

supporting women and children of kibera november 2020



WANAWAKE KENYA

# Bulletin

## THE GOOD AND THE BAD OF COVID-19



Primary students studying at the Centre

There is extreme uncertainty here in Kibera as the situation extends to be tougher with the 2nd wave of coronavirus hitting harder. Families continue being hit by the present harsh conditions. It has been hard to plan ahead, even for the government. However, we have experienced numerous blessings during this

period. The pandemic period has made us become a family more than ever. We now look at things differently.

The WKW Centre continues being a busy institution helping children and families of Kibera in numerous ways.

The Centre accommodates students from the primary school to

the university in doing their online studies, revision, and examination, as well as students undertaking the ICT training program. The Centre continues offering tremendous support towards their learning, including the provision of reading materials, laptops and internet. To enhance their comfort at the Centre, all the



Back to school time and happy to have new uniforms!

children get to have a good meal and are putting more weight. It was awesome to see students in grade 4, as well as those in year 8 and year 12, get new uniforms as the old ones could not fit them. They recently went back to school when the government allowed the reopening of the schools.

The counselling and therapy sessions happening at the Centre are proving to be effective with both the children and their parents benefitting a lot. many behavioural issues and intellectual challenges being experienced by some of our children are reducing dramatically. For the past one month, a total of 20 children, as well as their parents, have been helped.

Families continue receiving food parcels regularly. In addition, they are receiving both monetary and non-monetary support such as rent payment and provision of beds. The organisation continues giving utmost support to the women group on its projects.

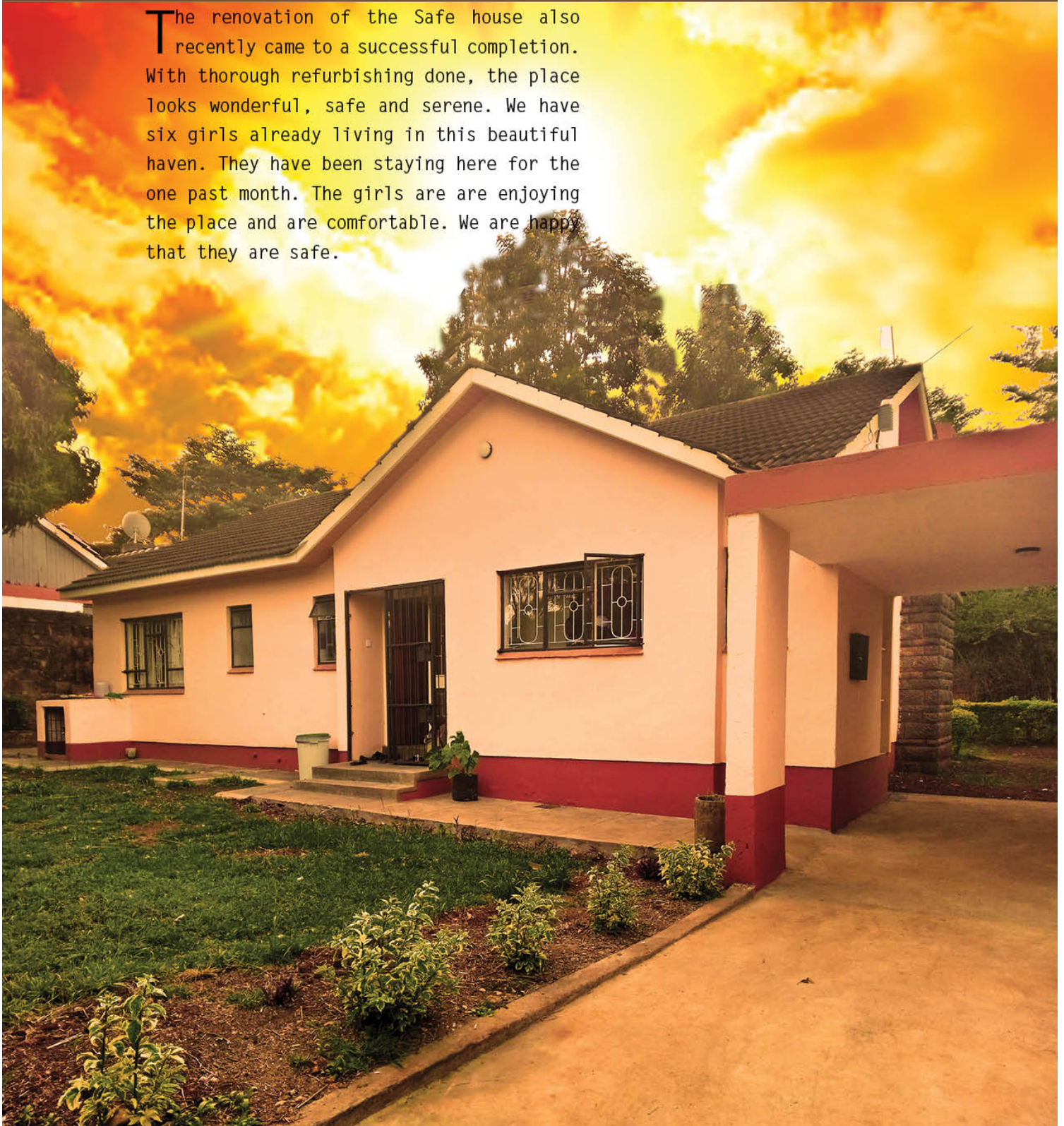
At present, every single and small space is being maximally utilised due to the many activities taking place every single day. It is a blessing indeed to have the Centre as it has immensely aided us in this period and even before. We wholeheartedly appreciate all those who helped in its construction and continually ensure that it is well maintained. Our gratitude also goes to everyone that has supported us in acquiring the Centre materials including the laptops for our students. May you be blessed abundantly.

