

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

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AFRICA - EMERGING MINISTRY

ONE NEW HOPE

A pick-up truck pulled up on the Matumaini property in Molo, Kenya. With a limited explanation, government workers backed the vehicle up to one of the main buildings, opened the rear door, and **out stumbled a little girl** falling headlong onto the dirt. Stunned, **ITeams' missionary Anthony** tried to find out what was going on, only to be handed a document just before the workers climbed back into the truck and drove off. The body lying in the dust was little "Rose".

The paper given to Anthony was a brief dossier that indicated **Rose had spent 5 years in prison**. Apparently she was now 14 years old. In the section titled "**Conviction:**" it simply said "**No Parents**". This was a common fate of many children born with mental disabilities. Their **parents simply had no support system or understanding of how to cope** with such disabilities.

In due course, Anthony learned that, at age 9, little Rose had been dropped into a mixed male and female prison ward and had been horribly abused week after week for 5 years. **The staff at Matumaini worked with little Rose** over a long time to help her begin to barely talk, feed herself, learn basic personal hygiene, and **even smile**. The little girl who cowered in a corner, so deeply damaged and unable to trust, was beginning to gain "**Matumaini**", which in Kiswahili means "**new hope**".

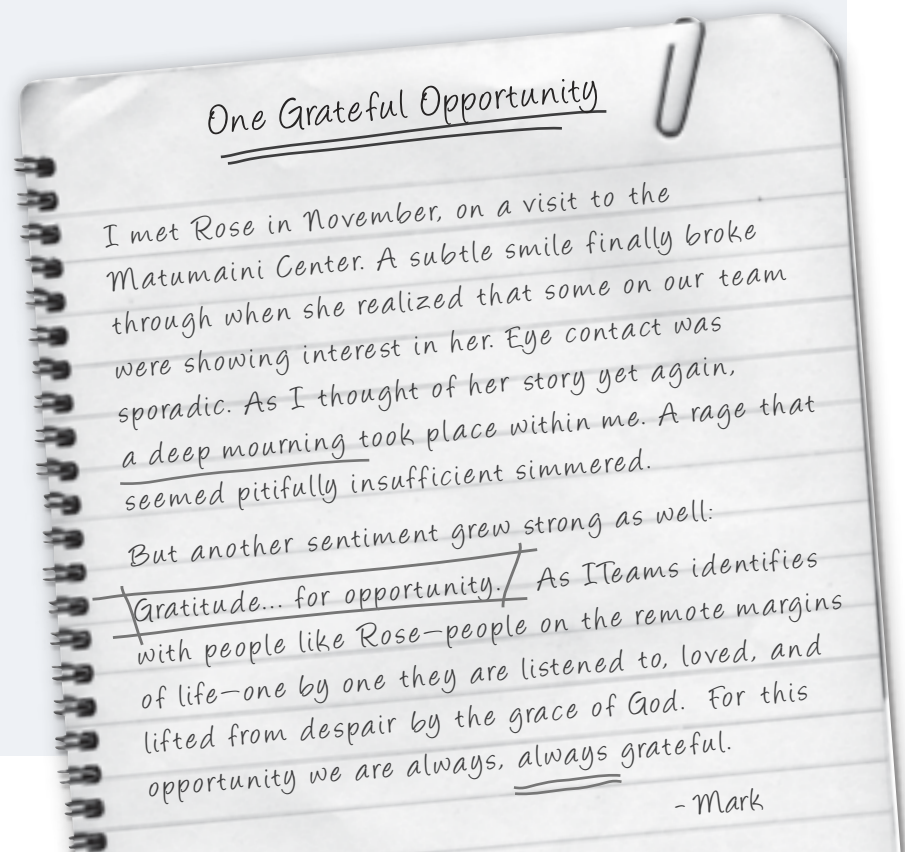
The Matumaini Rehabilitation Center was established in 1977 with the aim of providing medical care and schooling for disabled children in a secure, Christian environment. International Teams has recently partnered with the center to help bring in much-needed volunteer workers.



Photo: Rose writing a letter at the Matumaini Center. Read more about the story of Matumaini online at <http://blog.iteams.org>.

AFRICA AND ITEAMS

- Africa is the fastest growing region on earth with a population of 500 million people, yet 75% of the continent is sparsely inhabited.
- More than 3,000 unique ethnic groups are recognized in Africa.
- ITeams' Refugee Ministry Team in Kenya holds Bible studies with Somalies, befriends youth from Sudan, and serves women from the Lakes region of central Africa.
- ITeams has established a new ministry in Soroti, Uganda, reaching orphaned children and widows from the Sudan war.



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AFRICAN QUEST

African Quest (AQ) is a 9-month program that trains people in both cross-cultural living as well as ministry in Africa. Teams of 10 young adults, along with 2-3 leaders, experience life in Africa, serve alongside local churches, and relate with students at an African Bible college, on whose campus AQ is based.

A highlight of AQ are the 3 expeditions, where the teams do things like (i) travel through Zambia, Malawi, and Mozambique during a cross-continent ministry trip, (ii) participate in church-based construction projects in northern Zambia, (iii) travel from Zambia to South Africa to work with a wilderness outreach and youth discipleship.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GO

MOLO, KENYA (Children's Ministry) - The Matumaini Rehabilitation Center is in need of long-term and short-term volunteers to help with such things as training church leaders, providing medical care/services in a clinic, managing maintenance and the use of buildings and equipment, teaching and caring for disabled children.

SOROTI, UGANDA (Refugee Ministry) - Bring help and hope to the displaced and traumatized of the Teso area through ministries of compassion, education, and economic development. Presently the team is in need of volunteers to fill the following roles: Agricultural Teacher, Community Development Project Manager, Womens Ministry Worker, Youth and Children's Worker.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

MISSIONARY TRAINING SCHOOL (Zambia) - The school will be a hub for engaging and preparing students for ministry in Africa.

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