

African Word Ministries

December Newsletter



Masai Mara National Park

“...Setting the Captives Free...”

Report from Paul

The community has found it very difficult in the last three months due to lack of rains. The short rains which fall November/December did not do well which seriously affected the crop production in the area. The price of maize, sorghum, beans and other common food commodities have tripled in the last few weeks.

The whole area became so dry that water is now a serious problem. Animals have suffered due to lack of grazing areas and drinking water. We are praying that the long rains will do well even though the meteorologists are saying the opposite.

There is a well on each of the two compounds and due to the prolonged dry spell our wells have dried making it difficult for us.

The school has a population of 360 to feed every day five days a week plus the care of the children in the children's home that we had to buy water from Siaya County and truck it into the compounds. This became a very expensive exercise. (see photos next page).

In the past 3 weeks, we have had a couple of rainfalls and even though it has not been consistent there is hope. This past week we have seen evidence of rains.

Please keep praying for rain as there are many people who are worse off in the Northern areas of Kenya.

Also, we ask that you keep Kenya uplifted in prayer as this is an election year and we never know how the elections will go. Only God can give us a good leader. Please pray for peaceful elections.

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Word Academy Students

No Rain



Water being delivered at the Children's Home.

Water - Drought

During the dry season we tried to deepen one of our wells and managed to dig another 4 feet but then we hit rock and could go no further.

The only way through the rock is to get a bore drilled. The cost to drill, pump, stand and pipes will cost close to A\$50,000. We are now looking at the best way to raise funds to sink a bore. We will keep you informed once we have more information.

Thank you to everyone who has donated towards the purchase of water. Last week we had to buy 2 more trucks of water to fill the tanks and as money had been given towards this it was made easier to order the water.



Word Bible Training Graduation Class

BUILDINGS

Due to the prolonged dry season and lack of water we suspended all building projects. As soon as the rains are stable we will continue with the garage/storeroom and school building. These projects need much prayer and support.

WORD ACADEMY

School commenced first week of January with students and teachers ready to work hard. Sports/ball games is done mainly in first term and both teachers and pupils were actively engaged in preparation for the competitions.



Ball Games



Our scouts have been very busy in their projects. They have been involved in tree planting and chicken rearing.

Early in the term we held our annual Education Day where we honoured last year's Std 8 students as well as teachers and students who had worked so hard during 2016.



Education Day



Scouts – Planting of Tree

Ebenezer Children's Home

Our children are growing and we thank God for His grace.

Our Secondary School students are now all in boarding schools since all the local day schools that we have used in the past are now becoming boarding schools.

We have thirteen children in Secondary School and one in University. It is a challenge getting all the children ready to attend school for the start of the school year. School fees are very high in boarding and we require 2 or 3 sponsors at A\$35 per month to cover all the costs.

During the term when it is time for parents to visit we make sure that we visit all our children taking with us flavoursome food and sodas. Boarding school food is not the best and they look forward to our visits to have a good feed and to hear news from home.



Bible Training Centre

Ministerial training is continuing for our members and other churches around us. We have a flexible program that runs on Sunday evenings or mornings for 2 hours. This training has enabled us to have trained people who are helping us in the work of the ministry.

At the beginning of the year we graduated twenty students who had completed their training in 2016. We held a colourful event in the church which was attended by family and friends who cheered on their student.



Computer Classes

Pastor Edwin from our mother church was introduced to an organization in January called Information Communication Technology Mashinani Foundation (ICTMF).

This is a foundation that helps people in villages to have access to technology at a subsidized cost. At the beginning of February, we hosted this program at the church and after two months we graduated 53 people who had completed the basic computer training. It was a very happy and colourful graduation. Unfortunately, ICTMF will only do one training per region. If the students want to further their studies they must travel to the towns.



CHURCHES

Our pastors are working with their congregations to ensure holistic growth in all our centres.

Komouk and Nyapiedho, our two branch churches, have commenced projects to build a church office for the pastors as well as a store room for the equipment. Please uplift these projects in prayer for finances to complete the buildings.

Last month Paul visited both branch churches and found that in both churches the children's church, youth and church members are very strong.

The children's church in both churches still meet under a tree as there is no structure for them but they are happy praising God outside while they believe God for their own structure.



EVENTS

Our Centre has become well known by the public and we have received favour with government departments to host some of their activities for the community.

The Medical Departments use our church hall monthly to conduct their workshops.

This is also beneficial for the women in our catering group as they are hired to cook for the workshops. They have been able to make a profit from their endeavours.

Another group that we host on a weekly basis is called IMPACT. Every Monday they meet community members at our centre.

It is good to see our Church Hall being used on consistent basis. Not only does it help the community but also the women in the catering group who benefit from these events.

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PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for Rain
- Pray for the upcoming events – conference and home crusades
- Pray for our children's safety and protection
- Pray for our projects –
 - Ebenezer Children's Home -Kitchen
 - School Building Project
 - Garage/Store
- Pray for finances for the general running of the ministry
- Pray for the expansion of the church
- Pray for our staff and workers
- Pray for peace during the upcoming elections which will be held in August 2017

If you want to want to visit the Mission and experience what Africa is like, please contact Anna.

It is important to note that this being an election year travel from July to mid-September is not advisable.

As partners and friends of the mission you are part of everything that has been accomplished and we thank you for your continual support, love and prayers.

Lots of love

Anna & Family

Paul, Vivian and team of AWM

