



GGFAN MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 9:37-38

God has commissioned GGFAN to prepare the harvest for Him. The harvest is plenty due to the existence of unreached and least reached tribes in Kenya. We continue to impact lives through sharing the Word of God with people so that their lives can be transformed. Our quest for more harvest for Christ is made possible through our various departments which aim to transform lives for the better. Each department's work is structured to ensure that the people it reaches are accepting and experiencing the love of God.



Nyausi, a child attending Lolukushu Nursery School.

MISSIONS TO THE UNREACHED

LOLUKUSHU PRIMARY SCHOOL

God's Grace For All Nations continues to impact the lives of children in the arid areas of Northern Kenya. Through working with other organizations such as the Samburu County Nkalup Vision (SCNV), the lives of children are being transformed by providing them with food and education. SCNV has been constructing church buildings in villages with the least-reached and unreached people

groups. The buildings are used for church services on Sundays and as classrooms during the weekdays. This has helped to ensure that the children receive an education.

The drought situation in Northern Kenya has led to the death of livestock which is the major source of income in the region. This has led to hunger where many families are unable to get even a single meal per day. As a result, many parents have enrolled their children so that they can receive the food offered. Many children only attend school to have a share of the food as opposed to receiving an education. It's during their quest for food, however, that they are introduced to learning.

Lolukushu Nursery School is a school that benefits from the SCNV education and feeding program. The school is located in Lolukushu Village in Laisamis Constituency in Marsabit County. The village is among the villages that GGFAN is reaching with the gospel under the leadership of missionary Henry Wachira. Recently, GGFAN established the GGFAN Lolukushu church and ordained Henry Wachira to oversee the GGFAN churches in the Marsabit Region.

The Lolukushu Nursery School has an enrollment of fifty-five kids. Thirty-eight children are in pre-primary 1 while seventeen are in pre-primary 2. The feeding program at the school has seen kids provided with porridge which helps them contain their hunger. In 2022, fourteen children graduated from the school and joined a primary school not far from the village.

Nyausi, a child from Lolukushu, has benefitted not only through getting a meal but also from an opportunity to learn. The boy attended a Sunday school program organized for the children at the GGFAN Lolukushu church. He was very weak, prompting the church leadership to assume he was suffering from a chronic illness. His condition, however, changed after he was offered some porridge and he regained his strength.

Nyausi was enrolled at the school the following day. He explained to the teacher that he and his younger siblings had been sleeping hungry and even going for days without food. Since that day, Nyausi has never missed a day in school. The school also offers him some porridge to take home so that he can share it with his siblings. Apart from his studies, he has made new friends, which has improved his life. The school has changed not only his life but also that of his siblings who are now eager to join school once they are of age.

Through support in finances and prayers, the lives of children like Nyausi are being transformed. The children have a better chance of realizing their destiny through the feeding programs that keep them alive and kicking. The education they receive helps to guarantee them a chance to realize their dream careers by having them experience the joy of education like other children in different parts of the world.

We ask you to join us in prayer as we seek funds to help impact the lives of more children like Nyausi in the areas we are reaching with the Gospel. We also request your prayers as we seek funds to purchase more food and learning desks for the children in the Lolukushu Nursery School so that they may continue to experience the joy of education.



The Lolukushu Nursery School children during a lesson in the GGFAN Lolukushu church.

EDUCATION

The GGFAN Pastors' School



Students attending a class in the GGFAN Pastors' School; Nyahururu campus.

The GGFAN Pastors' School has been training pastors and cross-cultural workers on how to reach more people with the Gospel of God's love. Our school offers the students a chance to learn more about God and to be equipped with skills to win souls for Christ. The school has two campuses; the Nyahururu campus and the Lchamus Campus. As of April 2023, more than 300 students have successfully graduated from the school and been commissioned to serve as pastors and missionaries in different parts of Kenya.

