



### From Our Founder Connie Cheren

I am very pleased to share our first quarterly newsletter with you. I've said many times, that this type of work has its challenges-raising funds, complying with governmental regulations in two countries, negotiating the cultural barriers, and traveling for 24 hours five times a year to Kenya.

But there is one thing that's both easy and joyous - sharing with you the life changing work of the PFC staff in Kenya. The dedication, commitment, and hard work of our staff to reach the poorest of the poor, the sick, and those in prison truly inspires me and keeps me motivated. I appreciate so much all those who join me in supporting our staff.

I hope you enjoy reading the stories of the lives you have helped the PFC staff to change! Follow their work on our social media, become a donor, or travel with me to Kenya to see first hand the "work on the ground."

### A Message from Sammy Wanjau

*Executive Director*

*PFC Kenya*



The work of a non-profit in a developing country is never easy. But every day, there is at least one moment that reminds us why we do what we do. A single moment in time when we bear witness to a life forever changed by the kindness of others. This photo was one of those moments. This little boy had just received a mobility cart from Partners for Care. After years of crawling on the ground, this child can now go to school, play with his friends, and just be a kid again now that he can get around on his own.

**THANK YOU** to Mobility Worldwide Columbia and to The Reed Foundation in Atlanta for your generosity in making moments like these possible. We are grateful for our supporters and humbled to be of service to those in need in our beloved country.

# Changing Lives

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## Changing Lives with Mobility Carts



Karemba is 15 years old and a student at St. Francis Rehabilitation Center in Malindi. She has crawled on the ground for 11 years and says the mobility cart has greatly improved her life, as evidenced by the smile on her face. Her teacher notes that Karemba is always clean now that she no longer has to crawl around.



Abigail had to be carried due to her disability. Now, with her new pull cart, she can be helped by her friends at school. Abigail can't talk, but her smile shows how happy she is with her new pull cart.

## Changing Lives Through Sewing Schools



Louise lives in Githurai Village in Kaimbu County and is the caregiver of a deaf/mute child. Louise joined the sewing class three months ago and quickly developed the skills to make and mend clothes. She can now sew her children's school uniforms and use the money she saves to support her family.

David is a recent graduate of PFC's computer class. While taking the class, he heard about PFC's sewing school. Since he has always been interested in fashion and design, David enrolled and has now completed the sewing school course. He is very much looking forward to pursuing his dream of a career in fashion and design. We thank Mel West from Mobility Worldwide for donating the sewing machines and Cara Canon for funding the first school.



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# Saving Lives

## Saving Lives with Water Packs



In schools and villages from the southern coast of Kenya to the far north in Marsabit and east to the Samburu region, the water backpack provides a safe alternative to contaminated jerry cans for transporting and storing water.



Partners for Care donated 25 water packs to the school. The teachers say they have not had a case of waterborne illness and there has been a significant improvement in the academic performance since they started using the water pack. The teachers were especially appreciative of the gift for these special children.

Joy Town Primary School in Kiambu County is a special school for physically challenged children.

## Saving Lives with Bed Nets



These happy children are all smiles because they know their bed nets will protect them from malaria as they sleep. Partners for Care wishes all children restful sleep and hope-filled dreams for the future.



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## How You Can Help!

- 1 **Start your own campaign to raise funds!**  
[www.partnersforcare.org/start-a-campaign](http://www.partnersforcare.org/start-a-campaign)
- 2 **Become a monthly donor to the work of PFC**  
[www.partnersforcare.org/donate](http://www.partnersforcare.org/donate)
- 3 **Follow us and share our work with your friends & family on social media**

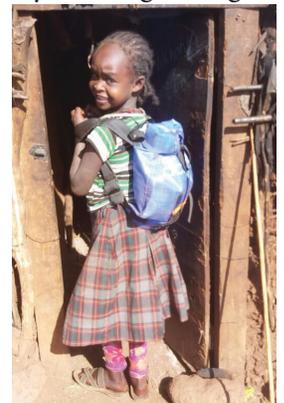


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### Rescuing Children in Marsabit



Securing food and water in Marsabit has always been difficult, but with the two-year long drought, it is more difficult than ever and children are especially affected. Thanks to our donors, Pastor Hirbo is able to rescue the most vulnerable children, providing water, food and medical care as needed. These are just 12 of the hundreds of children Pastor Hirbo and his team have helped.



