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Opening A New Chapter





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dear friends,

As I look back on this past year, my heart is filled with deep gratitude for each of you who stand with Living Room. Your generosity, your prayers, your encouragement, and your belief in this mission continue to sustain and strengthen us. What began as a small response to suffering in rural western Kenya has grown in remarkable ways. The vision has remained the same—to be a community of compassion that honors life and offers hope.

Our story has always been rooted in love—love for God and our neighbors, love for the most vulnerable, and love expressed through dignifying, holistic healthcare. This year, we have witnessed extraordinary moments: the expansion of our services, the opening of new spaces of healing, and the continued commitment to a vision that began nearly two decades ago. Each milestone reflects not only the dedication of our remarkable team, but also the unwavering support of friends like you.

Your partnership has helped us reach more families, train more healthcare workers, and extend compassionate care to those who might otherwise not be able to access or afford care.

And yet, even as we celebrate all that has been accomplished, we recognize that the work ahead remains great. The need for accessible, affordable, holistic healthcare continues to grow across Kenya. Families facing chronic and life-threatening illness still struggle to find the support they deserve. Our commitment—to be a community of compassion where every person is honored—calls us to keep moving forward with courage and hope.

We enter this next season with determination and a deep sense of responsibility. Together, we are building something that lasts: a model of care that reflects dignity, justice, and love. A model that says every life matters. A model that invites the world to imagine what is possible when compassion leads.

Thank you for all the ways you are part of this global community that continues to transform lives in Kenya and beyond.

With love and thanks,

Juli Boit
Juli McGowan Boit
Founder/International Director



Together, we are Living Room

We are a global community working together to provide dignity and quality of life to people in Kenya through holistic care and education.

We offer holistic care to men, women and children which includes physical, psychosocial, and spiritual support.

Our Model:



VISION

To create a community of compassion that honors life and offers hope.



BELIEF

Every person is created in the image of God. More than treating a disease, we care for a person holistically.



MINISTRY

To extend quality physical, psychological, and spiritual care to patients and their families.



MISSION

To provide dignity and quality of life to people in Kenya affected by life-threatening illnesses through holistic care and education.



Learning knows no bounds. Our pediatric guest, Reagan, is always eager to learn alongside his teacher, Jacob.

Opening a New Chapter

The New Comprehensive Care Center at Living Room Hospital



Living Room Hospital in Eldoret has entered a new season with the opening of the Comprehensive Care Center, a 48,000-square-foot, four-story facility created to expand access to dignifying, high-quality care for the community. What began as a small response to the suffering before us has grown into a community hospital that supports wellness, responds to illness, and walks with families through many different moments of need.

The Comprehensive Care Center strengthens the hospital's ability to offer preventive services, outpatient care, emergency medicine, and specialized treatment. At its heart is a simple belief: every person deserves dignifying care. Within the center are outpatient clinics, expanded diagnostic and emergency services, and a 40-bed inpatient children's unit, which includes the region's first Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.





Also opening within the center is an Education Center, a space dedicated to training and mentorship for healthcare workers and students. Through partnership with institutions such as Moi University School of Health Sciences, it will support learning, patient care, and research—helping ensure that compassionate, skilled care continues to grow within Living Room and throughout the region.

On May 8th, friends, family, and members of the wider Living Room community gathered for a dedication service, offering prayers of thanksgiving and celebrating the opening of this new space. It was a sacred moment—honoring the journey that brought us here and acknowledging the grace that has carried this work forward.

The opening of the Comprehensive Care Center reflects an enduring commitment to the people of this region: to offer care that is accessible, holistic, and grounded in the love of God. As Living Room steps into this next chapter, we are deeply grateful for all who have supported this work. The center stands as a sign of gratitude for what has been and hope for what is still to come.



