



### **GGFAN JUNE NEWSLETTER 2023**



#### **A Word from Bishop Simon**

Dear Friends and Partners,

We are forever grateful for your love, prayers, and generous support.

Your support enables us to touch many lives in different ways.

YOU are helping rescue children from the streets; offering food, shelter, and more importantly, a nurturing and loving environment with quality

Christian education. We are raising next-generation Kenyan leaders.

YOU are expanding the kingdom of God through our ministry with our pastors,

evangelists, and missionaries to the unreached people groups. Churches are being built and used as worship places on Sundays and nursery schools during the week where kids are offered a meal since food is unavailable in their areas.

You are helping to provide nutritious food to our children. Foster parents are also being educated on best agricultural practices to provide enough food for children under their care. Communities and congregations are being empowered to produce food for consumption and as a source of income.

YOU are offering our pastors' school sound theological training to GGFAN pastors and other denominations for which most cannot afford the fees. Your gift helps equip these pastors.

YOU are educating children in a loving and godly environment through our Little Lambs Academy. We are careful in selecting and training our teachers, which has led to impressive results in children's academics and behavior.

We love YOU. Lucy and I are grateful to God for blessing us and GGFAN with your friendship!

#### MISSIONS TO THE UNREACHED

## SCNV Round-Eleven Relief Feeding Impact

The Samburu County NKALUP Vision (SCNV) has been helping to feed people by conducting eleven rounds of relief feeding programs. The eleven rounds have cost 26, 540, 548 Kenya shillings and fed more than 28, 995 people for 868, 649 meals. The feeding programs have been conducted as a result of



Villagers leaving the GGFAN Loikas Church after receiving a share of the relief food.

funds donated by Bill Johnson, St. Michael's Anglican Church in Charleston, Paul Baddour, MeMe, and The John McNairy Foundation.

David (not his real name) is among the people living with HIV/AIDS in a village in Samburu, Kenya. His health requires him to eat before taking the antiretrovirals (ARV) since the medication is strong. Taking the medicine on an empty stomach makes him feel dizzy and sicker. However, David and his friend who is also HIV positive have been unable to take the ARVs consistently due to the lack of enough food. This has left them emaciated and therefore unable to carry out various tasks.

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# St. Michael's Anglican Church grant

The St. Michael's Anglican Church in Charleston has offered the Samburu County NKALUP Vision (SCNV) preschools a relief feeding grant that will help to feed over 1000 children for a three-month school term. The grant will help to keep hundreds of children in the seventeen SCNV preschools spread all over Samburu County.



Children in the Naupa Nguruki NKALUP ECDE in Wamba celebrate after receiving the relief food.

The drought situation facing the children is yet to change since the last rains since most of their caregivers are pastoralists who depend on livestock for food and as a source of income.

St. Michael's Anglican Church has been helping to keep the children in school by providing them with meals daily. This has proven most impactful, especially for children who find it hard to get meals at home.

We wish to thank Rector, the Vestry, and the St. Michael's Mission Task Force for supporting the dreams of Samburu children by providing them with meals. God bless you.

#### **GGFAN-Sponsored Preschools**

GGFAN has been working with our missionary, Wilson Ole Tangule, in our Lchamus Region in Baringo County to meet the felt needs of people we are reaching with the Gospel. This is achieved through the provision of relief food which helps to feed families living in villages within the region. We have also been working with some schools to ensure that the children



Benson Lesiamon; on his way home from school.

enrolled take porridge during every school day for the whole of their academic year. This has encouraged parents to enroll their children in schools so they can get to have a share of the porridge. Some of the schools we are working with include Murda Primary School and Ntepes Primary School.

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The 176 children in the Morijo ECDE preschool in Baragoi Division.

#### **SCNV Morijo Preschool**

The clashes in Poro, Pura, and Malaso have caused the population in Morijo Preschool in Baragoi Division to double. The clashes are a result of cattle rustling. Many villagers in these areas have run away from their homes after the government issued an order requesting them to vacate due to insecurity. Children from these areas are suffering from trauma after

witnessing violent attacks which have seen them move to new environments.

The preschool has 176 children who have benefitted from the food donated to them by Bill Johnson, Faith Ventures Inc, and the Mc Nairy family through the Samburu County NKALUP Vision (SCNV). The food will help feed the hungry children and keep them in school.

We are grateful to the SCNV partners for their generous donation that supports the Samburu children's quest for education. Through your continued support in funds and grants, the lives of children in Samburu continue to be transformed for the glory of God. God bless you,

#### **MERCY MINISTRY**

#### **Agriculture May Report**

"Agriculture is our wisest pursuit because it will in the end contribute most to real wealth, good morals, and happiness." - Thomas Jefferson

The GGFAN Agriculture Department continues working towards its vision to promote self-sustainability to the people



Our tomato and capsicum plants.

we are reaching with the Gospel through empowerment in agriculture. Our mission is to provide the best agricultural knowledge and skills to help these people attain food and financial security. We achieve this by conducting training on a regional level in eleven GGFAN regions; training that is relevant to the agricultural potential of each region. We also work with the Home of the Good Shepherd (HOTGS) management and Little Lambs Academy (LLA) to ensure that we produce enough food for the children under their care.

