



# Huruma Family Monthly Newsletter

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## Greetings from Huruma Family!

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*We have come to the end of the term! We have a reason to celebrate and thank God for bringing us to the end of the first term. We began the year on a high note and it's been a beehive of activities here at Huruma as we all teamed together to make this term successful. The teachers worked very hard to cover as much as they could to stay ahead of the syllabus. The children were kept on toes with exams, homework and class work and they all agree that it's indeed the Year of Seriousness.*

*We thank God so much for the great cooperation from all our staff. The aunties worked so hard to ensure the children had the proper school attire every morning before they went to school. They checked their homework books every day and made sure they completed all their assignments. Mama was also not left behind, every evening prefects submitted homework books to her for checking despite of her busy schedule. There was absolutely no room for laziness this term!*

*We have also been teaching our children good dining hall manners. We are so grateful to Susan Cousineau, who helped us come up with and implement new dining hall rules to promote and cultivate a culture of respect and gratitude first and foremost to God who has graciously provided a meal on our table every single day. Secondly to the kitchen mothers and unties who prepare and serve the meals with so much love.*

*Time management was another huge area of focus this term. The new surveillance system has made it easy for us to monitor activities of the children especially when they are on tea and lunch break. Idling was not tolerated at all and all staff including the management team were on high alert to ensure the students were in class at the right time. We are so proud of our kids who are catching up so fast in this area. Some of them have started running to class when they hear the bell.*

*We have so much to thank God for this month and I hope you enjoy reading from us!*

## **Huruma Family:** *From Mama's Heart to Yours*

Beloved partners and friends,

I greet you in Jesus Name. It's that time of the month again when I get the privileged to write to you. My heart is full of joy when I look at everything that God has done since we begun the term. I am forever grateful to Him for His unfailing faithfulness and goodness to me and my children. Many people start but do not finish but for us God has been very gracious we have not only finished the term but have finished well.

It's been a busy month and term for me. It is said that to whom much is given much is required. Being a mother too many I had a handful of responsibilities to fulfill. Like every other mother, I worked with the teachers to check homework books every evening in order to make sure my children are doing their work. So as I pushed the teachers to deliver their best they also pushed me to play my part and this is what made it both a fun and a successful term! We owe all our achievements so far to the strong team work spirit that we have embraced this year and I hope and pray that we will continue on the same path when school resumes next term.

The other day I witnessed a family re-union of one of my girls that was rescued from a forced marriage to 68 year old man. At 13 years of age this girl found herself at the verge of losing her innocence in the hands of a merciless group of community members who believed in a retrogressive culture that a girl was only good for marriage. I thank God that the children department intercepted in good time and the girl was brought to us. She is

currently in grade 8 and her relatives came looking for her after many years of searching for her in vain. Although we cannot release her back to them I am glad that they saw she is in a secure environment where she is taken care of and is continuing her studies and maybe one day she will be an encouragement to many other girls. It's in moments like this that I am inspired to continue serving God and there is no doubt in my heart that God called me into this ministry and He is faithful to complete the good work that He started in me.

Thank you partners for sharing in this vision with me. You have been a blessing to so many lives since this ministry begun and I may not know you all by names but God does. He knows the many prayers you have said for us, the many times you have given towards a meal, education and shelter for my children and the struggles we have gone through together lifting each other up in prayer. May God bless you for having me and my children so dearly in your hearts. One day we will stand before the one who called us and hear Him say well done good and faithful servants! What a joy that day will be for us all.

Just to share with you some of my joyous moments this past month. We had a beautiful service one Sunday where all the mothers and I led the service in praise and worship. We sung and praised God with drums just like the old times. Here are some photos of this wonderful day!

# Children Are A Heritage From God



We are currently on April holiday school is closed and most of the children have gone home to be with their guardians and relatives after three months of hard work in school. For those who have remained with me at the Home we have put together a holiday program to keep them busy and occupied in the right things. They have a set time to clean, do their homework, collect litter around the compound, read story books and play. We have two volunteers, Susan Cousineau and her



friend Laurie Slinn from Canada who are working with the kids to help them keep to this schedule every day. Laurie is also spending time to observe the children's hygiene how they clean, brush their teeth and do their overall cleaning. This month Susan is focusing on cutting down the cost of our water bill by teaching the children how to properly manage and utilize water to avoid wastage. We thank God for their heart to serve.

