



July 2018 was a busy month for us as we had two young people's teams in Kenya. These 16-18 year olds came on a team with the purpose of learning more about Jengana's work, helping out practically, encouraging those we work with in Kenya by being interested in their lives and raising support for the ongoing work. The teams worked incredibly well this year, throwing themselves into everything (almost!) that they were asked to do. They were involved in all the Jengana ministries but we'll just give some snapshots below:

A highlight for many was to see a village home built from scratch in one day for a widow and her young family. With the guidance and partnership of a few local fundis (workmen) the young people enthusiastically worked hard in the heat to complete the house. It was heartbreaking to see the squalor that the family had been living in, whilst also a privilege to be able to see the new home that they could now enjoy. These are some of the things that impact our team members, as it's hard to be part of something like that and not consider your own attitude and outlook in life. One of our young people said 'That was the best thing I've ever done.'

It's easy whilst the team are up to their ears in mud and laughing and enjoying the experience to forget the significance of what they were doing, but to hear the local community thank God for bringing these people reminds us of the impact that this practical work, done in God's name can have on individual lives who witness people being God's hands and feet.

The teams enthusiastically played with the kids at the daycare facility in Kibera slum. These kids come from families who live in severe poverty, most can only afford 1-2 meals per day and struggle to pay rent for their little shack amongst sewage and rubbish. When you take each of these little children out of their harsh home environment and see them riding on young people's backs around a floor, cemented by last year's Jengana team, singing songs and laughing; you see them as a little child with as much potential as any other. They just need the chance!

This facility allows mothers to have a safe place to leave their child each day (for approximately 20 pence) so that they can go and search for work. It is also practical evangelism encouraging some of the parents to attend the church, drawn by its love and generosity.



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*'He has made everything
beautiful in its time'
Ecclesiastes 3:11*



Badili

Badili is the programme for school leavers and young adults who have finished high school and can't enrol in higher education for financial reasons. It seems very unfair to see young people who have much potential ending up as house girls, young wives or in crime. Badili is run by Nairobi Baptist Church, Kibera and supported by Jengana. It provides students with a 6 month long course which is largely Bible study, life skills and preparation for life beyond high school and the slum. They also give practical advice in relation to finances and joining a college. Since Jengana started supporting some of these young people through their college/university, applications for the programme have increased significantly. Between 5-10 young people used to apply to the course, this year Pastor Evans is thrilled but also slightly apprehensive as they received over 40 applications! It is exciting to see so many young people from backgrounds of severe poverty applying for such a course. Getting spiritual guidance and Biblical study for young people in the heart of the slum is not typical and it is a privilege to be involved. It is special for us now to have one of the first Badili graduates working for Jengana as a Kipepeo house mother. She wanted to 'give back' as she had been supported through her schooling. We are so keen to instil this heart for ministry in the young people who we serve. If you think you could support this ministry through prayer or financially please let us know.



HIV women's support group – Mukuru slum

Kenya has the 4th biggest HIV epidemic in the world (Avert.org)

We have been meeting this group of ladies (with the occasional male member) for several years. We meet to encourage, to let them feel heard, and to educate our teams. The group has lost members, and others have joined. For our teams it was humbling and emotional to hear each of them share about life with HIV in a slum. Stigma is real, with many neighbours not associating with them once they know they are positive with HIV. Many husbands leave their wives, despite them often being the source of infection. It is also very difficult for these ladies to take their medication regularly as it requires a full stomach, or a glass of milk, luxuries that slum dwellers do not regularly have. It was moving to be able to support these ladies with a food package for their home and to pray with them. Giving them time to express how they feel and manage things day to day appeared to be a relief and certainly not the norm. Please join us in praying for this little group, who support each other in their daily lives.



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Kipepeo and Jengana land

Our teams were involved in many aspects of the work at the Jengana land. They were assisting the local builders who have started our much longed for guest accommodation, which will house our teams during their visits to Kenya and one will provide a 'getaway' for local groups/families at a small cost. We hope that the proceeds from this will eventually help support the running of Kipepeo and the projects on the Jengana site. however this may take some time to introduce.

The 2018 teams both worked very hard to do the kind of jobs that a digger would do here at home - lifting, carrying and generally worked hard at whatever needed done.

While at Kipepeo the teams took the opportunity to play with the children, gave much longed for hugs and helped out where needed. They sorted clothes, toys, shoes and stationary and helped the house mothers in providing a fun, nurturing, safe haven for these little ones who have had stormy starts in life. A group of the team drew and painted beautiful murals on the walls in the home which brightens up the environment for the kids.



We were pleased to welcome a new house mother to the Kipepeo family. We said goodbye to our caretaker and his wife who have been working at the Jengana site for a number of years and were pleased to welcome Nixon to our team as the new caretaker. Nixon has worked alongside Jengana for many years. He has taken his new role seriously and has made a great start. We would ask you to pray for him as he takes on this role and for unity in the team as they serve together.

We are proud of our Kipepeo children as they continue to improve at school and as they become integrated into a local church. We have recently welcomed a new baby, who is 19 months old and has had a horrendously traumatic start in life. She will need medical follow up and support and we would ask that you would keep her, 'Annie' in your prayers as she adapts to her new home and for our staff as they learn how to encourage her development and recovery.

If you would like to 'sponsor a cot' at Kipepeo or hear more about it so that you can pray knowledgeably, please get in touch.

Thank you for your ongoing interest, support and giving but above all your prayers as we continue in this work.