In recent times, the church leadership has been under much scrutiny by the Kenyan government following several cases involving the church. Some of the cases involve the existence of cult-like churches and church leaders who engage in immoral behavior. This has prompted the government to exercise censorship in order to stop the emergence of new churches and regulate the actions of the existing ones.

Some of the rules adopted by the government require that all religious organizations should submit their constitutions. All religious leaders are also required to submit their theological training certificates and certificates of good conduct. The new rules also state that all theological certificates must be from an accredited institution.

To ensure that all our graduates are qualified as per the new rules, GGFAN Pastors' School has partnered with Pan-African Christian University (PAC) to help us offer accredited courses and certificates. The PAC University's mission is to develop transformative godly Christian leaders through training, research, and innovation for service to God in the church and community. This mission is aligned with our pastors' school vision of producing all-round graduates with sound Biblical doctrines and who are equipped with skills to reach nations with

the Gospel. The PAC University provides trainers and learning materials while the GGFAN Pastors' School helps to provide all other requirements.

We are offering Diploma and Certificate classes on our campuses. Students attend classes once a month for three days. The Nyahururu classes happen every second week of the month while the Lchamus classes happen on the third week of the month. On the first day of the class every month, the students sit for an examination and review their assignments.

The Nyahururu campus has forty-one students for the 2023/2024 academic year. Fourteen students are studying at a Diploma level while twenty-seven students are studying at a Certificate level. The Lchamus campus has twenty-one students currently. Six students are taking the Diploma course while fifteen are taking the Certificate course.

The students are from different denominations across different regions in Kenya. Some of the topics that they are currently studying include Hermeneutics and the Old Testament survey. They have also been taken through a guidance and counseling class to equip them with the skills necessary to help address issues within their communities. The students also had a continuous bible reading program (CBR). The PAC University trainers are working together with the GGFAN Pastors' School management to develop strategies to make the content easier to understand for the students.

GGFAN continues to train leaders on how to prepare and increase the harvest. We thank God for the great partnership with PAC that will help us train and equip even more church leaders with the necessary leadership skills. We appreciate all our partners and friends who support the pastors' school through prayers and finances; you are making a great impact in the winning of souls for Jesus Christ!



Students in the LLA end of term ceremony.

Little Lambs Academy

The Little Lambs Academy (LLA) continues to provide a holistic Christian education that empowers students to reach their highest potential through love and respect. Our vision is to mold our children to be highly competitive all-around Christian graduates who can compete globally. This is done by ensuring our students are exposed to a conducive learning environment that will help nurture their quest for knowledge, develop skills, and realize their talents.

As of April 2023, the school had a population of 318 students across all grades: pre-primary to Grade 9. The population constitutes 294 students in primary school and twenty-four in junior secondary school. Out of the 318 students, forty-two children are from the Home of the Good Shepherd while the rest are from the community. Since January 2023, the school has enrolled fifty new students.

Our school has also embraced sports to help children realize their talents in sports, develop their social skills and maintain good health and fitness. Some of the sports that the children engage in include netball, volleyball, soccer, and athletics. These sports also help to encourage teamwork among students from different grades. The school recently participated in athletics games against other schools in the Marmanet zone in the Laikipia-West sub-county.

Forty-six of our children competed against six schools at the cluster level. The children were accompanied by teachers who had been coaching them on the games. Three of our children, Francis Vaccari, Angelo Yusuf, and Lilian Mandoo, did well in the games. Vaccari was in position one in the 100-meter boys, Angelo Yusuf was also in position one in the long-jump boys, and Lilian was in position one in the high-jump girls. The three proceeded to participate in the zonal level against nineteen schools due to their good performance.

The boys, Vaccari and Angelo, outshone their competitors and retained their

first position while Lilian scooped position three. The boy's excellent effort and performance earned them the chance to participate in the Laikipia-West subcounty level against 104 schools in Nyahururu. At this level, Vaccari and Yusuf were position two in the 100-meter boy's race and high jump respectively. Vaccari also participated in the long-jump and 200-meter race and attained position one in both. Their performance enabled them to proceed to the countylevel games held in Nanyuki. Their success journey was cut short after their attained position three in their respective games: only those who scooped position one or two were allowed to proceed to the inter-county level.

