

# Kibera Project News

**Barrhead Church Kibera Project**

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Our Mission Statement: "The aim of this partnership is to establish a relationship between the Christian communities of Barrhead and Kibera by sharing Mission, Education, and Mutual Friendship."

## Visitors to Kibera

On 20<sup>th</sup> September, William and Elizabeth Ross, from St Michael's Church, Linlithgow, took the opportunity to visit PCEA Silanga in Kibera whilst they were in Kenya.

William comments; *"Naomi then took us through Kibera to the Silanga Centre. What an oasis in such surroundings. Space, (one could see the sky), quietness as opposed to the bustle of life outside the gate, a bit of greenery when all around was drab-grey, a recently built sanctuary giving a feeling of hope. The Deputy Principal of the High School was a lovely person - so dedicated to delivering excellence despite shortage of text books and permanent staff. The previous principal had left for a better paid post as had several teachers - and who could blame them. We then met a group of warm-hearted ladies who supported each other as well as young folk in their community infected or affected by HIV . They took part in income generation schemes (We bought some of their washing up liquid) and then heard about the VCT work from another lovely lady - Mercy (by name as well as by nature.) Naomi gave us 4 1/2 hours of her time. She was truly inspiring. Naomi has fond memories of her visit to [Barrhead] and also your visit to them."*

The photograph shows William and Elizabeth Ross to the left of Naomi. They are standing outside the Voluntary Counseling and Testing Office with the OVC beneficiaries. Also shown in the Photograph are Isaac Irungu, (on the far left, and Mercy M Bauni (on the far right wearing glasses). Isaac is an evangelist preacher, who met the visiting group back in 2006, and Mercy is the OVC Programs Manager.



# Peer Educators Training

Naomi reports that a four day training program for young people aged between 14-18 years was held this year. The topics covered were as follows: -

## 1. HIV/AIDS:

- Introduction
- Basic facts (Transmission and prevention)
- Importance of V.C.T. (Voluntary Counseling & Testing)
- S.T.I. (Sexually transmitted infections).

## 2. Drug Abuse:

- Definition of Terms
- Causes/Uses of drugs and alcohol
- Commonly abused drugs
- Short & Long term effects
- Prevention (Video Clips)



## 3. Relationship between drug abuse and HIV/AIDS

## 4. Reproductive Health

## 5. B.C.C. (Behavior Change Communication)

## 6. Time Management

## 7. Presentation Skills (Work Plan)

- Practical's (Photos)



The top photo shows Mercy Bauni, OVC Programs Manager, teaching the class, and Rev. Moses is shown in the lower picture. The background to this article is the meal that the participants were given!

A total of 28 youths attended this training course.





# Aerial View of Silanga



These satellite map extracts show the area of Nairobi where Kibera is situated. Note Nairobi Dam; its surface has been completely covered in water hyacinth since the 1990s. This artificial dam was Nairobi's main source of water until the mid-1950s. There were plans to clear the dam of water-hyacinth but these attempts were not successful, and together with the considerable amount of waste dumped in the dam the water is of no use to the nearby residents. The area within the square is PCEA Silanga compound, which houses the Sanctuary, Nursery School and High School.



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Close up of the PCEA Silanga grounds, showing the roofs of the Sanctuary, and the Nursery and High School classrooms.



***The Committee of the Barrhead Church Kibera Project would like to wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas.***

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