



SEPTEMBER 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

Dear Simon,

It brings me great joy to share with you the updates of the transformation that we are making with your support for the

glory of God. We continue to impact the lives of the unreached and least-reached, vulnerable children, church leaders, and congregations. We share this with you not only as updates but also so that you may join us in thanking the Lord for His sufficient grace upon the lives of those we are reaching. We thank you for the love, prayers, and generosity that enables us to keep going. **Mungu akubariki** (God bless you).



We extend our appreciation to all guests and congregants who attended the GGFAN Annual Conference 2024. Over 450 members traveled from all the GGFAN regions to attend this annual event. We witnessed the presence of the Lord through our evangelism team that led thirty-two people to Christ. **Mungu awabariki** (God bless you all) for making time to come to the conference.

We thank the Lord for the graduating class of 2024 in GGFAN Pastor's School, Nyahururu campus. The Lord has been faithful in making them victorious in their education journey. We have equipped and commissioned thirty-nine students to go and transform the lives of their communities and reach them with the Gospel. This supports our vision and mission of not only making the Gospel accessible to all the 109 people groups of Kenya but also building powerful congregations.

The Lord has added to our HOTGS family where we have admitted more children. We are gradually witnessing the transformation of these children both spiritually and socially. Our Social Work department is working tirelessly to ensure that these children feel safe and sound as they work towards their future and destinies. Children, such as Gladys Nyambura, continue to adapt to the HOTGS environment with help from their brothers and sisters.

We are grateful that the Agricultural Department is training our congregation and students on best agricultural practices. This is helping to promote self-sustainability even as we continue to reach more people with the gospel. Through this, we are actualizing the mission of our ministry by building powerful congregations that are empowered to meet their physical needs. We thank the Lord for this!

I thank God you Simon and the great role you play in helping us realize the vision of our ministry; Thank you for the love and passion that you continue to show in sharing God's love with the unreached, least-reached, and the

vulnerable. May the Lord bless you, your loved ones. We love and appreciate you!

Mungu akubariki Simon! [God bless you Simon!]



Bishop Simon at the Church of the Highlands.

MISSION TRIPS 2024

The USA Mission Trip

In July 2024, Bishop Simon Mwaura and Rev. Julius Njuguna traveled to the USA to attend the Grow Leader Conference (GLC) 2024 at The Church of The Highlands in Birmingham. The training aims to strengthen the church's ability to engage in evangelism and discipleship efforts to reach out to the world. Additionally, a partnership between GGFAN and the Church of The Highlands is in its initial stages.

While in the USA, they met with GGFAN donors and partners. Among other productive discussions, a key focus was the formation of a GGFAN core group to unite partners from the USA and Canada into a donor's council. The Kenyan team was also hosted by the Weddington Methodist Church for a meeting that had online participation.

Generally, the trip has strengthened the various GGFAN departments, especially through leadership development, provision of funding for schools in unreached areas and church construction, and future mission trips by USA partners among others.

GGFAN is grateful for all who opened their homes, hosted, facilitated meetings, offered transportation, and supported bishop Simon and Rev. Julius during their stay in the USA. God bless you for your love and warm welcome.



Bishop Simon and Rev Julius at the GLC 2024.



Meeting with the Johnsons and the Burnetts!

MISSIONS TO THE UNREACHED

SCNV Preschools Report

Samburu County Nkalup Vision (SCNV) Education Program is challenging and complementing the role of the Samburu County Government in the provision of basic education in Samburu. The SCNV program started with six schools in September 2018 and has now increased to eighteen preschools in the six divisions of Samburu County. Each division has three preschools that are funded by SCNV. The preschools started in the SCNV-constructed church buildings which children could easily access since government most of the schools are far from their homes.



Nolderkes Pre-school in Ng'iro Division studying in a SCNV Church building.

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MERCY MINISTRY

Transforming Lives!

Gladys Nyambura, 9 years old, is the only child born to a mentally challenged mother. She is a bright student with great academic potential. However, living with her mentally

Gladys, a new member of the HOTGS family.

since it could have easily exposed her to higher risks of sexual and general child abuse. Some of the malicious people in her village took advantage of her by making her work for little or no pay. This environment proved challenging for her and she was not consistent in her education. Through the intervention of a well-wisher, Gladys has been admitted to the Home of the Good Shepherd (HOTGS) among many other vulnerable children.

challenged mother was not a conducive environment for her

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HOTGS/LLA Ag Report

The GGFAN Agricultural Department is committed to ensuring self-sustainability through agriculture to our congregation, the community, the Home of the Good Shepherd, and the Little Lambs Academy (LLA). We are committed to offering comprehensive agricultural education to school students, covering various techniques and knowledge to lay a solid foundation for their understanding and appreciation of agriculture's significance. In the HOTGS farms, we are happy to report good progress.



Philip, the HoD of the GGFAN Ag team, at the five-acre farm.

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The Nyahururu goat project.

August 2024 Regional Ag Report

We are happy to share the agricultural training report, which gives an overview of recent activities by our regional agricultural experts. This report sheds light on the development of essential skills, best practices, and the overall impact on agricultural productivity.

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CHURCH EMPOWERMENT

Annual Conference 2024

The GGFAN Annual Conference 2024 took place at Lake Bogoria Girls High School in the Ilchamus Region from August 14th to 17th, under the theme "Let My People Go". Over 450 congregants attended from our eleven GGFAN namely: Nyahururu, Olkalou, Samburu, Shamata, Isiolo, Subukia, Nakuru, Kipipiri, Bahati, Ilchamus, and Marsabit. We were privileged to also have a team of friends from the USA namely: Curtis Burnett, Paula Burnett, and Sharon McFadden from the Weddington Methodist Church, Bellu Ravi from India as well as Carey Akin of the Global Servant Leaders (GSL). The conference started with door-to-door evangelism around the school area on the arrival day. The evangelism was led by a team from all the regions who visited homes and preached to people in a nearby town in Rabai village. By God's grace, thirty-two people gave their lives to Jesus.



Pst Carey ministering at the Annual Conference.

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The Nyahururu Campus graduating class of 2024.

EDUCATION

Happy Graduation: Impacting More Lives!

The graduation day on 9th August at the GGFAN Pastors' School was filled with excitement and emotions as thirty-nine students received their diplomas and certificates in Transformational Church Leadership. Twenty-seven students graduated with certificates and twelve with diplomas. The air was filled with a sense of accomplishment and pride as the graduates reflected on their

journey over the past one and a half years. Each student had worked tirelessly, balancing their studies with their personal and church responsibilities, and it was a moment of great celebration for both the graduates and their families. The event was graced by Dr. Abigael Demesi who is the Head of the Transformational Church Leadership Department at Pan Africa Christian (PAC) University and USA guests from Weddington Methodist Church. The GGFAN Pastors' School has partnered with PAC University, an accredited university in Kenya, to offer accredited diplomas and certificates that are recognized locally and internationally.

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PRAYER ITEMS

Thank God for the:

- GGFAN
Annual
Conference
in
August
- HOTGS
and
LLA
students
who
are
back
to
school
after
a
short
break
- Success
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visit
by
Bishop
Simon
and
Rev
Julius
- GGFAN

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- New
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- Good
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Pray for the:

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- Mission
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- GGFAN
donors
and
partners
together
with
their
loved
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- Provision

of
more
funds
for
the
preschool
children
in
Samburu

- HOTGS/LLA children that are starting their new academic term
- GGFAN pastors, missionaries, and congregants and their families.
- GGFAN Leadership team

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