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**KENYA**  
**NEWSLETTER**

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**Mission:**

Supporting and encouraging excellence in Christian Ministry with children and families in  
Kenya

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*I had an amazing time in the UK. I am so thankful to have been invited to Joanna and Lambert Webala's Wedding, and all they provided for me to attend. I returned to Kimilili in September and got straight back into normal children's ministry, with a slight difference however, as I am now involved with Children Worldwide Ministry.*

## **Children Worldwide (CW)**

CW is an evangelical UK-based Christian organisation whose vision is to support children ministers as they share the Good News of Jesus with children and families in a contemporary, inclusive and practical way. CW consists of a UK network of independent children's workers who support each other. My friend, David Gidney, approached me about the opportunity of setting up a CW Kenya equivalent. After prayer, I felt this was what God wanted me to do. I have been doing children's ministry a long time and have seen that Kenya desperately needs more well trained children's workers devoted to the cause. CW Kenya is a means through which I can set up a similar network of devoted children's ministers whilst continuing my own call in children's ministry. (CW Website: [Website: www.childrenworldwide.co.uk](http://www.childrenworldwide.co.uk))

I have been joined by an experienced board of council (pictured) who share my passion for Christ and children. Together we meet at least every 3 months as a council, whilst supporting each other in the work. They are (from left to right) Mercy, my wife Irene, me, Professor Victor, and pastor Francis. We all believe that children's work is not an after thought, or a stepping stone to adult ministry, but rather a vital period of discipleship for the church. We are each now going out to find and support other children's ministers to increase CW Kenya's network.



## **Ministry Activities**

I have ministered to over a thousand children over the past three months at schools, Christian camps and holiday clubs. Over 100 children testified to have given their lives to



Christ. Praise God! We pray that these children will continue in the faith as they grow. I have also given out 100s of Bibles thanks to the Gideon's.

This was so encouraging. However, there is still a big

concern. Where are the children's ministers? One time I turned up to a camp where over 500 children had been gathered, and there was no one there to host me. I was on my own with 500+ children! I thank God that the children are so open to learning about Christ. But when they give their lives to Christ they will need discipleship.

So I decided to focus more also on encouraging children's ministers. Some churches showed a good response. I have talked to over 200 children's ministers about CW Kenya. A handful of whom I have poured more into. One such person was David (back of photo). I had been invited to a children's camp along with some other ministers by the African Inland Church. David was there also. Half way through the camp, he took me aside and said "Michael, I have been doing this for four years but I am not saved". I was amazed! I preached to him the gospel and in front of the children he got on his knees and gave his life to Jesus. The children gathered round to pray for him. Then two of them came and said, we too would like to be prayed over for salvation. I said to David "why don't you help lead them in a prayer?". And he did. It was a great moment.



Whilst those stories are uplifting, they are a sad reminder of how empty the Kenyan church is of true children's workers. Sometimes this can make it hard for me too, as I have so many calls from churches, which can be tiring. My wife, Irene, has demanded I rest over the Christmas holiday before starting a fresh in 2017.

### *Please pray for...*

1. More children's workers who love the Lord and are passionate for children's ministry.
2. Financial and material challenges. Transport is a particular challenge. We also need a printer for providing training materials.
3. The discipleship of children in Kenya. The healthiness of the Kenyan church and evangelism will be strengthened through discipleship.

### *Asante*

Thank you for your support and God bless you. We trust God that we will be able to send you reports every quarter from now on

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