

Howard, June and Chris Crowl Serving in Kenya

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IS THERE A PROBLEM?



Pick up a newspaper and you will be overwhelmed by the problems facing this country and its citizens.

The students in the CHE class were asked to determine the biggest problems they were facing in their communities. They presented the problems and then voted on them:

1. Lack of formal education and knowledge.
2. Lack of jobs.
3. Lack of money
4. Drugs and alcohol abuse

Aids, abortions, poverty, bad roads, filth evil, and rape were also listed.

Each group was then given

a sheet of paper on which four questions were posed::

1. What is the problem?
2. Does it need money to solve?
3. Where is the money coming from?
4. What can you do to help solve these problems.

Following a short discussion period in their groups the students came up with some ideas of how to go about starting reform in their communities. Maybe, not so surprisingly, after several weeks of teaching, the possible solutions did not include money from the missionary.



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Garbage filled street in Nairobi

• PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that both Aimee and the Maxwells will soon have sufficient funds to come.
- Pray for all of those suffering from the recent disasters in Japan.
- Pray that if it is God's will that in the months to come the small group at Githurai will eventually become the nucleus for a new church.

"MY RELIGION WAS NOTHING"

Josephine Otieno is a joy to have in class. She not only participates but is actually excited about learning more of Christ and His Word. When volunteers are called for Josephine is always one of the first to volunteer. Each week a different mom helps Chris with the baby class. At least once a month she can be found there joyfully working with Chris. One day in class she gave this

testimony:

"I attended church for 10 years out of habit. As soon as the last "Amen" was uttered my friends and I were outside the door sharing the latest gossip. None of us could have told you what the sermon was about. It was usually just a story. In August I began coming here and it wasn't too many weeks before I realized that my religion

was nothing. On Sundays I started listening to the sermon and stopped staying around to gossip. My friends couldn't understand me.. I was getting no spiritual input. I went to another church but still have not found one that is teaching straight from the Bible—the kind of teaching I am getting here at Githurai. It has changed my life." Praise God for working. In her life.

Josephine Otieno





Howard and Young Men

TWELVE STAGES TO MANHOOD

Five of the older boys at the Ahadi Boys Home have been introduced to a new program that will stretch over the next few years. There are twelve steps in the program—some requiring a long period of time while others can be completed in just a few months.

cal teachings on both spiritual and physical purity; Together with a diploma at the end of the course each boy received a beaded bracelet with the idea that “True Love Waits”. One teacher took exception to Njoroge wearing a bracelet to school and took it away from him. But when the true reason for the bracelet was explained and none of the rest of the boys had any problem with their teachers.

Drugs and alcohol are deadly traps even for primary aged children. Many of the Ahadi Boys, while on the streets, used drugs as a panacea for hunger and cold. Mim taught a course on drug abuse which was very graphic and effective. Teen Challenge who has a drug rehab program brought some of the men who had been destroyed by drugs but saved through the blood of Jesus. What testimonies!



Mim and Simon

Two months ago each boy started “**Reading through the Bible in one year**”—one of the stages to manhood.. At the same time Howard taught a course on **Boys growing up** and the Bibli-

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How do you think Lucas Kimani (the old preacher on the left) felt when his first test on I Corinthians was returned with a red mark of 33. Coming back to school after years in the ministry was one of the most difficult things he has ever done. But one thing was certain this would not happen again. And the 95



on the next test paper, undoubtedly, brought a smile to his face.

23 preachers were brought into Nairobi from bush churches in a subsidized program to study for one year after which they will return to their churches having grown both spiritually and intellectually.

A New Name

A gift of a Bible was given to Gladys whose proposed name BADILI WOMEN'S GROUP was chosen for the group of women at Githurai. She chose BADILI for there had been many changes, both spiritually and economically in their lives.

CRAMMING FOR FINAL EXAMS in Howard's II Corinthians' class at INSTITUTE OF PRACTIAL CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES (IPCM)

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*The feet do not go where the heart does not go first.
African proverb*