In May 2023, the agriculture department carried out activities such as farming at the Home of the Good Shepherd, following up on regional agricultural experts' training, and planning for training starting in July.

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Anitah Wangui and Alex Abong'

#### Home of the Good Shepherd

It's been a year since we admitted a new cohort of children to the Home of the Good Shepherd (HOTGS). Our goal has been to ensure that their basic needs such as food, shelter, clothing, and education are met. This helps them to live a normal life similar to other children elsewhere in the world.

Initially, the new cohort had a hard time adapting to the new environment of our home.

Most of the children had several cases of indiscipline due to the lack of responsible caregivers in their lives. It took some time for the children to familiarize themselves with living in an environment where there are rules to be

followed; especially in school. In some cases, the children were dropouts while others were in and out of school due to a lack of school fees. These children had a hard time understanding the English language which is used to teach in class as well as in communication with the staff and other children in school. This led to poor results in their examination.

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#### CHURCH EMPOWERMENT

#### **GGFAN Maili-Sita Church**

GGFAN continues towards realizing its vision of making the Gospel accessible to the 122 tribes of Kenya. Our mission is to building powerful congregations that are able to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the unreached, least-reached, and the lost. We continue to work crossculturally to develop and empower



The GGFAN Maili-Sita project's architectural drawing.

indigenous leaders to help transform their communities with the Gospel.

The GGFAN Maili-Sita in Bahati Region was started in 2016 with about twenty members. The church has grown to be the largest and fastest-growing church in the whole ministry. The church has over 400 members with 200 of them being children. Under the leadership of Reverend Moses Gathogo, the church has grown to be the role model church for the other GGFAN churches.

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## Women Leadership Seminar

The GGFAN Women Ministry led by Reverend Lucy Thuo has continued to conduct seminars in the GGFAN regions. The training aims to empower women to exercise spiritual wisdom in their lives as leaders, The attendees of the Mukutani Region women's seminar.

wives, and mothers. The training has been conducted in seven of the twelve regions of GGFAN. The

seven regions include Kipipiri, Shamata, Olkalou, Nyahururu, Subukia, Nakuru, and Mukutani.

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### **PRAYER ITEMS**

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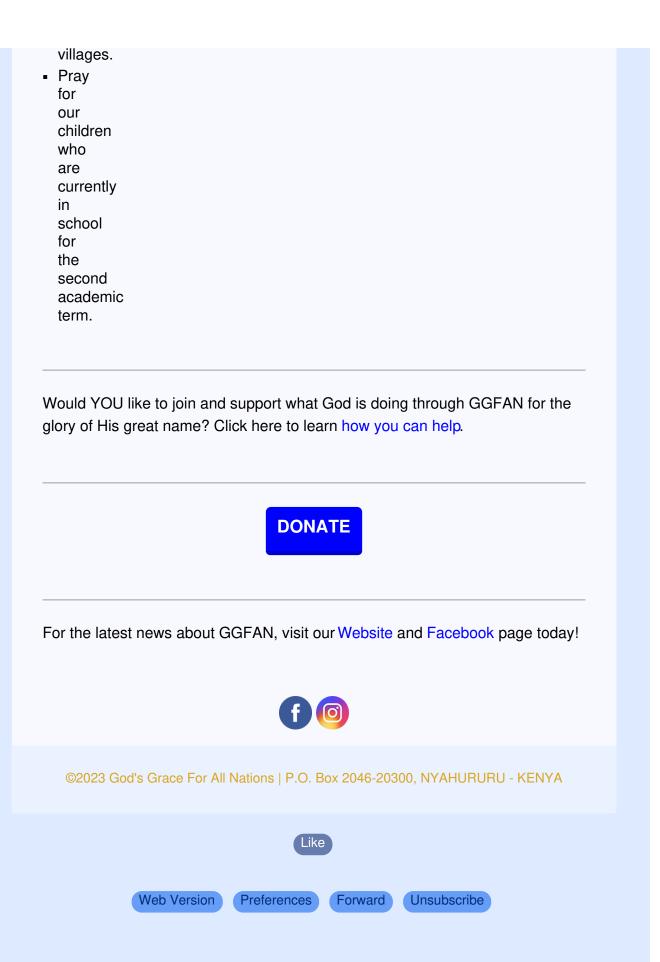
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churches in reaching people with the Gospel. Thank God for the rains that have led to good progress in our farms. Pray for our forthcoming national conference in August. Pray for us as we seek funds to build а house for our missionary in Laisamis. Pray for the **GGFAN** Maili Sita

church as they seek funds to build а permanent church. Pray for our school as they participate in the music festivals. Pray for the candidates in the Little Lambs Academy. Pray for Bishop Simon Mwaura's and Reverend Julius Njuguna's **USA** Visit in July. Pray for those living with HIV/AIDS in Samburu



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