Toward the end of the term, the students sat for their end-of-the-term examinations. The students performed well across all grades much to the expectation of the teachers who had been working hard to prepare them. A Thanksgiving closing ceremony was held to thank God for His guidance and provision through the term as well as the great performance in athletics. In the ceremony, students who had scooped positions one, two, and three in every class and grade were awarded as a way to recognize and appreciate their hard work.

We continue to equip our children academically, spiritually, and socially with skills to help them realize their potential. By instilling Christian moral values in them, we are not only equipping them for the harvest and teaching them how to be harvesters and role models to other children in society. We give God all the glory for helping us all through the first term of the academic year 2023/2024. We wish to thank all our friends and partners who have been supporting the school through prayers and finances; God bless you for helping to raise the next generation of Christian leaders!

CHURCH EMPOWERMENT

Women Leadership Seminar

The GGFAN Women Ministry continues to empower women in the different GGFAN regions. The ministry, led by Reverend Lucy Thuo, has been conducting women's seminars at a regional level. In the seminars, the women have the chance to share the Word of God and share the challenges they experience in their lives and marriage.

Despite transforming women's lives with the Gospel, the seminars are helping improve marriage by offering counseling sessions on marriage and family. The counseling offered is based on a Biblical perspective to help strengthen their relationship with God. In April 2023, the ministry conducted three women's seminars in Kipipiri, Subukia, and Shamata regions.

In the Subukia region, the seminar was held at the GGFAN Shamanei church and hosted by the regional overseer, Stephen Muchoki. The seminar was led by the Nyahururu Regional Overseer, John Kinyua, and his wife Susan Wanjiku. A total of 80 women from the region attended the seminar. The women were trained on understanding their position as wives and mothers. They were also encouraged on how to exercise wisdom in their homes like Abigael who saved her family(1 Samuel 25:1-42).

In Kipipiri Region, the seminar was held at GGFAN Gitei church and hosted by Pastor Hezron Kariuki. Reverend Lucy Thuo led the seminar with other regional church leaders. It was attended by 40 women from different churches in the region. The women were trained on becoming wives of noble character who take care of their homes and submit to their husbands. (Proverbs 31:10)

In Shamata Region, the women congregated at the GGFAN Warukira church and were hosted by Pastor Kefa Kamau. The seminar was led by Reverend Lucy Thuo together with other women leaders from the region. More than 25 women from the three churches in the region were present. Reverend Lucy taught how women were of great service during the time of Jesus Christ's ministry. She encouraged the women to serve in the church and in preaching the Gospel to those who are yet to be born again in Jesus Christ.

We thank God for the women's ministry's effort to transform lives and strengthen families with the Gospel. Their efforts are helping to prepare and increase the harvest for Jesus Christ. We also thank all who support the GGFAN ministry in prayers and finances; your support is helping in making the women's ministry a success. We ask you to pray for this ministry that their efforts will have more impact.



Reverend Lucy Thuo ministering at the Women's Seminar in the GGFAN Kipipiri Region.

APPRECIATION

We wish to thank God for His sufficient grace that continues to enable us to carry out our work of spreading and sharing God's love. He has been gracious to us for trusting us with the huge task of preparing and increasing His harvest through reaching the unreached and least reached people groups.

We also wish to thank all our partners and friends who continue to support us through prayers and finances. Thank you for heeding the call to help transform lives through supporting our ministry's activities and projects. More people's lives, especially children, continue to experience God's love due to your support. God bless you abundantly!

PRAYER ITEMS

 Help us in thanking God for His

grace that makes our work impactful. Pray for the unreached and leastreached people groups in Kenya. Pray for our church leaders and missionaries. Pray for the lives of all our children in Home of the Good Shepherd. Pray for the students in Little Lambs Academy and the Pastors' school

