

ANGLICAN MAINSTREAM KENYA APPEAL: YOUTH FOR LIFE

Youth for Life is a community organisation based in Athi River, near Nairobi. Kenya. It works with disadvantaged young people in a holistic way, assisting with education, health, relief of poverty, economic empowerment and care for the local environment.



Photos: distribution of clothes and shoes to disadvantaged children in Athi River

YfL has a clear Christian foundation. Although mainly supported by the Roman Catholic church, the Centre and its activities are used by young people from all churches and none. One of the aims of the ministry is to enable young people to come to faith in Jesus, to grow in that faith, and to make a positive difference for the gospel in the community.

Raphael Gakinya, the Director of the YfL Centre (above left), is grateful for regular support the Centre is receiving, but recognises that much more needs to be done. He is asking for financial support to develop three new projects which have started:

1. A Christian library, where young people can have access to Christian literature, videos and DVD's. There is a particular need for bibles, which can be bought locally much cheaper than shipping them from the UK.
2. The 'Life Choices' programme, particularly aimed at teenage boys who need rehabilitation after getting involved in drugs, gangsterism and prostitution. Experienced youth counsellor Peter Mulinge, having himself successfully overcome sexual abuse and a lifestyle of same sex relationships, administers the programme to help those who want to escape this way of life and leave behind the serious health issues, low self-esteem and mental health problems that often go with it. As part of the programme, they receive spiritual and psychological counselling, food and basic accommodation, access to medical care, and training for employment.

3. Another programme works with teenage girls and young women, helping them to delay sexual debut, discouraging abortion if they do get pregnant, and counselling those who are victims of abuse and rape.



Young women attend a workshop



Peter Mulinge with wife Lucy

Dr Lisa Nolland, Convenor of Anglican Mainstream's Marriage, Sex and Culture group, visited the Centre in January 2020, and reports in Heart Christian Newspaper:

"Kenya is publicly standing against the West's financial pressure and propaganda, by refusing to adopt its agenda of sexual minority/'reproductive rights', but this stand has a cost...."

After seeing changed lives as a result of the Centre's work, Lisa can say about these young people: "God has transformed and is continuing to transform them. They are part of the future for Kenya! "

Read Lisa's report in full here

<https://www.heartpublications.co.uk/kenyans-wont-just-take-the-money/>

Please give generously to the Youth for Life Centre and its programmes.

A special fund has been set up with Core Issues Trust

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