



# **GGFAN MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER**

GGFAN continues to work towards changing the lives of people in Kenya through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God continues to help us to make His word known to the unreached people groups for the glory of His mighty name. We are called to transform through not only making the Gospel known to the unreached but also providing food and access to clean water and education.

It is through your continued prayers and supports that we can realize our mission and vision.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**Ephesians 2:10** 

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Moses Gikonyo on his admission day at Joytown Secondary School.

### **MERCY MINISTRY**

### **Home of the Good Shepherd**

### **Grade 9 School Admissions 2023**

Home of the Good Shepherd (HOTGS) has been helping children from vulnerable families for sixteen years now. We have supported more than 300 children by providing them with basic needs such as; food, shelter, clothing, health, and education. We ensure that all the children under our care receive a quality education from the primary level through university/college. We have

also offered education scholarships to some needy children in the community to help them realize their potential academically.

In February 2023, five children from the home were admitted to different secondary schools after having sat for their national Grade 8 exam. We also offered a scholarship to six children from needy families in the community. Joseph Lukwawi and Paul Lowoto joined the Mary Mother of Grace Boys Secondary School which is one of the top 100 best-performing schools in the country. Joseph scored 384 marks while Paul scored 325 marks out of 500.

Moses Gikonyo suffers from a condition known as muscular dystrophy. The condition has left him paralyzed and he, therefore, requires a wheelchair for mobility. Despite the condition, Moses managed to score 263 marks which was an above-average performance. He was enrolled at Joytown Secondary School, a special school for the physically challenged.

Zachary Mwangi was admitted to Kambaa Technical Secondary School after scoring 164 marks, a below-average performance. Despite this performance, he has exhibited many other talents such as playing volleyball and football. Margaret Awoi scored 273 out of 500 marks, which enabled her to enroll at Igwamiti Secondary School. She lives with her aunt close to the HOGTS.

The Home of the Good Shepherd offered a scholarship to six children from the community. The children were identified by the social worker who assessed their conditions and recommended that they be helped. HOTGS will take care of their school fees while their guardians cater to their other needs. The children who benefitted from the scholarship program are Lewis Maina, Evans Githinji, Cameline Wambui, Kelen Wairimu, Jane Ongor, and Wilson Kimani.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers that help us to make an impact in the lives of these children and more. Thank you for allowing them to realize their academic potential. We ask you to join us in praying for them as they begin their secondary school education journey so that they may not only excel academically but also intellectually. We pray that God grants them understanding and self-discipline that will lead to excellent results.



Joseph and Paul together with Reverend Lucy and the social worker Patricia at the Mary Mother of Grace Boys Secondary School.

### **GGFAN 2023 AGRICULTURAL SHOW**

GGFAN, in partnership with the ministry of agriculture at the sub-county level and various agricultural-based companies, organized a two-day agricultural show at Namelok Retreat Center on 24th and 25th February 2023. The show was aimed to teach people on best agricultural practices that can lead to better farm outputs from small inputs. Ten companies exhibited their products and offered training to farmers from Laikipia County and the surrounding regions.

Farmers interacted with companies that focus on the breeding of seed varieties such as Seed Co. Group, Baltoncp Amiran Kenya Limited, Kenya Seed Company Limited, Western Seed Company, and Bayer East Africa. These companies had a variety of crop seeds such as maize, vegetables, and pasture seeds among others. They educated the farmers on the importance of using the

right seeds during planting so as to realize higher yields. The farmers were able to buy these seeds that suited their ecological areas to plant once the rains starts.

The farmers were also able to interact with companies that deal with seedlings such as Mionzi Seedling Propagators. The company focuses on raising seedlings ready for planting. Farmers can buy seeds, engage the company to sow for them, and acquire the seedlings back when they are ready for transplanting at a small fee. The company also sells seedlings to farmers.

The farmers were also trained on how to fight crop and livestock diseases during the show. This was done by crop and livestock protection companies that exhibited their products during the show. Some of the companies include Greenlife Crop Protection Africa, Eurochem International Limited, Baltoncp Amiran Kenya, Bayer East Africa, and Truvets Techno-systems Limited.

Water shortage is a problem for farmers in Kenya due to climate change. Farmers mostly rely on irrigation to grow crops. Farmers who attended the show got the chance to be trained on various irrigation systems that are applicable to their regions and farms. The training was done by Grekkon Limited and Sun Culture Kenya Limited. Grekkon Limited focuses on greenhouse design, borehole drilling, and irrigation system fitting while Sun Culture focuses on water solutions that rely on solar energy.

