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January 2026 - A Great Beginning!

The 2026 School Year Begins!



A Great Beginning: Closing the door to 2025 and opening the door to 2026

As we step into this new year, we do so with hope, purpose, and faith! We move forward, confident that God is leading us into a season of growth and victory! For all of us, may this year be filled with fresh beginnings and steadfast trust in Him.

The JFM Founders and Board of Directors extend a heartfelt "thank you" for helping us make 2025 an amazing year of ministry and accomplishments! Below you will find a link to the 2025 Year-End summary of what the Lord has done through prayer and our joint efforts!
[2025 Year-End Summary](#)

Missionaries Mike and Cheryl Freese and The JFM Board of Directors

Prayers for the JFM Chumvi Sunday school children as the new school year 2026 begins.



Our JFM-Sponsored Primary School...

Entapipi opened the new school year on January 8th with our first 2nd-grade class. Our two new teachers, Felister and Annette, are great additions to our faculty, and 128 children are receiving quality education. Since 2019, the Westside Shore Community Church and other JFM supporters have faithfully supported our school. The children are learning about Jesus, and the educational standards in the remote Kenyan village of Chumvi have significantly improved. Thank you for helping these children!

Pre-Kindergarten



Kindergarten



First Grade

Second Grade



Short-Term Mission

Steve and Marissa Barkemeyer are visiting Kenya on a 3-month short-term Mission Trip. Next month, we'll share about a wonderful project Steve has tackled at the JFM Headquarters. This month, they enjoyed seeing the twin girls they sponsor, teaching Sunday school, and leading morning devotions at the JFM Mission Center. The girls are members of the JFM Oloruko Church. Steve shared a beautiful New Year's message on "hope," and then we had lunch at the home of Pastors John and Felister.



Steve and Marissa with twins, Mary and Purity. Pictured right are 4 of our new JFM sponsored students.



**JFM Oloruko Church
Pastors John and Felister**

Steve shared an encouraging New Year's message on "hope." We had a sweet fellowship after the service.



January 2026 JFM Regional Pastors' Meeting – Chumvi, Kenya



We Had a Wonderful JFM Pastors' Meeting!

This month, a regional meeting was called for our JFM pastors and pastors' wives from the regions east of the Great Rift Valley. We challenged our pastors to take their commitment to serve the Lord and reach the lost to a higher level in 2026.

If you would like to assist these humble shepherds, we have a JFM Pastors' Fund. Your donations mean so much to them and encourage them as they work for the Lord in these poverty stricken regions.

You can email Cheryl by clicking here:

[**JFM PASTORS' FUND**](#)

This Month We Were Faced With 2 Unexpected Challenges



Here is a Video Message From Mike About Our First Challenge:

[Watch Mike's Video](#)

Our school has 2 pit latrines, each with 3 stalls. The first one was built 15 years ago, and it is no longer stable or safe for the children. With 128 children, plus teachers and staff, attending school each day, it was essential that we dig a new latrine and build it to last. The old latrine has been demolished, and work on the new one is underway. The cost to excavate and construct this stone latrine is \$2,700.

If you would like to assist us with this unexpected and necessary project for the children, please direct your contribution to the “JFM School Project” or email Cheryl at [School Latrine Project](#)

God bless you for helping these children!



The new latrine building project is progressing! The teachers and students are very grateful! Construction workers Kimaita and Jackson are back right and left.



Our Second Unexpected Challenge...

It is at the JFM Nadung'oro church. The tin roof sustained storm damage, and several trusses were broken. Now, when it rains, the water pours down on the congregation. The cost to build the trusses and purchase and install the new roofing sheets is \$300.

If you would like to assist us with this unexpected and necessary repair, please direct your contribution to the "JFM Church Project" or email Cheryl at [Roof Repair](#). God bless you for helping our brothers and sisters in Nadung'oro.



Please join us in praying for these ministry needs:

Please join us in praying for these dear friends of JFM:



Please pray for safe travels for our friend and brother in Christ, Carson Turner. He will be traveling to Kenya the first week of February. He will be spending 6 weeks with us at the JFM Mission Center.



This month, Cheryl's Aunt Sylvia Pesl finished her race and went home to be with Jesus. Thank you for your prayers for the entire family.

Pastor Mark Garrett, of The Well in Hemet, California, is battling cancer and needs a miracle.

Paul Friedrich is undergoing cancer treatment, and God is sustaining him. Please join us as we pray for pain relief and a complete healing miracle for our friend.

Paul Dixon needs complete healing from cancer.

Please join us in praying for these needs in Kenya:

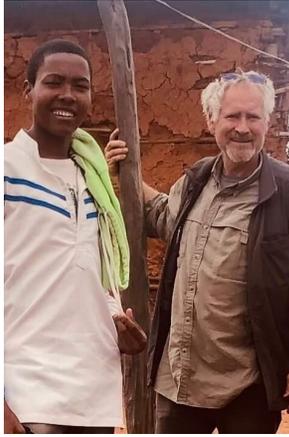
Please pray for our 2026 outreaches in Kenyan that people will turn to Jesus for salvation as the JFM missionaries, pastors, evangelists, and church members share the Good News.

Please pray for JFM's 95 sponsored students, our schools, and safety for those working at the JFM Headquarters and schools.

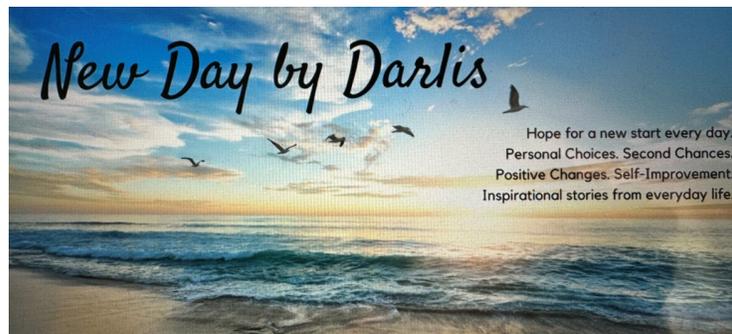
Please pray for the Lord to provide for the financial needs of JFM.

At the end of 2025, we said goodbye to Mariamu, a dear sister from the JFM Chumvi Church. Please pray for the family, especially her young daughter, Namayak, a JFM-sponsored student.





Please continue praying for Paul Minyarit, a young man who loves the Lord and is such a bright student. Paul is a member of the JFM Oloruko Church and a JFM-sponsored college student. Even though Paul is only 21, this year he began experiencing kidney failure. Please pray for Paul. He needs a miracle.



Darlis Sailors, a dear friend of JFM, posts a weekly blog. If you need encouragement, we highly recommend [New Day by Darlis](#)

May the Holy Spirit guide you, may the grace of Yeshua help you in every situation, and may the love of the Father flow through you! God bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you and give you peace!

Mike, Cheryl and the JFM Team

The Holy Spirit may be speaking to you about contributing to His work in Kenya. If so, you can click on the donate button below to use a credit card or access PayPal. You can also use the mailing address (please note the change of address):

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