



MAMA ORPHANS CHILDREN'S HOME (MOCH)

Giving education, hope, empowerment and quality life to orphans

Newsletter

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MOCH DISCOVERS GREAT TALENTS



Traditional dancers performing during the end of year show.

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MOCH feels that this is a new dawn of light for the children as this will go along way in developing their psychosocial wellbeing and social capacities.

The on going interaction with people outside the home may help promote their language and cognitive development. As they grow, they require friendships with same-aged peers and to belong to a social and cultural associations like educational, sporting activities or even social groups. As it was a month of festivities, hidden potentials in different areas were tapped and so MOCH is humbled to introduce to you, traditional dancers, drama, creative designers and models, modern dance group, and the choir.

Dear Friends,

MOCH in its Endeavour to support, educate and empower orphans, carries out the following activities: -

- Orphan Care
- Community empowerment and re-integration of orphans
- HIV-AIDS programs
- Entrepreneurship and community outreach
- Life skills and Vocational training
- Memory book project and widows support
- The girl-child project
- Education and Sports
- Volunteer orientation and placements

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Colleen on the runway. Dec 20th

PEN-FRIENDS



Writing letters to pen-friends

Children at MOCH like to communicate and make friends regardless of race or boundaries. They couldn't be much happier when they received a bunch of letters from children at strawberry church in Canada as well as creative art -paper work from 4th surdel-scouts of Canada. It was a moment when they sat down to write back. This kind of interaction with peers across the globe enhances their communication in English and helps strengthen their sense of belonging knowing that they are surrounded by other children who love and care for them. Hope is also nurtured in these relationships!



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THE GIRLS CLUB

The girl- child is considered as a vulnerable species in our society and therefore all mechanism should be put in place to protect their well being. During the holiday season, the club was able to visit different locations both to learn and to socialize. This was also used as a forum to discuss issues affecting their lives. Currently MOCH is in search of partners willing to form support groups for girls as well as networks of the same.





A BLISSFULL MONTH

THE CHOIR

The children with no doubt had the opportunity to sing their hearts out in places they were invited to. The singing took place mostly in churches, just like everyone else who began performing started in the church! Most of the songs they sing are original as they are locally composed in the orphanage. The themes are usually about issues affecting their lives and when they perform they do it with passion. Some people shed tears during their performances. Like dancing, they have been divided into two groups. They baby's group and the teens. The teens are aged between 11 to 17 years. Although they sing without accompanying instruments, they give it their best shot. Singing is something most children would like to do and it needs a breakthrough or an opportunity to try it out. The opportune time came last December as the orphans used Christmas as a platform to showcase their God given talents to produce sweet melodies for all to hear. They have a hope to sing even in bigger churches all over the world and as they say the sky may not even be the limit. They know that education is the key to a better life and also believe that making music can also take one places.



The main choir



Singing with passion

VOLUNTEERS: Is your heart without borders?



The children admiring xmas gifts (goats and sheep) from George, Betty Annie and

To crown it all, MOCH was blessed to have special 'volunteers' who took their time to come and spend the whole month of December with the orphans. It takes one with a big heart to be away from loved ones just to come and be with the orphans. The two couples, the Langtrys and Christensen's surprised each and every child with a gift bag full of goodies on the eve of Christmas. Thereafter, we danced the night out and not even age was a barrier. It was all fun and laughter as the volunteers played and integrated well into the African way a festive month. A visit from an Australian family en-route to Uganda also graced the occasion as the children were elated and delighted to host the group.



A young member of the Australian family. Below: George preparing "ugali" for the kids.

Regardless of age, race, religion or occupation, volunteers are welcomed to the orphanage whereas accommodation is guaranteed.



Dancing on the eve of Christmas.



At Christmas, we are this one big and huge family. We hope that those who wish to join the children during festive seasons like Easter and December or anytime to email us in advance.



Mama Orphans Children's Home

Children's activities.

pictorials



dancing



Mama with the Visiting family



IRENE!

The choir in Uganda, relaxing after a performance



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Mulder with Komba



Teen orphans



the dance troupe



Xmas gift pack from Edukans-dutch students



Inside a track (lorry) after performing

As we usher in the new year, 2010, we express our gratitude to all those who helped make 2009 a success!!!

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