



SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP SIMON



God bless each of you!

We continue to thank God for our successful and safe trip to the U.S. This summer, GGFAN was offered a scholarship from the Church of the Highlands, in Birmingham AL, to attend their very popular "Grow Leaders" conference. Besides learning how to develop great church leaders, we were there to share our success stories on reaching the least reached with their missions leadership. We look forward to developing this relationship further and are thankful for their financial support for our trip.

Since we were in the U.S., we extended the trip to meet as many of our donors and partners as possible. We visited nine cities and had over forty meetings, lunches, and dinners. We met many new friends and reconnected with dozens of old friends. Our meetings were productive, discussing new ways to work together to meet the spiritual and humanitarian needs of the least reached and the most vulnerable.

I want to thank all our hosts, dinner partners, drivers, planners, and those who helped sponsor our trip. We also enjoyed our downtime with boat rides, ATV rides, car tours, and relaxing around the pool. We look forward to returning your hospitality as many of you visit Kenya in the coming year.

Blessings!

MISSION TO THE UNREACHED

THE U.S. VISIT

Bishop Simon and Julius had a successful trip to the U.S. that lasted from 13th July to 7th August 2023. On the trip, they visited different organizations in different cities, met with friends, and made new ones.

Here is a brief summary of their visit showing the activities and discussions they had in different places:

Birmingham, Alabama:

- Church of the Highlands – a three-day Grow Leaders Conference on mentoring church leaders.

Atlanta, Georgia:

- SRV International - using orality to spread the Gospel.
- Faith Ventures Inc - Progress of Samburu County Nkalup Vision.
- The Harvey-McNairy Foundation - Progress of Samburu County Nkalup Vision.
- TMS Global - Leadership development, building donor and partner relationships



The Grow Leaders Conference. // Photo by David Gushtyuk

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The Maclin Training at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore Kentucky

NANCY'S TMS MACLIN TRAINING

The training had an impact on my life and on the ministry I serve in. I work with the GGFAN Children's Department and as the superintendent of the seventeen Samburu County Nkalup Vision (SCNV) preschools. I attended the Maclin training at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore Kentucky from 25th June to 11th July

2023 and was hosted by a family from Kenya.

The training transformed and impacted my view of cross-cultural ministry. The TMS Global trainers were very informative and provided the best training module. It was inspiring to meet with other missionaries serving God in hostile and challenging regions of the world. We had time to share about our ministries, encourage one another, and pray together.

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CHURCH EMPOWERMENT

GGFAN CONFERENCE 2023

Every year, GGFAN organizes an annual conference to foster unity and harmony among all the tribes we are reaching.

There are eleven regions in total represented at this conference, which lasts at least two days and brings together our congregants from

Nyahururu, Kipipiri, Shamata, Isiolo, Marsabit, Nakuru, Bahati, Lchamus, Samburu, Olkalou, and Subukia. By doing this, our church members have the opportunity to interact and socialize with members of different cultures, thereby creating cross-cultural relations and promoting harmony among the tribes. Additionally, attendees are taught the word of God and fellowship together.



Fellowship during the GGFAN 2023 Conference.

The GGFAN Annual Conference 2023 was held in August at Salient High School in our Olkalou Region. This was the first conference following the COVID-19 pandemic that affected public gatherings and conferences. The conference's theme was equipping the saints for the works of service (Ephesians 4:11-13). More than 650 congregants from about ninety churches in our eleven regions attended the conference that started on 16th August to 19th August.

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A staff member with part of our primary school children.

MERCY MINISTRY

CHILDREN ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Our Home of the Good Shepherd (HOTGS) family continues to grow in age, faith, and intellect. The home strives to ensure that all our children have access to food, clothes, shelter, and education. This is in line with our vision of rescuing these children and

helping them to achieve their dreams and realize their potential. For sixteen years, over a hundred children have been nurtured and reintegrated into society. Currently, the home has 112 children under its care who continue to be nurtured.

Out of the 42 students that we have in primary school, eleven students exceeded our expectations as per the grading in the Kenyan Competency-Based Curriculum. Twenty-one children are average-performing students who have met expectations. The ten remaining students exhibited below-average performance: our social worker is dedicated to ensuring that these children are given the necessary help to help better their performance.

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AGRICULTURE

Sustainable agriculture is the epitome of every society in Kenya. Most households depend on mainly small-scale farming for

their income and livelihood. This makes agriculture one of the strong pillars of the Kenyan economy. The main goal aim of the GGFAN Agricultural Department is to help the farmers achieve maximum output with minimal input by training them on best agricultural practices and the use of technology.

In August 2023, the department carried out activities such as regional experts' project monitoring and the harvesting of corn at the Home of the Good Shepherd farm. The team also visited the Wambugu farm to invite unreached stakeholders to the Agricultural Expo in February 2024. The team handed out invitation cards to potential stakeholders who are expected to attend the expo planning meetings.



Project Monitoring in Kipipiri Region.

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LLA students seated for the closing ceremony.

EDUCATION

CLOTHED IN LOVE!

The second academic term at Little Lambs Academy ended on the 14th of August. The students could not hide the joy on their faces as they gathered for the closing ceremony. The teachers led them as they sang and danced happily and beautifully, eager for the closing remarks which would mark their permission to leave for home. Though the ceremony was held outside under the hot sun, the students seemed to enjoy every moment. As part of the send-off speech, the students were urged to love their neighbor as themselves. The preacher explained to them that love is the driving force that would help them relate well with others. It would also make it easier and encourage more engagement in carrying out their different chores at home. If they were clothed with love, obedience to their guardians would be easier.

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PRAYER ITEMS

Thank God for the:

- * Successful U.S. visit by Bishop Simon, Reverend Julius, Faith, and Nancy.
- * Life-changing GGFAN Conference 2023.
- * Closure of the second academic term at Little Lambs Academy.
- * Children whose lives are being changed at HOTGS.
- * Healing of our children at HOTGS; Musa and Samuel.
- * Good corn harvest at HOTGS farm.

Pray for the:

- * Least reached, the unreached, and the lost people in Kenya.
- * GGFAN Ministry; pastors, missionaries, and staff.
- * Children under our care at the HOTGS.
- * Students as they prepare to start their third academic term.
- * LLA candidates as they prepare for their national exams.
- * Regional agricultural experts and their projects.

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