ALIVE! Moments

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CELEBRATING GROWTH, HEALING, & BRIGHT FUTURES

Across the Globe

- **Dominican Republic:** Caregivers became students in a new financial stewardship course, gaining tools for saving, budgeting, and living with Christ-centred wisdom.
- **Lebanon:** A three-day Bible camp gave students a joyful break with worship, crafts, and encouragement rooted in faith.
- **Guatemala:** Girls at Oasis showcased their skills at an Entrepreneurship Fair, turning courage and creativity into confidence for their future.
- **Kenya:** Monthly birthday parties reminded children they are seen, loved, and celebrated as precious to God.
- **Haiti:** Espérance, once a young student with a dream, is now a computer science graduate teaching the next generation at Kids Alive Haiti
- **Zambia:** Teachers in Zambia are using trauma-informed tools to transform classrooms into safe, nurturing spaces where children can heal and thrive.
- **Peru:** Camila is pursuing her dream career with confidence—proof that when children are surrounded by safety, mentoring, and faith, pain can be transformed into purpose.

This month brought powerful reminders of how holistic, Christ-centred care transforms lives. These Alive Moments reveal how God is writing new stories of hope, dignity, and purpose through Kids Alive International. Thanks to your support, children and families can experience healing, hope, and restoration around the world.

LEBANON

After months of studying hard and finishing their final exams, Kids Alive students in Lebanon were able to enjoy a break at a three-day Bible camp held at school. Together, they lifted their voices in worship, opened God's Word, and found joy in games, crafts, and shared laughter.

For kids who often carry heavy challenges, these days were a safe space to simply be kids again, surrounded by encouragement and love. As students participated, they were also building resilience and hope rooted in Christ. At Kids Alive, we believe moments like this plant seeds of faith that will grow and carry them through the years ahead.

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KENYA

In vulnerable areas of Kenya, many children have never known the joy of being celebrated. Birthdays often pass unnoticed, no cakes, no songs, no one calling a day "yours."

At Kids Alive Kenya, we believe every child deserves to be honoured. That's why our team began hosting monthly birthday parties for the children in our care. With simple gifts, cake, and singing their names out loud, we remind them that their lives matter. For many, it's the first time they've ever been celebrated in this way.

Some children hesitate, unsure how to receive such love after growing up in difficult places. But slowly, the barriers fall. Smiles spread, laughter fills the room, and the once unfamiliar joy of being celebrated begins to take root. These small parties carry a big message: you are loved, you are known, and your life is precious to God. That's the heart of Kids Alive's mission.

ZAMBIA

In Mongu, Zambia, many students carry invisible wounds that need special care. Kids Alive hosted a four-day Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) training so teachers could be fully equipped to lead with confidence.

9 teachers earned certificates (with 4 more attending sessions) and practiced TBRI's tools of Connecting, Empowering, and Correcting with warm eye contact, calm choices, and prevention routines.

The impact is real: teachers now share a common language to help their students thrive and grow in a healthy way. As this posture spreads to families, classrooms in Zambia become places of safety and growth—trauma-informed care in action!

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

In the Dominican Republic, Kids Alive staff members work tirelessly to meet the daily needs of children and youth, modeling what it means to live with wisdom and faith. But this summer, the caregivers themselves became students. Through the Kids Alive Job Skills course—developed by Jack, a former Wheaton Academy student—the staff learned practical tools for budgeting, saving, and making financial decisions rooted in biblical values.

In a country where nearly 40% rely on informal credit and most families have no financial cushion, these tools are life-changing. For many, it was their first formal training in financial stewardship. One participant recalled taking out a loan just to buy a toaster, not realizing the long-term cost. “Now,” they said, “I ask, ‘Do I really need this?’ And often, the answer is no.” Another shared that, for the first time, she and her family were able to save enough to take a trip to the coast together. For others, the biggest breakthrough was peace of mind: no longer living pay day to pay day, but with a plan and purpose.

The course ended with celebration and certification, but the real impact is ongoing. As the Life Skills curriculum continues to expand into schools and residential programmes, it’s building a foundation of financial wisdom and Christ-centred freedom that will bless generations to come.

GUATEMALA

At Oasis in Guatemala, healing often begins with the smallest acts of courage, like trying something new, creating something with your own hands, or bravely offering it to the world. Recently, those small acts took centre stage at the Oasis Entrepreneurship Fair.

For months, the girls at Oasis have been attending vocational training classes. From weaving baskets and sewing to baking bread, cakes, and pastries, they have been learning practical skills that can open doors for their future. Along the way, they’ve also been interning with staff and putting their creativity to work.

The fair became a place to showcase all they’ve been learning. Tables filled with handmade baskets stood alongside trays of croissants, cakes, and carne asada sandwiches. Girls brewed cappuccinos and proudly served Oasis staff members. What could have been just a “practice run” became something bigger: a joyful celebration of talent and potential.

At Kids Alive Guatemala, we believe in equipping girls with tools that restore not just their present circumstances but also their dreams for tomorrow. The Oasis Entrepreneurship Fair was one more reminder of what happens when courage is met with opportunity: young women rise, thrive, and begin to see themselves as God created them, full of purpose and possibility.

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HAITI

At five years old, Espérance walked into Kids Alive Haiti with a small backpack and a big dream. In Haiti, where only ~1% of college-aged youth complete university, he stood out for his curiosity and perseverance. With caring staff cheering him on, he began kindergarten and kept moving forward, even before Kids Alive Haiti had an on-site school. He studied at nearby private schools all the way through high school.

Because we believe holistic care matters, he received more than tuition: transportation, food, health care, and family support from Kids Alive made space for learning and healing to take root. That's education that heals in action: consistent love and practical help that protect a child's future.

Espérance graduated with a computer science degree, then came home to give back. For the past three years, he's taught computer science at Kids Alive Haiti. He mentors younger students and leads tech initiatives. "If I succeed, so can you," he tells them. This story captures why we walk with vulnerable children in Haiti, so hope grows into leadership and community impact. We're cheering you on, Espérance!

PERU

Camila* grew up in Peru with a gentle spirit but an unsafe start in an abusive home. At two years old, she and her sisters arrived at the Juniper Tree Children's Home, where Kids Alive Peru met them with steady routines, caring adults, and a trauma-informed approach that said, "You are safe here." In those early years, Camila was shy and unsure, but sports and music workshops gave her healthy outlets to process emotions and rebuild trust.

With time, mentoring, and education that heals, Camila found her footing at school and enrolled in a technical program to become a Preschool and Elementary Education Assistant. She practiced classroom skills, discovered what she's good at, and anchored her days with simple, hopeful words: "I will move forward." She also began English studies, leaning into a long-time love for languages.

Today, Camila is learning budgeting, job skills, and healthy relationships while finishing her certification. Her dreams are to pursue commercial aviation and serve others as a bilingual translator. This is how we create safe spaces, patient mentoring, and opportunities that turn pain into purpose. These are the alive moments we celebrate as God's love helps a young woman step into a bright future.

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