

PRAYER REQUEST:

Pray for the country Kenya, the ongoing strike of the nurse.

Join us and many other people in prayers for **PEACEFUL** elections on the 8th of August and especially the time after the results.

Pray that all our patients will know the Lord Jesus Christ.

THANKSGIVING:

We thank God for our twinning partners and supporters.

We thank God for the different visitors we received the last months.

People are about to harvest their crops, we are thankful to see that the crops are growing and doing well.

We thank God that He is with us, day in day out.

What is going on in C&C...

It seems like the months are flying... The first half of the year is passed already!

It has been a busy time in C&C with visitors, the Ride for Hope, challenges etc.

First of all we had a great time with the team of Christ Community Church from California. They served along with us in C&C. They were sharing the gospel with our patients, encouraging them, and blessing them.

When the team left it was time for the Ride for Hope Lake Victoria. Willianne joined the team which meant that we were missing one staff in C&C. When the Ride for Hope riders arrived in Kisumu, some of the team members were able to go with us on home visits to see some of our clients. It was a great time!

Strike

Meanwhile the nurses are on strike in the whole country. This is again a huge problem, especially for the people who can only afford the government healthcare. People cannot be admitted, several citizens in the whole country passed away because of lack of health care. It is very sad to see this. Especially when you realize that in Decem-



One of the riders in the CarePoint

ber '16 the doctors were on

strike for more than two months. We realize more and more that having a stable health care system is worthy so much! Please pray for this matter that it will be solved soon.

Patients

It seems we are seeing this year less patients than last year. Last year the government implemented a new rule, everyone who is tested HIV positive will be started on ARV's right away. Before that they were only put on antibiotic until the virus was coming up too much and the CD4 count (immune system) was becoming too low, then they would start with ARV's. Many a times the people were going too much down before being started on ARV's, that is where the problems started! We hope that this intervention will work for the good of the people.

Elections on the 8th of August

Politics are always a big topic in Kenya, but this time round even more! The presidential elections are coming up... The elections will take place on the 8th of August. We have two candidates running for the presidential seat. As it seems by now it is going to be a neck on neck race. Everyone

is quit concerned what will happen. Not only about who will win but more what will happen with the followers of the losing party. The situation is becoming very sensitive. If candidate of 'our' area is going to loose it might become a big struggle in the city of Kisumu.

But, we are all praying that God will reign with peace in this country and that, what ever the result may be, people will accept and live their lives in harmony.

**Please: join us in PRAYER!!
For fair and peaceful elections.**

Double GRACE.



Double Grace, her name is Grace and God really showed His Grace in her life.

The first time we met Grace she was so sick. Her whole body was swollen, she was very weak and had many problems. She didn't know her status, but for us it was almost clear. Their family took her for testing and she was found HIV+. They started her right away on ARV's.

This was so heavy for her body! She became even more weak and sick. They had to admit her in the hospital, where she stayed for more than 6 weeks. During that time she could be very moody and refused sometimes to talk. Bit by bit she came up. After she was discharged we visited her every week, trying to encourage her and bring her hope.

She was becoming stronger and stronger.

Then, her husband passed away and even though they were separated for 15 years, the family and community were giving her a lot of pressure. There are a lot of traditions in this part of Kenya when someone passes away. She had to travel up and down to the place where he would be buried. They had to build a house for her, before they could burry him and so many other things. This gave Grace so much stress that she went down again!

She had to be admitted again and we were all doubting if she would make it this time round. After a while she was discharged but she was still so weak. She had a severe stomach problem. Which made her

eating and keeping the food in the stomach so difficult, which made it all even more difficult. Her weight reached the point of 30kg!

But...she didn't want to give up! She is taking her drugs very well, she is going to the clinic when it is her visiting time, she is begging the clinic for the special USAID porridge and the plumpy nut, because she knows the importance of it.

Day by day she is gaining strength. She has added around 8kg and is still adding.

She can't keep quiet about the Lord, what He has done in her life!

And together with her, we are praising the Lord for her life! She is really a lady of double GRACE!

C & C
NEWS



The crops are growing!
Some parts of Kisumu are so green!



Some children by a patient at home. They want to see what is going on..