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SAAS SCHOLARS WORKSHOP

This inaugural workshop was held at the SAAS premises and led by Mr. Hillary Namanje who is a Life Skills and Performance Coach and was introduced to SAAS by Gina Woods, Director. Mr. Namanje facilitated a workshop which was attended by SAAS students and included presentations on confidence building, peer pressure issues, assertiveness and self-respect. In addition to the presentations students took part in an introductory yoga class designed to relieve tension and stress and make the students relaxed and comfortable enough to openly discuss any issues they were experiencing. We felt that this was a highly beneficial event which we would fully intend to repeat in the future.



Left: Students paying keen attention to Mr Hilary Namanje. Right: Hilary teaching the students some yoga.

GRADUATION OF COMPUTER STUDENTS

Another bunch of students have successfully completed the SAAS computer course and their graduation took place in April. We were delighted to be joined by SAAS Chairman, Ahmed Abdallah and a group of IT experts from the Swahili Pot hub who gave a speech to students encouraging them to continue with their education and to use the skills that they have now gained in the workforce. A new intake of students began their course in May and are progressing well. This course goes from strength and is of tremendous benefit to the students, many of whom who have not completed secondary education.

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Left: SAAS Chairman Ahmed Abdallah Badhrus presenting a certificate to a student. Right: A group photo of the computer graduates.

VISIT TO CHILDREN'S RESCUE CENTRE AND MEWA REHABILITATION CENTRE

SAAS were honoured to be invited to both the Children's Rescue Centre and Mewa Rehabilitation Centre in Mombasa. The Rescue Centre was established to house children who have been abandoned or neglected by their parents. Many have suffered abuse including sexual abuse therefore at the Centre they are provided with a safe space and the counselling and support that they need to recover from the trauma. We were also delighted to visit Mewa Rehabilitation Centre which is a facility for young men suffering from drug addiction. We were deeply touched by their stories of how they ended up in dire circumstances and how they are now striving to turn their lives around. We learnt so much from our visits which we will take back to our work with SAAS. An enormous thank you must go to David Cahill and his friends who made a very generous donation which allowed us to buy much needed food stuff for both centres.



Left: A group photo with kids from the rescue centre.

Right: A member of the SAAS Youth Group presenting food donations to MEWA Rehabilitation Centre.

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Below: A group photo with some of the recovering addicts.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations are in order for SAAS Director, Ursula Redmond who tied the knot this July and also to SAAS staff member, Maria Nekesa who welcomed her second child in May. We wish them our warmest congratulations and best wishes



Left: SAAS Director Dr Ursula Redmond on her wedding day.



Right: SAAS CEO Maria Nekesa with her new born baby Bilaali Moses.

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STAR STUDENT-MIKE LUMIRE

SAAS wishes to acknowledge one of its students, Mike Lumire for his big achievement. Mike is an orphaned, he came to SAAS 10 years ago to look for sponsorship at primary school stage. He progressed through school with his sponsor's support and we are delighted to report that he has now established his own videography company along with a close friend in Mombasa. His work now takes him all over the country filming weddings and other ceremonial events. While it has been extraordinarily difficult for Mike, he is now proud to be able to support his siblings through their lives and education journey. He also has high hopes of becoming a movie director! Below are samples of his work. You can also check his work on instagram at I am__Michael, and e_magephotography. Congratulations Mike we are proud of you son!



MIKE LUMIRE, 25 years old



Some of the wedding photos he took

Coming soon.....

- Directors visit
- Maths camp
- Computer graduation

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