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## Why I Support Partners for Care

*Mindy Miller, PFC Board Member and Supporter*



Do you ever wonder how you ended up in certain places? That's how I feel about Africa. It's still a mystery why God would have drawn me to Kenya. But having been there and seen it – I cannot ignore it.

It's in my heart – both the sorrow and the joy of it.

Though my African journey started twenty years ago, I've been connected to Partners for Care since its inception ten years ago. PFC started slowly, but God has ignited and grown this ministry in the last few years.

The beauty of PFC is in its foundation of honoring men and women, as children of God, restoring the dignity that poverty has stripped away.

*“All programs are designed to help and not harm the people we serve through innovative, sustainable, compassionate Kenyan-led solutions to the problems of disease, hunger, unsafe water, and preventable death of children.”*

They rescue when necessary, but are keenly focused on equipping, empowering and encouraging their fellow Kenyans. And this also applies to the Kenyan staff itself. PFC has long held the belief that we should not only hire selfless people who desire to help others, but we should assist those same staff members in achieving their own desires in education, leadership skills, and life.

**Family.** That's the way I see PFC. Taking care of each other and serving shoulder to shoulder. Loving the Lord and loving people.

I don't need an answer for why God brought me to Kenya. I'm grateful that I get to be in the PFC family.



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## The Power of Education to Change a Life

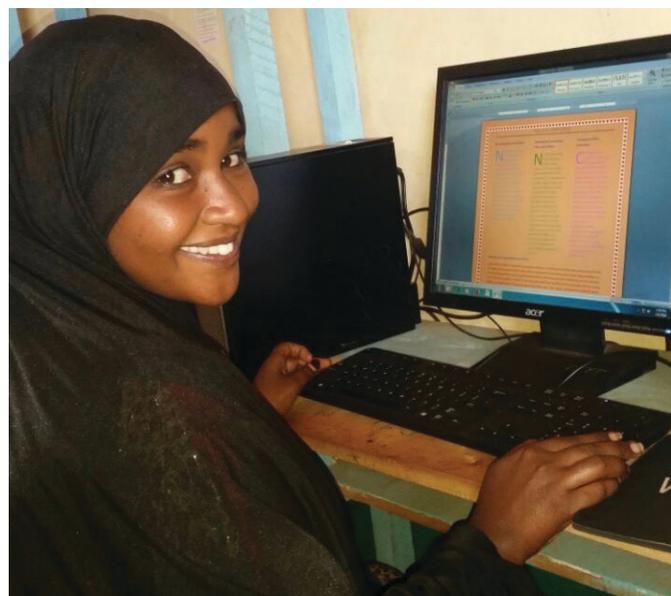
Nelson Mandela said “The greatest way to change a nation is through education.”

Susan Wambui, a 37-year-old single mother of two children, sells clothes for a living but struggled with her inability to speak English. With two children to raise, it has been difficult for her to go to school because she cannot afford it despite her desire to do so. When Susan heard about the free literacy class from a friend she was overjoyed and immediately visited the PFC center in Nairobi and enrolled in the class. Susan is doing very well and can now read, write and communicate in English.



## Changing Lives Through Computer Schools

Diramu Tadicha is a student currently enrolled in the Marsabit computer school. She is the first born in the family and lives with her five sisters and one brother under the care of a single mother. Their mother is poor and has struggled for years to provide an education for her children. Diramu was referred to the PFC Computer School by a previous graduate and walked six miles to confirm that she could take the class for free. It was music to the ears of Diramu who had lost hope of getting any form of education. She says her future is brighter now because her computer skills will help her to secure employment and support her mother and siblings. She is doing well in the computer class and is thankful to all the donors who support the computer schools.



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## Saving Lives Through Jigger Treatment



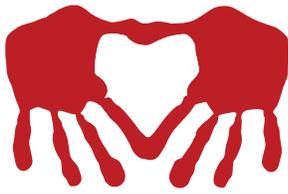
Jiggers continue to be a menace on the coast of Kenya. Just as Pastor Hirbo did in Marsabit County, the Kilifi PFC staff are committed to eradicating jiggers in the Watamu area. It will take many hands to treat the children. PFC staff are grateful for the help of the Mount Kenya University

students on a recent partnership outreach to treat jiggers in Watamu, Kalifi County.



167 children were treated for the painful infection, and training was provided to help prevent re-infection. The students were touched by the plight of the children and humbled to be of service to them. With the help of our donors, this important work will continue until jiggers are completely eradicated in the area.





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