



DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM SIMON AND LUCY

Dear brothers and sisters.

The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 9:7, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Lucy and I thank you for choosing to support God's work through GGFAN. Your generosity is making a huge difference to many lives in Kenya. We are overwhelmed by your great kindness to ensure that God's love is spread to all especially the unreached, the least reached, and the vulnerable.

You provide us with resources to support the church missions and share the

love of God with others. You also provide educational opportunities for children, enabling them to learn and grow in a safe and nurturing environment.

Additionally, you help us to empower communities and families through sustainable agriculture by providing them with ways to acquire the necessary knowledge.

You have supported Lucy's vision of providing a haven for vulnerable children where they have access to food, clothes, shelter, and education. Our Home of the Good Shepherd (HOTGS) family continues to grow and flourish!

Pastors are empowered to reach their communities and transform lives with the Gospel as a result of your support of the pastor's school.

We are grateful to God for gifting us with loyal brothers and sisters in Christ who heed the call to share God's love with the world. We always pray for you that God may bless you, your families, and your churches/organizations.

We are blessed to have you!

MISSIONS TO THE UNREACHED

GGFAN Expands!

GGFAN envisions Kenya as a country where God is worshipped by all the tribes. As our vision states, 'That all the 122 tribes of Kenya would have access to the Gospel of God's love'. As of 2023, we are



The GGFAN OI Moran church.

working among five major unreached people groups in Kenya namely Samburu, Turkana, Pokot, Lchamus, and the Rendile. Among the five tribes, the Samburu is the most impacted tribe.

This outreach is propelled by the support and funding from our partners, Bill and Phyllis of Faith Ventures Inc. and John, Leigh, and MeMe McNairy of the Harvey-McNairy Foundation. Through their support of the cross-denominational vision, Samburu County Nkalup Vision (SCNV), churches are being planted in Northern Kenya to reach these communities.

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The KCPE candidates from HOTGS.

MERCY MINISTRY

His Grace Is Sufficient!

We thank God for His abundant grace that has sustained our children throughout the academic year 2023/2024. We have seen our children's quest for knowledge increase with most of them excelling in academics. For those who are not

good in academics, God has bestowed skills upon them in music and sports. Nothing melts our hearts with joy more than watching the vulnerable children we rescue heal from their trauma and acquire hope for a bright future ahead. Our mission to transform their lives is fueled by the unconditional support from you, our friends, through your prayers and finances.

In the academic year 2023/2024, our forty-two children sat for their end-of-year assessments. These assessments determine if a child is ready to proceed to the next grade in the coming year. Out of the forty-two, nine children in grades, six and eight sat for their national assessments. The grade six sat for the Kenya Primary School Education Assessment (KPSEA) while the grade eight sat for the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE).

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Agricultural Empowerment

The Agriculture Department supports GGFAN's mission of building congregations that meet the physical and spiritual needs of the unreached, the least reached, and the lost. We aim to transform the lives of congregants and communities by promoting self-sustainability in agriculture. In John 10:10, Jesus Christ says "...my purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. (NLT).



The HOTGS Garden.

Our goal as a department is to ensure that the people we are reaching with the Gospel have a sustainable life like Jesus wishes for them through agricultural empowerment. This empowerment results in the production of food for our children and congregants as well as the generation of income.



CHURCH EMPOWERMENT

Lead Like Jesus

In their exercise of authority, many leaders are Edging God Out (EGO). Their ego which results from pride and fear has led to arrogance and competition. This pride and fear also lead to conflicts and

separation that affect a leader's ability to lead and influence leading to suspicion. The Lead Like Jesus (LLJ) program encourages servant leadership like Jesus Christ showed by Exalting God Only (EGO). Jesus Christ practiced servant leadership through serving others in love and humility such as the washing of His disciple's feet.

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Men's Seminar 2023

In Africa and the world at large, gender empowerment has focused mainly on women. Men have, on many occasions, been overlooked due to the stereotypical belief that they are strong beings who show fewer emotions. Most of the empowerment seminars conducted,



GGFAN men congregated for the seminar.

even by GGFAN, have targeted women to enlighten and empower them to take up leadership and responsibilities. Men are considered as the breadwinners and problem solvers hence, there are no education programs organized for them.

The men's seminar organized by Bishop Simon Mwaura targeted men from the Kikuyu tribe, one of the major tribes in Kenya. The teachings focused on the Kikuyu culture due to cases in the recent past where people, especially men in positions of power, are professing born-again Christians but engaging in cultural rituals and practices. The main ritual involves praying to a god whom the Kikuyus believe resides on top of Kirinyaga (Mt Kenya). The speaker enlightened the men who attended on the difference between this cultural god and the one and only true God.



Angelo Yusuf and the LLA Headteacher, Duncan Kahunyo.

EDUCATION

The Excelled!

The results for the grade eight national examination, Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) 2023, were announced on November 23, 2023. More than a million students, twenty-six from our school, Little Lambs Academy, sat for the examination. We thank God for the exceptional performance of our candidates and are

happy to share it with you.

This particular examination was special since it marked the end of the 8-4-4 curriculum replaced with the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC). The 8-4-4 curriculum consisted of six subjects namely; Science, Mathematics, English, Kiswahili, Social Studies, and Christian Religious Education (CRE). In the KCPE 2023, the best-performed subject was Kiswahili with a mean of 61.04 followed by Mathematics with a mean of 60.23, English with a mean of 60.04, Science with a mean of 57, and lastly Social Studies and CRE with a mean of 54.92. There was a negative deviation in the total mean score of the school from 297 in 2022 to 293. We are grateful to God that all subjects had a mean score of above average.

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The Pastor's School Progress

The pastor's school classes in the Nyahururu campus in October commenced on October 23 and ended on the 26th. The classes started with the administration of exams for previously taught content. Fourteen students reported for the diploma class while twenty-eight students reported for the certificate class.



Nineteen students reported to the Lchamus class from October 31 to November 2. Four students reported for the diploma class while fifteen reported for the

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PRAYER ITEMS

Thank God for the:

- * Good performance of the Little Lambs grade eight students.
- * Good results from the HOTGS children in their KCPE.
- * Positive progress in GGFAN's vision.
- * Pastor's school and the students.
- * Agriculture experts and their projects.
- * Rains that are necessary to grow our crops.

Pray for the:

- * Unreached people groups in Samburu and Kenya as a whole.
- * Churches that need funds for the construction of church buildings.
- * HOTGS and LLA children as they continue with their holiday.
- * LLA grade 6 students as they await their results.
- * Current cohort of students in the pastor's school as they continue with their studies.

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.

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