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EVERY MILE MATTERS

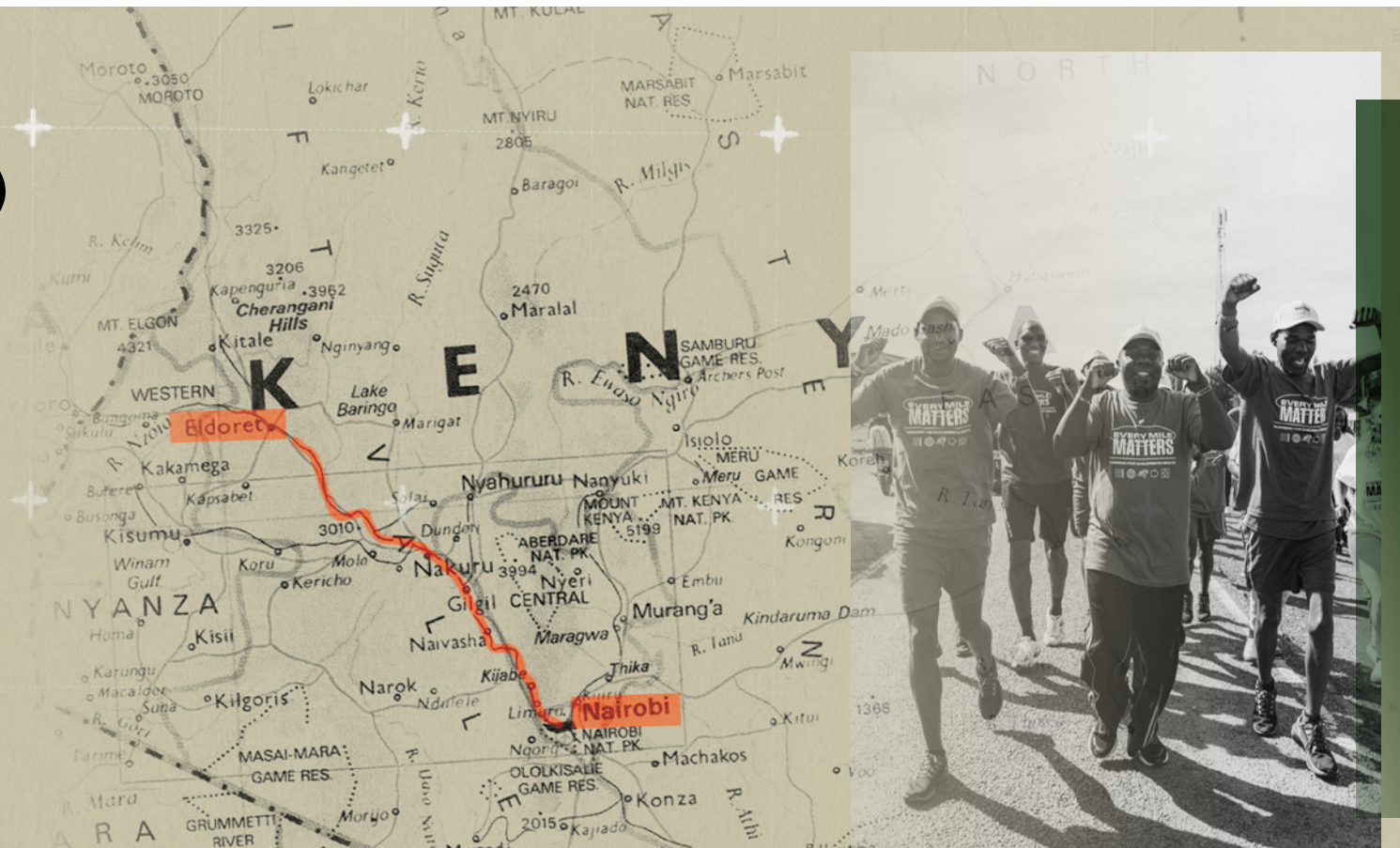
The 2026 Every Mile Matters relay began at sunrise outside Nairobi's new Talanta Stadium, where a small crowd gathered to send off a team of 10 Kenyan runners and 3 cyclists on a 200-mile journey to Eldoret. Over 3½ days, the relay wound its way across counties and communities, raising support to furnish and equip Living Room's new children's unit.