I am looking forward to all the Cornerstone teams that are planning to come this summer. We are excited to host you here at Huruma and I know God will use you mightily during your stay here. May God bless you as you prepare to come we are praying for you that God will provide for every financial need required for you to find your way here.

I will leave you with a verse from the book of Philippians 1:6. I love you all.



**In my heart and prayers,  
Mama Zipporah,  
Director, Huruma Trust Fund**

## Sponsorship Desk: Thank You

Dear Sponsorship family,

I am so delighted to write to you again and it is my hope that the Lord God has kept you safe and healthy for the past month. We as Huruma Family are fine and we give honor and glory to God for his continued faithfulness and provision to us. I would like to appreciate you all for your continued support and prayers you have been a huge blessing to the lives of our children and we thank God so much for you. Thank you for inspiring new hope and giving them a reason to look forward to every sunrise.

Their hearts come alive every time they walk into the office to receive your heartfelt letters to them. During this reporting period, we managed to send out all letters to the respective sponsors and we hope and pray that you feel their love and see their pretty faces smiling back at you with every word. Thank you for teaching our children how to love and care through the love that you have continually shown to them.

Thanks also for encouraging them to work hard in their studies. We have noticed a huge improvement in their performance and it's all because we all teamed together to lay

emphasis on the importance of working hard to achieve their academic goals. Please keep following up on their performance and check their performance report it makes a lot of difference.

Currently most of our children are away for April holidays and most of them are spending time with their guardians, relatives and friends of the home. We thank God that by his grace we have been able to reconnect some of our children with their families and relatives so they can remain in touch. I am sure that they will bring back lots of interesting stories about their holiday experience and we will be sure to share some of them with you in our next newsletter. School resumes in May and we look forward to receiving our children back safe and sound.

I take this opportunity to thank our new sponsors who have joined the team this term. There is power in numbers and together we can do exploits and we thank God that our sponsorship family is growing.

Until the next update, I wish you happy moments!





## Project Updates: A Christian Resource Center

Greetings Family of God,  
It's my prayer that you are doing well. We thank God so much for what He has been doing through this ministry. When God is at the centre of something great things begin to happen and this is the testimony that we share as Huruma family. In the previous newsletter, we mentioned that we have started a mentorship program for both boys and girls to teach them life skills and prepare them for the outside world. This month the school Chaplain also saw the need to start a pastoral program that he is calling the Young Timothy's program to mentor young boys and girls who have shown interest in serving and have a heart and passion to serve. He is currently working with a group of 8 young adults comprising of 5 boys and 3 girls.

In order to build a strong mentorship program he also saw the need to establish a Christian resource centre that can hold a wide range of good Christian books to help them grow in the knowledge and things of God. The resource centre is also open to the entire

Huruma community and we thank God that so far we have received a few donations of valuable books that will really help the children to discover who they are and develop the spiritual gifts that God has deposited in them. Special thanks to Laurie Slinn who brought us a donation of books from friends in Canada every single one of them will go a long way towards helping us realize the goal of Young Timothy's program and many other programs that we believe God is birthing in Huruma.

If you have any Christian books that you would like to donate to our ministry kindly contact us or the school chaplain at [chaplain.hchngong.org](http://chaplain.hchngong.org) We value and appreciate the partnership shared please keep our children in your prayers that as we expose them to all this knowledge it will influence and impact their lives positively.

May God bless you and your families as you donate towards our resource centre.



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## Employee Profile: Meet Our New Social Worker, Ms. Elizabeth Kitheka

**Tell us about yourself?** *I am married to 1 man and a mother of two sons. I am a counselor by profession. I like encouraging people to gain their optimal growth and potential.*

**What do you do for fun?** *I enjoy travelling, visiting friends and planting flowers.*

**What do you love most about Huruma?** *I love interacting with the children, nurturing their talents, helping them discover their potentials and strengths which will eventually help them know who they are*

**Parting shot:** *Making a difference in one's life is worth the call*



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*As you can see it's been a busy but very productive term for us. We look forward to starting the new term with even more energy. I hope you enjoyed reading from us!*

*Blessings and Love from all of us here at Huruma Family*