



## MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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### MESSAGE FROM SIMON AND LUCY

Dear Simon,

We want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support in our mission to spread the love of

God to the unreached, least reached, and vulnerable people in Kenya. Your passion has enabled us to achieve great milestones and transform the lives of children, pastors, and vulnerable people.



We are grateful for your prayers and financial contributions, which have made a significant difference in the lives of many people in Kenya. Together, we are able to save lives, win souls to Christ, rescue children, equip leaders, and nurture the next generation of leaders. We are blessed to have you on our team.

We understand that our friends in Nebraska and other states in the USA are dealing with the aftermath of recent storms and tornadoes. We empathize with you and want you to know that we are praying for you and asking the Lord to comfort you during these difficult times. Similarly, Kenya is also experiencing heavy rains that are leading to loss of lives and destruction of property. Some regions such as Ilchamus have been affected by floods. We share your pain and are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

We would like to thank Julie and Jamie for their impactful mission to Kenya. Your insightful words of wisdom have benefited our staff, leaders, and the girls in our Ilchamus region. We also want to appreciate Lisa Bailey from TMS-Global for her teaching on cross-culture. Your training on understanding Western culture and way of doing things will help our staff with their cross-cultural interactions for years to come, especially on all mission trips to Kenya. May the Lord bless you, our friends.

We cannot thank you enough for your generous support towards GGFAN's mission. We always pray for you, your loved ones, your churches, and your investments. May the Lord bless and guide you always. You are a blessing to us and the many people whose lives you have touched and transformed.

**We love you. God bless you!**

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**Pray for the Ilchamus  
Region!**

Kenya is currently experiencing heavy rainfall, which has caused severe flooding in most parts of the country. Over 60,000 people have been displaced from their homes as a result. Due to the flooding, the Kenyan Government has postponed the reopening of schools until further notice, in the hope that water levels will recede soon.



*Families moving to higher grounds in Baringo!*

In the Ilchamus region of Baringo, over 300 people, including church leaders and congregants, have been evacuated to higher ground due to rising water levels according to reports by the Kenya Red Cross. Dixon Leleboo, the Ilchamus Regional Overseer and pastor in the GGFAN Loingewan church has informed us that his house is submerged in water, with water levels continuing to rise. The flash floods have left them unable to rescue their property, including livestock. Dixon's wife, Valentine, who is one of the Agricultural Regional experts, has also been affected by the floods. Her poultry project has been destroyed, and her chickens were carried away by the running water.

We kindly request your support in prayers and finances to help the families affected by the floods. These people require basic supplies such as food and bedding. May God bless you as you join us in offering a glimpse of hope to these dear ones!

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*Julie addressing girls at the GGFAN Longewan Church in the Ilchamus Region.*

## **MISSION TRIPS 2024**

### **Julie and Jamie Visit!**

We were privileged to host Jamie and Julie in their Kenyan mission in April 2024. The two held sessions with the GGFAN leaders, staff, and HOTGS children. They also visited one of the least unreached regions in Ilchamus

and attended a Sunday service to celebrate Easter Sunday. Julie had leadership training with the staff and leaders where she taught various topics such as integrity and time management.

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*Lynn Fogleman (far right) and some HOTGS Children during a session.*

## **MERCY MINISTRY**

### **HOTGS Healing Hearts Camp**

Forty-one children from the Home of the Good Shepherd (HOTGS) underwent a four-day healing hearts camp to help them heal their childhood trauma, find their courage, boost their confidence,

and regain their sense of worthiness. The camp sessions involved talks, play, and interactive learning activities designed to be fun and to help them feel safe and secure. Twelve girls and twenty-nine boys took part in the camp coached by thirty-two facilitators.

Trauma refers to a deep wound in the heart. Childhood trauma affects a child's self-esteem and confidence leading to a sense of shame and guilt. The child may show signs of bitterness, withdrawal, rebellion, anger, and aggression. The child may experience hurt, low self-esteem, frustrations, fear, confusion, and shame. The child cannot freely express himself/herself due to fear of victimization. This in turn affects their ability to socialize and relate with other peers which leads to poor performance in life and academics. Eventually, the unhealed trauma affects their family life at times leading to stress and depression.

