

# **OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER**

Thank you for taking the time to read and learn about how God is transforming lives through GGFAN! God bless you!

## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SIMON

"...Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him whom they have

#### not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

Roman 10:13-14 (ASV)

#### Dear Simon,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I am delighted to share with you how the Lord has been faithful in enabling us to



transform more lives for His glory. We find encouragement in the words of Paul in the book of Romans, where we are reminded of our vital role in sharing the Gospel so that all may hear, believe, and call upon the name of the Lord for their salvation. In response to this, we are committed to sharing the Gospel of God's love through Jesus Christ with all people in Kenya, regardless of their age, status, or geographical location.

Our Pastors' School is empowering church leaders with the skills and knowledge to spread the Gospel in their communities. This will help attract more believers and ultimately bring more people to Christ. Our two campuses, Nyahururu and Lchamus, have students from various ethnic groups, which is accelerating our mission to reach the 109 people groups of Kenya.

We are reaching out to unreached people in the remote villages of Samburu County. We are witnessing the transformation that the Lord is bringing to the Samburu people. For example, we are happy to report how the Lord has used the Naudokuliponi Preschool, started by the Samburu County Nkalup Vision (SCNV), to change the lives and lifestyle of the residents of Naudokuliponi village. The residents are now engaging in agriculture as a means of livelihood and a source of income.

Our children's rescue center, Home of the Good Shepherd (HOTGS), and our school, Little Lambs Academy (LLA), are dedicated to transforming the lives of children. We provide them with necessities and education while also instilling Christian morals. Our goal is to raise a generation of mature and responsible Christian leaders who will reach and lead more people to Christ.

We are empowering congregations through agriculture. Our teams of agricultural extension officers are working with experts in our GGFAN regions to provide training on the best agricultural practices that promote selfsustainability. The experts are transforming families and communities for God's glory through various projects and agricultural co-ops. Our efforts also extend to the LLA students, where we are teaching the children agricultural skills and how to generate income from farming. The children are dedicated to their successful projects, and they are saving their earnings.

Simon, your love, commitment, and support towards our vision always overwhelm us. You are an encouragement to us and a blessing to everyone whose lives you are helping to transform. Our work brings joy to the Lord, and as the word says in Nehemiah 8:10, "...for the joy of the Lord is your strength." We are happy to walk this journey of transformation with you. God bless you.

# MISSIONS TO THE UNREACHED

### Impact with a Ripple Effect!

The Samburu County Nkalup Vision (SCNV) Education Program continues to provide basic education to over 1,300 children in Samburu. The program supports eighteen preschools in the six Samburu Divisions; Wamba, Waso, Baragoi, Ng'iro, Lorroki, and Kirisia. This support entails the



The Naduokuliponi village farm; a ripple effect from the village SCNV preschool.

stipending of the eighteen preschool teachers and a school feeding program that feeds the children in these preschools. The preschools are a glimpse of hope to many Samburu children who would otherwise live a livestock-centered lifestyle of grazing for their entire lives. Many parents take advantage of the lack of schools in their villages to send their children to graze their livestock all day. However, the parents are learning to let the children attend school though at times the main reason is that the children can get free food. One of the villages that has benefitted from the SCNV Education Programme is Naudokuliponi in the Ng'iro Division, north of Samburu County. The preschool has transformed the village by helping them embrace agriculture.

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#### Actualizing the Nkalup Vision!

The Samburu County Nkalup Vision (SCNV) has established 752 churches and preaching points in



A fellowship at the newly-constructed ACK Tangar church.

Samburu since 2012. This aligns with the mission to start 1,000 ('nkalup') churches in Samburu. Of the 752 churches, 154 have buildings constructed by the SCNV Church Construction Program. These churches have been constructed through the help of the SCNV donors. Among the many villages that SCNV has constructed churches is Tangar with a population of about 2,000 people. Tangar village has been unreached without the light of the Gospel for a long time. The residents have resorted to African traditional religious practices which

involve early marriages, polygamy, and cattle rustling.

SCNV has established two preaching points to help evangelize and disciple the residents. Reverend Daniel, the SCNV coordinator of Samburu North has recently overseen the construction of these preaching points. The preaching points, Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK) and the Kenya Assemblies of God (KAG), are helping to reach the residents though it is challenging due to the prevalence of the African traditional religion. The preaching point leaders also travel for long distances on motorcycles to preach to the village. There is a need for more funds to start more preaching points in Tangar and the nearby areas to boost evangelism and discipleship.



The HOTGS twins, Moses and Maxwell.

### **MERCY MINISTRY**

#### **Blessed with Twins!**

For the past seventeen years, Home of the Good Shepherd (HOTGS) has been rescuing, developing, and nurturing vulnerable and orphaned children from different communities and people groups in Kenya. In 2019, we began a transition from an orphanage to a rescue center where we care for the children and connect them with able and loving foster families. Since 2007, over 130 children have been nurtured and developed to adulthood. Currently, we have 130 children under our care; sixteen of whom we admitted on the 9th of July this year. Among the sixteen are twins, Moses Magera and Maxwell Gitau, from Loikas village in Samburu County.

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#### September Ag Report

Our agricultural department is doing well and fully committed to achieving self-sustainability through agriculture. We are currently in the midst of the harvesting season, and by the end of this month, we will be harvesting corn. Daily vegetable harvesting is underway at the HOTGS farm. We are grateful for the successful visits to all our twelve agricultural experts. We are delighted



Philip, the HoD of the GGFAN Ag team, at the fiveacre farm.

that they are forming groups and registering to start their savings. The students in the Little Lambs Academy (LLA) program have wholeheartedly embraced their projects, and it has made a significant impact on them. Some students have even taken it a step further by establishing ornamental gardens at their homes.

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From left: Mercy, Purity, lecturer Esther, and Benta.

# LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

#### Salute to our gallant Ladies!

We celebrate three gallant ladies, Mercy, Purity, and Benta, who have overcome innumerable challenges and societal pressures to embrace learning at our Ilchamus Pastors' School campus. Furthermore, these women hold leadership positions in their various churches. These women have become trendsetters in their conservative society, which until recently had relegated women to a secondary position. Until recently, women were considered equal only to children, and men did not pay much attention to their welfare. Their determination, endurance, and resilience are an inspiration to other members of society to embrace learning challenges notwithstanding.

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## **PRAYER ITEMS**

#### Thank God for the:

- Transformation that GGFAN is making in Kenya.
   Impact that SCNV is making in the
  - Samburu villages.
- Donors and partners who support the GGFAN and SCNV visions.
- Children whose lives are being transformed in the HOTGS

and LLA

 GGFAN ministry, the leadership, the staff, and the congregants.

 Regional experts, their projects, and their groups.

# Pray for the:

 Unreached people groups in Kenya and the

world.
All the missionaries working in Samburu and other parts

of the world.

- Gallant ladies in the Lchamus Pastors'School
- GGFAN and SCNV donors

and partners, their families, churches/organizations. - Children admitted to the HOTGS family since 2007, especially in July 2024. LLA grade six students sitting for their national exams this month. Students schooling in the Little Lambs

Academy.

Would you like to join and support what God is doing through our ministry for the glory of His great name? Click **here to learn how you can help**.



