and Ibrahim live with their mother and their four siblings in their house. Steven is in grade 3 while Ibrahim is in grade 2. Their eldest brother lives alone with his family away from home. Their mother is single and separated from her husband. While Steven and Ibrahim go to school, their other three siblings try and get odd jobs when they can so as to make a living. Their mother also struggles to feed her family and make ends meet. Given her health condition she cannot do jobs that demand her energy much. She however tries to get what she can do so as to make a living. Their house is basically a mud house with some walls made of plastic paper. It becomes a big challenge whenever the rains are on. However, in

spite of all these conditions, Steven and Ibrahim have taken it upon themselves to work hard in school so that they can grow up and become well earning professionals in future.



Ibrahim showing great joy to receive visitors from Dzarino



Steven and Ibrahim standing next to the Dzarino car



Justus and Everlyne are proud to show where they sleep



This is where Justus sleeps



Justus and Everlyne outside their house



Everlyne and Justus with their mother and father and little sister receiving their gift



A local worktop constructed to hold their dishes at home. The fireplace where all the cooking is done.



Justus next to his mother and Everlyne in front of her father outside their home. The altarplace in the church, now broken

We visited the home of Justus Karani Moses and Everlyne Kibibi Moses near the quarry. Justus and Everlyne are both in grade 2 in school and live with their parents and three siblings at home. They all live in one small room. Their father used to be a caretaker of a church and was given this room to live in. The church was later broken after the landlord wanted to take possession of his property. Justus, Everlyne and their brother who also goes to school, use this as a table to study and do their homework when at home. Currently only the father works at odd jobs whenever he gets them. Their mother takes care of the small child and their home and does not work.



Moses, Reuben and Mary with their mother and big brother receiving the Dzarino visitors and their gift. Reuben and Mary with big brother



Moses with his mother outside the door to their house. The room and mattress used by all children to sleep

The Dzarino team also visited another family living near the quarry. This is where Moses Amani Charo, Mary Zawadi Charo and Reuben Munga Charo live. Reuben is in grade 3, Mary is in grade 1 and Moses is in pre-primary 2 (PP2). They live in this house with their mother and five other brothers and sisters all who go to school except one who started working recently as a guard. Their father who used to be the breadwinner passed on two years ago living a helpless family as the mother never used to work and took care of the children at home and their home. After the father passed on, the mother had to find a means to earn a daily living so that she could feed her children and this was a great challenge. The church had to step in to assist them and introduced the family to Dzarino to assist in sponsoring the children. The children are very well mannered and perform well in school.



Ali Matano at home



Ali Matano with his mother and siblings



Ali Matano receiving the gift from Dzarino



The one room that makes up their home



The bed that is shared by the family at night



The sitting area outside the house where the kitchen is

Meet Ali Matano. Ali Matano is one of the children in the Elimu-Kwa-Wote program. Ali Matano is in grade 1. He is the first-born child in a family of three children. Ali lives with both his parents and his two siblings. The parents do odd jobs whenever they get them so as to make ends meet. The house they live in is basically a mud house of just one room where the whole family all sleep. Even though the roof is built of corrugated iron sheets, the ceiling is all open and lets in rain during the rainy season. There is no proper kitchen where they can cook and they basically cook outside on three stones. The outside porch also serves as a sitting area. It is not uncommon to see Ali Matano's mother move in people's compounds in search of firewood. Even though we haven't really heard of Ali Matano going without food, their family story is one of desperation.



Fanuel, Fancy and Florence receiving their gift from Dzarino



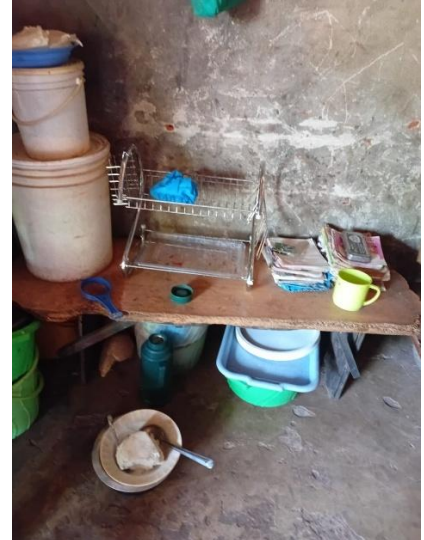
The room where Fanuel, Fancy and Florence sleep



The kitchen area at their home



The fireplace outside where cooking is done



The kitchen looks neat and well kept

Here we are at the home of Fanuel Muvera Tuva, Fancy Furaha Tuva and Florence Santa Tuva. All the three siblings are in the Elimu-Kwa Wote program. Fanuel is in grade 3, Fancy is in grade 2 and Florence is class PP1. They are extremely disciplined children. They live with their parents and four siblings in a two roomed house in the slums of Mtwapa. Their father is a mason and occasionally gets jobs to do. The mother sells fruits and vegetables so as to make ends meet and ensure that their family has enough to eat. When there is no job, the family faces great challenges. When we visited the home we only found the three siblings with their young sister alone at home with a neighbour making occasional checks to see that everything is well with the children. Their parents and elder siblings had all gone out to get some work to do.



Elizabeth, Elvina and Faith Thoya with their mum and siblings



Elvina, Faith and Elizabeth outside their home



Elvina, Faith and Elizabeth receiving their gift from Dzarino. Elvina in their single roomed house

Here we have Elvina Thoya (grade 3), Elizabeth Thoya (grade 3) and Faith Thoya (grade 2), all in the Elimu-Kwa-Wote program. We gave them all a surprise visit at their home and found them with their parents who they live together with. They also have five other siblings, three of whom haven't started school. Their eldest sibling who is a boy, goes out in search of odd jobs to do. The parents also both do odd jobs in spite of their mum having given birth at the end of last year. This is done so as to make ends meet. They tell us that they all keep their hair short so as to ward off expenses of taking care of their hair.



Penina Fondo with her grandmother and sister



Patrick Fondo at school



Penina Fondo outside their house



Inside the single roomed house



Another section of the room

We visited the house of Patrick Fondo and Penina Fondo in the slums. Patrick Fondo is in grade 2 while Penina Fondo is in grade 1. Patrick and Penina are in the Elimu-Kwa-Wote program and have been living with their mother and sister who is still small to go to school. Their father had an accident and decided that he will live in their rural home in Bamba. We have had great challenges dealing with this family because of not being able to get the parents. Many times, the children would be left alone to fend for themselves because the mother has gone off to work in town and lives there where she works. But we found out that they have a responsible grandmother who would think of them and come and live with them. Currently this is the situation at this home. The house is a mud house and they live in one room which has been rented. The grandmother moves around selling fruits and vegetables so as to provide for the children. Because of not being looked after, many times the children remain unclean. We were about to let go of them from the program but we thought otherwise and are seeking assistance on how we can deal with the errant mother.



Emmanuel and John together with their mum and brother receive their gift from Dzarino. Emmanuel at school



John at school



Their single roomed house



The fireplace for cooking outside the house

We then visited Emmanuel Alfred and John Alfred who live in one of the farms in Mtwapa. Both Emmanuel and John are in the Elimu-Kwa-Wote Program. Emmanuel is in grade 3 while John is in grade 1. Both love school very much and are always eager to go to school. They live with both their parents and their young brother in a one bedroomed house on the farm. The parents do odd jobs whenever they get them so as to make a living and ensure that there is food for the children. The parents are eager to have a business which can give them good returns for a living. Both children are very well mannered.