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## **Self-Sufficiency through Agriculture**

At the GGFAN Agricultural

Department, we are committed to ensuring that the children at the Home of the Good Shepherd and Little Lambs Academy have access to fresh and nutritious food. To achieve this, we work tirelessly to cultivate crops that are high in nutritional value. We also ensure that our agricultural practices are sustainable, so that we can continue to provide food for the children long into the future.



*Stakeholders' training farmers at the Expo 2024.*

We also believe in empowering our congregations with the skills and knowledge they need to become self-sufficient through agriculture. By providing training and education in sustainable farming practices, we are helping families to grow their own food, which not only ensures that they have enough to eat, but also provides them with a source of income.

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## **MISSIONS TO THE UNREACHED**

### **Making Samburu County Reached!**

As of March 2024, the Samburu County Nkalup Vision (SCNV) has accomplished 70% of its goal of making Samburu County reached with the Gospel by establishing 1,000 churches and preaching points in Samburu County. SCNV has established 774 churches and preaching points of which 108 have built structures. Each church or preaching point is expected to disciple over 50 members who will be part of the disciple-making movements.



*Fellowship at a village in Waso Division.*

In March and April, preparation and verification processes are ongoing to build fifty-seven more churches. These processes are led by the SCNV coordinators

who also supervise and oversee evangelistic and disciple-making activities in the SCNV churches. Their efforts are made possible by the generous grants of our friends who heed the call to make the Gospel accessible to the unreached. We are grateful to God for His grace that propels our efforts; Samburu is changing from an unreached county to a least reached county.



*Lisa Bailey with the GGFAN Staff.*

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## **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

### **Staff Cross-Cultural Training**

The GGFAN staff took part in cross-cultural training meant to give them deeper insight and understanding of the American culture. The training was conducted by Lisa Bailey, a

missionary with TMS Global. She trained the staff on the differences between the African culture and the American culture and how it affects behavior and performance. The main difference stemmed from the fact that Americans have a monochronic culture while Africans have a polychronic one. Monochronic people value schedules and are task-oriented while polychronic value interpersonal relationships.

Understanding the difference in culture is key to creating successful and impactful interactions between the GGFAN staff and the donors/partners. The training will help the staff have a better understanding of what to expect during their mission trips and communications.

We thank Lisa Bailey for her insightful staff training that helped to answer many questions and eliminate various stereotypes that they had about the American way of doing things!

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## **EDUCATION**

### **Bible School April 2024 Mission**

God plans to advance His kingdom throughout the world through the

preaching of the gospel. The ability to fulfill God's mission comes from divine empowerment that God gives through the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible school mission was commissioned on 23rd April 2024 by Bishop Simon Mwaura together with Pastor Bernard Karigo. Also, present to commission the mission were our guests Dr. Lynn and his wife Dr.

Sharon together with Bishop Nimrod. Bishop Simon shared John 3:16 and encouraged the missionaries and stressed the importance of each participant in the mission to show love. Bishop Simon highlighted the importance of loving those whom we were going to encounter in the mission field.



*Open-air crusade at the Akili Primary School in Isiolo.*

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## PRAYER ITEMS

**Thank God for the:**

- Successful healing hearts camp for the HOTGS children.
- Mission visit by Julie and Jamie in March 2024.
- GGFAN partners, leaders, missionaries,

- pastors,  
and  
staff.
- SCNV  
partners,  
coordinators,  
missionaries,  
and  
pastors.
- Adequate  
food  
at  
HOTGS  
to  
feed  
the  
children.
- GGFAN  
staff  
cross-  
cultural  
training  
in  
April.

### **Pray for:**

- The  
people  
affected  
by  
storms  
in  
Nebraska  
and  
other  
states  
in  
the  
USA.
- The  
Kenyan  
families  
affected  
by  
heavy  
floods  
in  
different  
parts  
of



the  
country.

- The missionaries and pastors working in Samburu and different parts of the world.
- The GGFAN Annual Conference in August 2024.
- The Kenyan Mission trips planned in 2024.
- Bishop Simon Mwaura, the pastors, the church leaders, and their families.
- The different GGFAN departments; the staff and their works and projects.

- The regional agricultural experts, their projects, and their groups.

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