

2026 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

More Than a Saturday

How Life Centers are helping children know
Jesus through discipleship and tangible care.



Dear Friend,

When people think about our Life Centers, they often picture what happens on a Saturday.

Children gathering at a Life Center. Worship. Bible lessons. Laughter. Friendships. A shared meal.

It's a beautiful picture, but Saturday is only the beginning.

What happens each week continues as pastors faithfully disciple children, parents reinforce God's Word at home, and churches walk alongside families with practical care and the hope of the Gospel. Together, these relationships help children know Jesus and grow in their faith.

The stories in this newsletter are reminders that every Bible, every school uniform, every mattress, every meal, and every empty seat filled points to something greater: **a child discovering the love of Christ through a Life Center.**

Thank you for making this ministry possible. Your partnership is helping children build a foundation of faith that will last far beyond a Saturday morning.

In Christ,

Bill Nienhuis
President, Childcare Worldwide

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Open in Kenya



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INDIA THEIR FIRST MATTRESS



In July, through local Life Centers in India, 50 children received new mattresses, **28 of them for the very first time!**

One of those children was 12-year-old Aaron, who had always slept on the floor beside his family. The day he carried home his first mattress, his mother fought back tears while Aaron couldn't stop smiling. His teacher shared, *"For Aaron, it wasn't just a mattress, it felt like the hand of God."* As families gathered, pastors prayed with parents and shared the hope of Christ, turning a practical gift into an opportunity for the Gospel.

See the joy for yourself!

Scan the QR code to watch the children receive their new mattresses.



KENYA READY TO LEARN



This May, 376 children across Kenya received school uniforms, shoes, backpacks, and school supplies through their local Life Centers.

For 13-year-old Ian, a new uniform meant more than being ready for school, it restored his confidence. *"I am stronger, confident, and feel equal to other children,"* he shared. Through Ian's involvement at Life Center, his mother also began attending church and gave her life to Christ. Praise God!

UGANDA, PERU, KENYA REMOVING BARRIERS



Hundreds of girls across Uganda, Peru, and Kenya received hygiene packs through their local Life Centers, helping them stay healthy, remain in school, and participate confidently each week.

Along with these practical gifts, each girl was reminded of her worth in Christ. Families expressed deep gratitude as financial burdens were eased and girls were encouraged to keep learning, growing, and hearing the hope of the Gospel.



A GLOBAL MISSION AT VBS

This summer, we partnered with Bethel Community Church in Tennessee for Vacation Bible School, where 152 children discovered how God is changing lives through Life Centers around the world.

Interested in bringing this missions experience to your church's VBS? Contact Beth DeLemos at bdelemos@childcareworldwide.org.

FIVE NEW LIFE CENTERS OPEN IN KENYA!

On two joy-filled Saturdays in May, **five new Childcare Worldwide Life Centers officially opened in Kenya**, welcoming children into places where they will be known, loved, and discipled week after week.

For many families, this wasn't simply the opening of a new ministry. It was the answer to prayer.

Each child received a Bible and a new Life Center shirt; a reminder that they now belong to a church family committed to helping them know Jesus.

Every Saturday, they'll return to learn God's Word, build friendships, share a nutritious meal, and discover Christ's love through caring pastors, teachers, and volunteers.

But what happens inside these Life Centers doesn't end when Saturday is over. Parents are becoming active partners in their children's spiritual growth, reinforcing Bible lessons, Scripture memory, and conversations about Jesus throughout the week. Churches are walking alongside families, creating communities where children can continue growing in faith for years to come.

Thanks to partners like you, these Life Centers were equipped with Bibles, teaching materials, games, meal supplies, and resources to create welcoming places where children can flourish spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Life Center teachers received training to faithfully disciple the children God has entrusted to their care.

Today, these five Life Centers are filled with life.

Children are worshiping. Families are finding hope. Churches are investing in the next generation. And every Saturday, more boys and girls are discovering the life-changing truth that they are deeply loved by Jesus.



**See What You Helped
Make Possible**

Scan to explore more photos from
the opening celebrations in Kenya.

DISCIPLESHIP DOESN'T END ON SATURDAY

As new Life Centers begin serving children in Kenya, our Childcare Worldwide staff and Life Center Teachers are intentionally partnering with parents so that what children learn each Saturday continues throughout the week at home.

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As we disciple these children, we have the church, we have Childcare Worldwide's Life Centers, and we have the parents all coming together to help these kids succeed. Because what we are teaching them at Life Center, then the parents can reinforce that at home.”

— LUCAS, KENYA COUNTRY DIRECTOR



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This Life Center means so much to our church. We want to nurture children through God's Word every week so they grow to know Christ and build a strong spiritual foundation for their future.”

— REV. STEPHEN KARANJA,
PCEA NGECHA LIFE CENTER

EVERY **EMPTY SEAT** HAS A STORY WAITING TO BEGIN

Today, 491 Life Center seats are still empty.

Each seat represents a child waiting for a place where they can hear that Jesus loves them, build friendships that strengthen their faith, share a warm meal, and discover what it means to follow Christ.

Throughout this newsletter, you've met children whose lives have been changed through their Life Center. Aaron received his very first mattress. Ian walked into school with confidence. Girls received the support they needed to stay in school. New Life Centers in Kenya welcomed children into places where they could grow in their faith.

Each of those stories were possible because a child had a seat at a Life Center.

A monthly gift of \$25 helps support a child at Life Center.

Combined with support from other partners, your gift helps provide weekly Bible teaching, nutritious meals, trained teachers, and a caring community where children can build friendships and grow in their faith.

If monthly giving isn't possible right now, a one-time gift of any amount will also help strengthen Life Center ministry and make room for more children.

Our prayer is that all 491 seats will soon be filled. Beyond that, we are praying that God will make a way to open 20 new Life Centers next year, five each in Uganda, Kenya, Peru, and India, so even more children can experience the hope of the Gospel through Life Center.

Because every child deserves a place to belong, a place to grow, and a place to know Jesus.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

GIVE



Use the enclosed response card. A monthly gift of \$25 helps support a child at Life Center.

PRAY



Pray that God would fill every seat and open new doors for children still waiting.



WATCH

Scan the QR code to watch the Every Seat story. →



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