Along the road, the spirit of harambee was unmistakable. Children ran alongside the team for a few steps. Churches offered prayers. Neighbors gave what they were able. The relay became a moving picture of generosity—people pulling together for the sake of children's health.

Support grew with every mile. World champion athletes, including Eliud Kipchoge and Janet Jepkosgei, added their voices and presence, celebrating the runners and the mission they carried. Their support echoed what so many along the route expressed: that compassion is a shared responsibility.

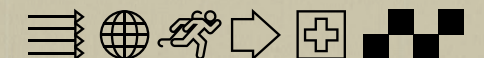
As the relay approached Eldoret, momentum swelled. A team of 50 runners joined for the final leg, forming a long, joyful procession toward Living Room Hospital. The finish line felt like a homecoming—hundreds of staff, neighbors, and friends gathered to celebrate not only the distance covered but also the unity that made it possible.

The run did more than raise funds for the children's unit. It strengthened the bonds that sustain Living Room's work and reminded us that every step, every voice, and every act of love matters. In a year marked by growth and new beginnings, Every Mile Matters stood out as a vibrant expression of community, courage, and hope.



"While I was running today, I wasn't thinking of becoming tired. My mind was thinking about the child, who maybe he or she has not been born, a mother who is somewhere. I was just giving my energy to her so that she can get a chance of being assisted. For us, we don't say we are running. We say we have a journey to complete."

LINUS MAIYO
COACH



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Meet Faith

Bringing Dignity and Smiles to Occupational Therapy

Could you introduce yourself and share a bit about your background?

My name is Faith Jesang. I was born and raised right here in Chebaiywa Village—the home of Kimbilio Hospice—as the eldest of five children. I am a Christian, married, and a mother to one beautiful daughter; we currently live in Murgusi Village. Professionally, I hold a Diploma in Occupational Therapy from Machakos Medical Training College, where I studied for three years.

Describe your role at Living Room and how you first joined the team.

I have been working as an Occupational Therapist at Living Room International (Kimbilio Hospice) since October 2023. I first heard of Living Room back in 2014 when I was in high school. However, my deep connection to the organization began in 2022 when my mother developed medical complications. The exemplary care and compassion she received here completely captured my heart. It inspired a strong desire in me to join the team, use my skills to give back, and support others in the same way.

What motivates and inspires you in your daily work?

What truly motivates me is seeing a smile return to the faces of parents and caregivers after a visit to our department. Those smiles keep me going and push me to do even more. Additionally, working at Living Room allows me to provide essential financial support for my family back home.

Where do you see Living Room Hospital in the next five years?

In five years, I see Living Room becoming the premier hospital in the region. Through the continued delivery of our signature exemplary services, I believe we will expand our reach to impact even more lives in our community.

Is there a specific experience from your time here that has deeply impacted you?

The most impactful experience for me has been training parents of children living with various disabilities. We recently celebrated a massive milestone when 23 parents graduated from our intensive six-month training program. The graduation ceremony was filled with so much pure joy and a sense of victory. It was a beautiful display of restoring dignity and honoring the lives of both the children and their families. Seeing these parents put their training into daily practice has been incredibly rewarding.

Is there anything else you would like to share with our community and donors?

My true passion lies in working with children—their smiles are entirely genuine, and they bring so much life to my work. I am incredibly passionate about what I do, and I am grateful to be a part of this mission.