Farm produce storage was also taught to farmers. This was in an effort to help farmers understand the best storage methods and products to use after harvesting their products. Companies such as Packaging Industries Limited (PIL) and Agro Z exhibited storage products that were safer and easier to use for farm produce storage.

The Ministry of Agriculture also participated in the show by exhibiting various agricultural products and training. These included urban and pre-urban multistory gardens for growing vegetables, energy-saving stoves, and bee-keeping products. The ministry also offered training on agroforestry practices, soil, and water conservation as well as pest and disease control.

The agricultural show was attended by more than 1300 people who have been exposed to training on better agricultural practices and technologies in farming. This attendance was quite commendable since it was the first time that GGFAN had organized such an exhibition. GGFAN aims at conducting similar shows annually to impart knowledge that will enhance food and financial security.



An exhibitor from Kenya Seed Company training farmers on the use of quality seeds during the GGFAN Agri show.

## MISSIONS TO THE UNREACHED

### Nadokuliponi Preschool in Samburu

GGFAN continues to fulfill its mission of reaching the unreached and least-reached people groups with the gospel of God's love. We are currently reaching five of the twenty-two unreached people groups in Northern Kenya. These tribes include Samburu, Turkana, Gabbra, Rendille and Ilchamus. Our reach has been made more impactful through our association with the Samburu County NKALUP Vision (SCNV) whose main aim is to make the gospel accessible to people groups in the six divisions of Samburu County. The SCNV has successfully constructed 101 churches in Samburu through grants from Bill Johnson, Faith Ventures, St. Michael's Anglican Church, Meme and the McNairay Foundation, and the Paul Baddour family.

Among the 101 churches is the Full Gospel Church Nadokuliponi preaching point in South Horr which was built through grants from Bill Johnson and St. Michael's Anglican Church in Charleston, South Carolina (USA). The grant helped put a roof over a metal frame church construction that was to serve as a church building and a preschool for the children in the Nadokuliponi village. The simple obedience had a ripple effect that saw well-wishers and parents of the Samburu children from this preschool mobilize for resources and join hands to complete the Nadokuliponi NKALUP building. The resources also helped to cement the classroom making it easier for the children to learn due to less dust from the floor.

Recently, a classroom was built by the Kenya Dryland Education Funds next to

the NKALUP church building. The new classroom has helped to educate a large number of children from the village and other neighboring villages. The NKALUP church serves as a classroom for young children while the new classroom is used by the older children.

The current drought situation in Samburu has led to most of the grants from the SCNV partners being used in nine NKALUP relief food missions. The drought was preceded by the locust invasion which came after the COVID-19 pandemic. This has led to a lack of enough funds to support the preschools and stipend teachers Thank you for your contribution that helps to not only make the Gospel accessible but also offers a chance to provide education to children in Samburu.



The children at the Nadokuliponi Preschool South Horr, Samburu County.

### **Mobilizing Churches for Missions to the Unreached**

In November 2018, Bill Johnson helped develop the NKALUP Training Manual 'Kenyans joining God in His Mission of reaching the unreached'. The manual is used to train pastors and preaching point leaders not only in Samburu but in the reached areas of Kenya. It serves as a guideline on how pastors can help mobilize people and resources to support missionary works in Kenya.

Recently, Bishop Simon, missionaries Glen and Lisa Bailey, and a GGFAN team trained members of the Full Gospel Churches of Kenya (FGCK) in Murang'a County. The training held at a regional level aimed at sensitizing the church leaders to support and take part in mission work in Samburu.

Bishop Simon is working towards bringing in the Full Gospel church leaders to help build more NKALUP preaching points in the month of March 2023. The Full Gospel Churches of Kenya has been one of the major beneficiaries of Samburu County NKALUP Vision in Samburu. In October 2022, the FGCK Murang'a, mobilized relief food from their region to help families in the drought-stricken areas of Samburu. Bishop Simon offered the GGFAN ministry's truck which

helped to transport the food to three villages and two schools in Wamba, one of the six divisions in Samburu.

GGFAN aims to work cross-culturally and inter-denominationally to spread the Gospel for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will continue to influence more church leaders and congregants to join the missionary work in Northern Kenya. This will help not only make the Gospel accessible to unreached people groups but also transform their lives through education and access to food and water.



Bishop Simon conducts training at FGCK Nyagatugu in Murang'a.

### **APPRECIATION**

For fifteen years now, GGFAN has been fulfilling its mission of taking the Gospel to the twenty-two unreached people groups in Kenya. This has been made possible through your support in prayers and finances.

It's through you honoring our call to help the lives of people of all ages continue to be transformed. You are a blessing not only to us but many individuals in Kenya. May the Lord God Almighty bless you abundantly. You are our heroes and heroines!

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



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