



Viewpoint

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Editor's Note

The Library Team launched into 2019 with a lot of energy, read here about the many activities they run each week. Turning Point celebrated its 16th Anniversary in March, staff and children took time to stop, remember and celebrate. With all the change and growth over those 16 years its important to keep going back to the vision and values that guide the work. Read what came out of that process for the team in Kianda. Ed.

A Week At The Library

Every other Monday, 12-year-old Jered joins his friends at the library after school. They meet for a joint mentor session with Coach Brian. Jered loves talking about football with his friends. He never thought about how he could apply what he learned on the pitch to the rest of his life. Like on the pitch, he's responsible for protecting the goal, if he neglects his post the team will lose the game. In life he has responsibilities too and if he neglects them, he will lose out.

Every Tuesday, 2-year-old Maggie comes to listen to stories at the library. She loves how Teacher Rose makes funny voices when the characters talk. She has learned the names of animals as she looks at the big pictures in the colourful books.

9-year-old Caleb looks forward to Fridays. After school he rushes to the library to do art with his friends. He loves drawing, he always doodles in the back of his school books when his teachers aren't looking. At the library he gets to use coloured pencils and felt tips that he doesn't have at school or at home. One time his work was displayed on the library wall.

When 10-year-old Jennifer has homework to do, she hates doing it at home. Her younger brother is always playing loudly with his friends. She sits in the doorway and balances her books on her knees to do her homework because it's too dark inside the house. She likes to go to the library to sit at a table and get her work done undisturbed.

Martha is the chairperson for her 'chama' - a savings group where she saves money from her small business with her friends. Each week she gathers the group together to collect contributions and talk about issues the group is facing. They use the library hall on thursday mornings for their meetings.

The Library runs a host of activities each week for children of different ages and provides space for community groups to meet. From story-time for pre-schoolers to mentorship for teens.



What dreams do you have for your children?



This question was our starting point as we talked about our vision for the kids we work with in Kibera. We had gathered the team at our School Transition Programme who prepare children to return to school.

We talked about wanting our children to be healthy and happy, to be confident, to be kind to others and have friends. We talked about our dreams for them to go to university and get degrees and good jobs. Maybe you have similar dreams for the children in your life.

Just as we have dreams for our own children, our father God has dreams for each of us. He has dreams for each of the children who come to our centres in Kibera every day.

Like Joash*, who is eleven years old and lives with his mum in Kibera. Joash dropped out of school 4 years ago because his mum could not get the money together to enrol him. For four years, he's been out of education, he is so far behind his classmates but he is so eager to learn.

We talked with our team of teachers, cooks and social workers about our mission to demonstrate God's love to vulnerable children in Kibera. As we work with Joash to get him ready to return to school, we show God's love and point him to the hope that God holds out to him.

So when Mary, our cook, wakes early to prepare breakfast for 25 kids, it might look like she's just cooking another meal but actually she is taking part in God's great work in Joash's life.

*Name changed

Our 16th Birthday Celebrations



All the children from the Fountains of Hope School and the School Transition Programme in Kianda gathered together in March to celebrate Turning Point's 16th Anniversary.

Children listened to the story of how it all started and how far we have come. It was wonderful to pause and remember all that God has done. We celebrated with singing, dancing and cake.

Holiday Camps 2019

In the last Viewpoint, we mentioned our target to raise £6,500 to send 100 kids on holiday camp this year. Your response was amazing and we are getting close to reaching our target. Thank you everyone who has enabled a child or children to attend the camp, this will mean so much to them. Our preparations are now in full swing, planning the teaching and activities and finding a venue.

If you would like to help us raise the remaining £1,500 to hit our target, you can give online by following this link: bit.ly/tpcamp2019



The Turning Point Trust is a Christian charity that exists to serve vulnerable children and families living in Kibera (a slum area in Nairobi, Kenya) by creating opportunities for them to develop to their full God-given potential. If you would like more information about our work, or you are interested in supporting us, please use the contact details overleaf.