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Shining a Light on Hidden Acts of Kindness

Esther is giving free training to nineteen-year-old Tracey from her tailoring shop in Laini Saba, Kibera.

- George is a university student who tutors secondary school children free in his spare time.
- Editah has opened her tiny home in Kisumu Ndogo, Kibera to take in girls and women who have been abused. She helps them get back on their feet.
- Stitches jumped into a flooded sewer to retrieve the body of a boy who drowned during a heavy downpour.

These are just a few of the remarkable stories we gathered from Kibera residents to celebrate Giving Tuesday last month.

There are so many needs in Kibera but we often overlook the amazing ways that people are helping each other every day to meet those needs. People are sharing what they have, however small, and having a life-changing impact on others.

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts but a poor widow put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling His disciples to Him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more money into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth but she out of her poverty, put in everything – all she had to live on."

Mark 12: 41-44

In this passage, Jesus celebrates the giving of a woman who had little to give but who gave it all. Her giving perhaps seemed insignificant until Jesus shone a light on her for His disciples to see and appreciate her and to learn from her. It was so inspiring to listen to these stories and to take a day to shine a light on these hidden acts of kindness. We all came away from the day humbled and challenged by the community spirit and generosity shown in Kibera,
