

In support of cancer awareness and treatment

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THEY THAT WORSHIP!

Not only do they sound amazing, but they are also amazing worshippers, very loving and caring toward each other, very generous givers, hard working and a wonderful, fun-loving bunch of people. I am getting to see this more and more as we meet week after week, and as we visited the Nairobi Hospice today. I am talking about the 2014 Twa choir. It is clear that deep friendship have formed, some of which will grow and solidify beyond choir rehearsals.

We have been meeting every Saturday for three hours since July 26th and will continue to do so until the 26th of October when we have our final show. The current numbers are about 200. (A few had to drop out due to various other commitments.)

This is the first year that I have planned a hospital visit specifically



for the choir. I felt it



important for them to get to meet some of the individuals Twa supports and to hear first-hand experiences from people going through cancer. It was an eye opener for many. In preparation for the visit, the choir

donated cash that enabled us to buy a few items for each patient. One choir member also donated some cooking oil. We still have a little cash left over and are consulting with the Hospice on how we can best utilize these funds to help the patients.

We had opportunity to listen to a testimony from each patient, sing with and for them, share a delicious meal together, pray, talk, laugh, and even participate in some manual labour!

As always, I was so moved to be among men and women going through difficult times, and yet remain strong and encourage each other to stand firm in the Lord, to be steadfast in faith and trust and hope in Jesus Christ. Many patients expressed their gratitude to Twakutukuza Trust because they know each visit we make translates to a sharing and caring time, including a gift. This gift consists of basic foods and household items. It may seem simple but it means a lot. They speak not only of illness, but also of hunger. Busfare is a struggle to quite a number of the patients but they find a way to get there, knowing they will receive encouragement from fellow victors, enjoy a good meal and fellowship, get their weekly dose of medicine and carry home something to share with their family. It's heartbreaking to hear some of these stories and see people struggling even to sit up but knowing that our being there communicates love and concern, we will return again and again. Sometimes, it's the simple things that communicate Christ's love the most. We may think we don't have much to give but even 300/- shillings (less than \$3) to cover transport to and from the meeting means the world to them!

We thank God for Linet Kitui, the social worker at the hospice. Linet is firm and kind at the same time. She clearly cares for each of these individuals and they respect her. It is obvious



she means a lot to them. We continue to pray grace and favour on her and the hospice staff.

To the choir, I say thank you for not just bringing your voice to Twa, but also bringing your heart. I continue to pray for blessing upon blessing on you as you serve through the Twa choir. May you experience God. May you encounter Him in every area of your life. May His goodness and mercy follow

you all the days of your life and may you continue to grow as a worshipper and praiser, bringing many into His courts as we exalt Him together. Amen!

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