

Newsletter

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We another two months have passed at an amazing rate and thankfully, as we prepare to visit, Kenya has calmed down. All our contacts have said the same, how things are back to normal. I know we hear of the odd skirmish, but that is Kenya and Africa come to that. We are so thankful to all those who have been ensuring that the children are well looked after, especially at this time.

We have heard some great news though. About 10 of our kids are now at school and thoroughly enjoying themselves, we are told. Thomas managed to get a couple of schools to accept the children without school uniform. This is a minor miracle in itself as generally they are only accepted if they wear a uniform. I can't wait to catch up with them and we plan to visit the schools and see them there, and thank the Head Teachers for their help.

We also heard that Alex, the 6yr old lad with the seriously damaged leg, was going to hospital and needed to be in for nearly 4 weeks. So the cost of treatment would be about £400. Thankfully we were blessed by a generous donation which covered the cost and I am pleased to tell you that the operation was a success and he is now out of hospital and his wound is healing. We can thank God for this as his life was in danger and Thomas wrote to say a big thank you to those people (you know who you are!) as "you have saved his life". We are now praying that his health continues to improve. He was diagnosed with Chronic Osteomyelitis, bit is making good progress.

May I remind you all, of our website. If you could go onto it on occasion and show interest in some of the advertised offer that google have placed on there. You only need to click on them and google will pay us a small amount. So if everyone were to do this we could get a fair amount of money. And every little helps. When I last looked we were up to 80\$. They will send us the money once we reach our first 100\$. So get clicking for us please.

I hope you enjoy the article that Malloy has written for us about the street boys "fishing" exploits. He has such a wonderful heart for the youngsters and they really respect him. In fact he is also trying to make arrangements for us to be able to meet the street kids where they hang out. I am sure he will be telling us many more real life stories in the future.



Rewards of "fishing"

Fishing in the street drainage patterns

As Malloy sent it

The street life is one of the interesting and learning experience, that makes my heart drippl each day I wake up. Each one of us has a schedule of activities where i he/she must focus for the day. This time, what would you think "fishing in the streets" mean? Does it mean to you that you get a net and start the activity hauling through or what would it mean?

Points to note is that there is no lake, swamp, fish pond nor frequently flowing river in the streets and by so, the street families more so street boys are very happy whenever it rains. Each day either by bad luck, mistake or nature there are a few coins (Ksh), bracelets, rings and other metallic substances that fall or you lose. This is a big harvest for the boys. As we pittly losing such items, they also pray for that.

Immediately it starts raining, some of the boys wear nylon sacks on their heads, the get to the Culverts (junctions) where drainage patterns meet and start the fishing activity. Not that it is very rare to find experts of this activity seated or sheltered. They are very busy laying nets! This is where they place the tiny-holed wire-mesh that is mostly used in the ventilation of houses to stop mosquitoes and other harmful insects from getting in the house.

Remember, like storms in the lake and oceans, there are also in the streets. There are times there are torments and in order to capture that, they load blocks of stones to support the strength of the nets to maximize the harvest. At least for one catch, they are able to get from Ksh. 50 - 250 coins per boy while on the other hand from the metallic substances, they take them as scraps and take them to the vendors who intern give them between Ksh. 10 - 30 per kilogram depending on the type of metal and need. This gives them a smile for each day to eat and be proud of who they are.

It is sad for the other authorities in charge of drainage systems, the sewage and other patterns block frequently but who does this? Nobody can be traced rather than to be kept busy also to unblock them.

In order to avoid coming into contact with man and any other sewage, they conduct a research where the direct sewage lines are and avoid them as well as are "Hawk Eyed" each time constructions and repairs are being done, they are part and parcel of the monitoring team without a pay and so they are part of strategists on how to go about the "Fishing In the Streets in the Drainage patterns."

Working such characters and talents, we can be able to produce the best Engineers ever to support the community. There are also more talents that will require more funds to support. Two hands are better than one, we call in for well-wishers to ensure that their dreams are met.



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