Crossing the Finish Line

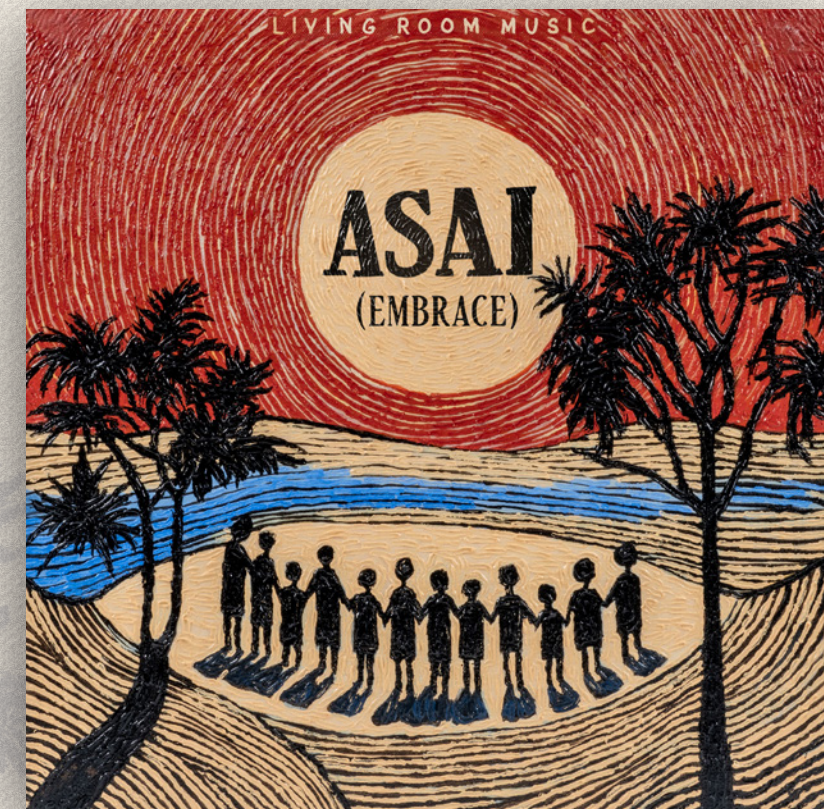
For Ezekiel, a senior at Chepsaita High School, the Every Mile Matters 320km running journey was fueled by a heavy heart. The fourth of eight children from a very needy family neighboring Kimbilio Hospice, Ezekiel ran while his father endured the final stages of esophageal cancer at home. Upon completing this extraordinary run, our outreach team and Ezekiel's coach, Linus Maiyo, visited the family. Recognizing their immense struggle, the family agreed to transfer his father to Kimbilio, where he spent his final 10 days free from pain, frequently sharing, "Kimbilio is such a wonderful place."

The depth of that comfort became clear the day before he passed, when he made a final request to Kimbilio's nurse for a haircut and a shave, stating simply, "I want to sleep peacefully." To our surprise, the next day, he crossed his own finish line in perfect peace. Ezekiel and his family were grateful for the comfort, care, and the ultimate gift of peace offered to their father in his last days.

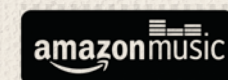


Living Room Music's Album Asai (Embrace)

Living Room Music invites you to rediscover a deeply moving music album inspired by the stories of our patients and our mission of compassionate care. This global collaboration features renowned artists including Pambio, Kanjii Mbugua, Rigga, Atemi, and Beka Dawn from Kenya, alongside James Paek and May Angeles from the U.S. Their collective voices bring a unique blend of musical influences, uniting cultures in a shared mission of love and dignity. If you haven't yet experienced this beautiful collection of songs—or if you simply want to revisit its powerful message—we encourage you to listen today.



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Asante Sana!

I want to take this moment to express my deepest gratitude to the global Living Room International family. Looking back at everything we accomplished together in 2025, I am continually moved by our shared mission to provide affordable, high-quality healthcare to Kenyans in need.

Through your faithful partnership—both in prayer and in deed—we have been able to serve thousands of patients and their families who walked through our doors seeking hope and healing. As CEO, I want to say "asante sana" on their behalf. Your generosity has brought profound relief to the sick and vital peace to families experiencing Living Room’s compassionate care. It is a true honor to walk alongside you on this journey of love and service.

DAVID TARUS
LIVING ROOM CEO, KENYA



The Living Room Organization

TEAM

Our team is unified by our commitment to honoring life and offering hope to our guests and their loved ones. We are comprised of caring individuals with a passion to see the vision of Living Room be achieved in every aspect of the organization.

BOARD

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