

ALIVE!

Moments

CELEBRATING GROWTH, HEALING, & BRIGHT FUTURES

Across the Globe



Dominican Republic:

Early-intervention support at Park School is helping Sam grow in confidence, connection, and communication—pairing classroom routines with specialized therapies so he can thrive one steady step at a time.



Lebanon:

Staff embraced new “life declaration” cards—Scripture-rooted truths that speak worth and identity—using them to encourage one another and reinforce healing rhythms with children.



Guatemala:

At a regional gathering, our team equipped churches and child-protection partners with tools for trauma-informed foster care, raising awareness for safe families and healing-centered justice.



Kenya:

Family training at Karundas Hope Center equipped parents with Trauma Healing tools, strengthening family bonds and building emotional wellness for the long term.



Zambia:

After overcoming instability and persevering through long commutes to finish school, Mwenge received holistic support at Kids Alive, completed his exams, and was safely reunited with his family.



Haiti:

Weekly gatherings are helping children practice respect, name big feelings, and build healthy relational rhythms—small steps that strengthen community and nurture hope.



Peru:

Through art mentoring, one young creator found healing in color and imagination, discovering her identity and dreams in a safe, supportive space.

This month’s Alive Moments offer a window into the quiet, steady ways healing grows—through encouraging words, family-strengthening spaces, creative expression, and early-intervention support. Kids Alive teams are walking with children and families in ways that nurture safety, restore identity, and reinforce God’s hope for their futures. These stories remind us that when compassionate care meets consistent presence, lives begin to mend and communities move toward wholeness.



LEBANON

Kids Alive leaders Dan and Rachel visited our Lebanon team to introduce our “life declaration” cards. These contain simple, Scripture-rooted “I Am” statements. “I Am Chosen,” “I Am Clean,” “I Am God’s Masterpiece,” and “I Am God’s Child.”

Staff members were challenged to speak these truths over their own lives first, then share them with the kids. The very next day, the office team began reflecting on the first card and connecting its truth to their own stories, healing that starts from the inside out.

Rachel spent time listening to children and encouraging our caregivers, reminding everyone that Kids Alive is about true holistic care—safety, belonging, and identity in Christ. As Dan shared how these cards are being used in other countries, our Lebanon staff caught the vision for daily rhythms that reinforce worth and hope. This is “education that heals” in action, helping children replace trauma with truth and step into God’s future for them.

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KENYA



During a family training at the Karundas Hope Center in Kenya, parents learned about Trauma Healing. They shared how the session opened their eyes, and how God is restoring them as they learn to strengthen and nurture their families. These monthly trainings are just one of the many ways Kids Alive is investing in communities for the long term, providing both a time of rest and lasting hope for a brighter future.

Thank you for helping to create and sustain spaces like Karundas Hope Center, where families gain tools for emotional wellness, form Bonds That Mend, and help their communities to become free from fear and violence.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

At Park School in the Dominican Republic, teachers noticed early that Sam* needed extra support with learning and behavior. Because these challenges were identified when Sam was just three, our multidisciplinary team could respond quickly, creating a holistic plan for his care. In Kids Alive classrooms, early intervention means starting with safety, predictable routines, and encouragement that helps children succeed.

Now in second grade, Sam is blossoming. He reads with growing confidence, participates in discussions, and is building a bigger vocabulary.

Through speech therapy, he's learning to hold conversations with teachers and friends, something that once felt out of reach. Our "education that heals" approach pairs classroom strategies with specialized support so kids can practice new skills in real time and feel the joy of progress.

Support doesn't end at the school gate. Following our psychologist's guidance, the boys attend outside therapy twice a week, and their dad shows up daily to share lunch, strengthening healthy habits and deepening family bonds. With coordinated care in general education, special education, and therapy sessions, Sam is learning to self-regulate, engage with peers, and face challenges with courage. This is the impact of holistic care in the DR: children growing in confidence and hope, one steady step at a time.

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GUATEMALA



Children in Guatemala deserve safety, family, and a path to healing. That's the heart behind our foster care work at Oasis and across Kids Alive Guatemala. At a regional gathering of child-protection leaders, our team shared how trauma-informed care and family-based solutions can protect children and restore hope. From table conversations to hallway introductions, we lifted up the vision of KAI so more churches and organizations could learn how foster families help kids belong again.

Our Country Director, Rosalva Alvarado, joined a panel to spotlight how Oasis pairs protective care with wraparound support, while staff served as "coaches" in breakout tables to help practitioners apply Justice that Heals in their own contexts. Escuintla Justice Center Coordinator Susana Escobedo led a hands-on workshop on building responses that bring accountability, safety, and compassion together.

These moments let leaders see that healing justice is practical: it looks like trained caregivers, consistent therapy, safe reporting pathways, and partnerships that keep children first.

The impact is already growing. Our presence raised awareness of Kids Alive Guatemala's foster family program, opened doors for collaboration with churches and ministries, and equipped our own staff with fresh skills and networks for the road ahead. As new partners explore next steps and our team brings home what they learned, more children can find safety in families, more caregivers can be supported, and more communities can take courageous steps toward healing and hope.



HAITI

Every child in residential care needs places to practice safety, belonging, and healthy choices. In Haiti, our social work team hosts a weekly Monday gathering at the Village—sometimes outside under the trees, sometimes inside one of our five homes—where children and teens explore a new theme each week. Through games, guided discussions, and simple routines, we build rhythms of mutual respect and individual responsibility that reflect Kids Alive's holistic care.

The impact is growing: students are learning peaceful conflict resolution, naming big feelings, and cheering each other on, all small wins that add up to confidence, cooperation, and a stronger sense of family. This is hope rising in Haiti, creating a safe, harmonious space where character takes root and hope can flourish.



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In Peru, one young artist found her voice through color and canvas. When sadness pressed in, painting helped her breathe again, quieting the world and lifting her spirit. In our Kids Alive community, mentors made space for weekly art times where she could process big feelings, explore identity, and name hope. "My favorite piece is a heart," she shared. "It holds all our emotions—who we truly are."

Now she dreams of studying interior design and growing as a kind, generous creator, trusting God to guide each step. This is Education That Heals in Peru: safe spaces, caring adults, and creative tools that build resilience and purpose. For girls still searching for hope, her message is simple: hold on to God, keep practicing your gifts, and watch good things grow.



**FINDING HER VOICE
THROUGH** *Art*



MWENGE'S
Persistence

Despite significant challenges, Mwenge* never gave up on his education. When he was referred to Kids Alive Zambia's residential program for safety and stability, he stayed determined—taking two buses every day to keep attending school while receiving holistic support for his emotional, spiritual, and academic growth.

This year, his hard work led him to Grade 12. He recently completed his final exams and has now been safely reunited with his family, returning to a stable home prepared for what comes next.

This is Education that Heals in action—steady, hopeful steps toward a future filled with dignity and possibility.

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