**Enjoy the purpose of your life as education  
forever expands the scope of your knowledge**

*By Masele Litaba*

# THE SAFE HOUSE

The renovation of the Safe house also recently came to a successful completion. With thorough refurbishing done, the place looks wonderful, safe and serene. We have six girls already living in this beautiful haven. They have been staying here for the one past month. The girls are enjoying the place and are comfortable. We are happy that they are safe.



# COVID-19 AND THE ONLINE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

**M**y name is Kelvin Sereti, a 1st-year student pursuing a BSc in information technology. I am currently carrying on with my online studies at WKW Centre.

Having completed high last year, I was placed at the Dedan Kimathi University of Technology by the government. I was to be admitted and start my classes in May. This was however not possible due to the university shutdown caused by the pandemic. In the month of August, we were virtually admitted and the university switched to virtual classes. I neither had a phone nor a laptop and could not attend the classes. After talking and sharing challenges I was facing to the office, Sr Leonida bought me a phone that really helped me to attend my classes. Being my first time to online platforms to attend classes I felt like all this a scam as it seemed. I was confused for the first few days, participating in group work with my other friends,

while at home. Studying at home in Kibra was also a challenge due to electricity problems as well noise.

Being among the students, I really felt like WKW was an angel sent from heaven. During weekdays we could sit in our beautiful and comfortable study rooms and have our classes.

With the help of the WKW, I can comfortably attend my classes without any obstacles. I always feel like I am physically present at school since the office provides for the student to facilitate a conducive learning environment for everything by the organization. It is four months of online classes and am almost winding up with my first semester virtually. It is with the great help of WKW that all this is possible.

I really thank the organization with the great support of our sponsors through Sr Leonida for the support through all this pandemic period.”

*By Kelvin Sereti*



**Kelvin studying at the Centre**

The WKW office gave a chance to University students who were having online classes to come to the Centre where they could access laptops and internet.

# THE ICT TRAINING PROGRAMME IS BACK!



Ongoing ICT session

In the recent wake of the reopening of learning institutions, the WKW Centre reopened doors for the ICT students. Currently, they are working on their projects which include data handling, cybercafé, printshop and event management. They are happy to be back and have great stories to share.

“How precious it is waking up every morning to attend my computer training. Learning new computer skills daily really motivates me a lot. The beautiful smiles, laughter, and lots of fun in our class from my classmates and teachers are what keeps me moving and

these are the moments that I will always remember my nice training with. The training came so unexpectedly and everything took a turn for the better as I continued to learn more and more about the machine I love most; the computer.

As the training continues to unfold, I am discovering more and more opportunities outside there. The training is super useful especially with the kind of technological life that we are living in today and the advanced one that we are expecting in a few years ahead of us. I am taking it as one of those precious opportunities that we all know comes once in

a lifetime. I treasure every single second of the training as it counts for my future. So far the training is pretty awesome.

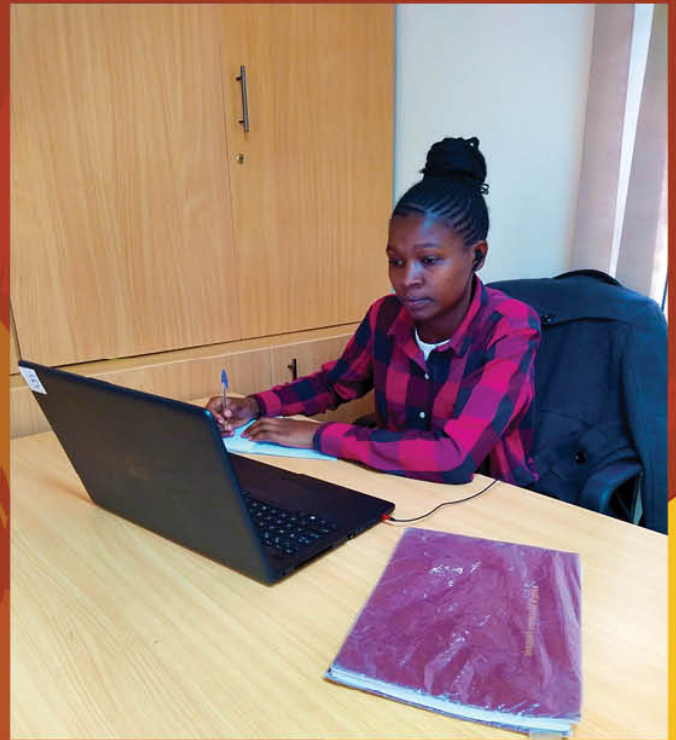
It has been months since C-19 sent us home where I was not engaged and missing to come back to continue with my course. I am glad that we are able to resume the training which is getting me busy and have something to spend my time practicing. My experience here has been quite enticing and I have gained a treasurable skill that I feel like

it's so expensive. A skill that many people lack outside there but are wishing to get someone to coach them. A number of teens are looking for wealth, power, fame, beauty and high classes of recognition at their tender age but in a wrong way. However, I am craving for skills and education that I hope will lead me to achieve my goals and a bright future.

I so appreciate the WKW together for their thoughtful idea of coming up with this training. My gratitude is more than these two words ‘Thank you’.

*By Hope Koki- ICT student.*

Hope doing her assignment - research on data handling



HAPPENINGS AT WKW

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- Individual and group counselling Sessions
- E-Learning classes

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