



GGFAN APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

GGFAN's mantra is to transform lives by winning souls so that they may acknowledge that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. We are currently reaching five of the 22 unreached tribes in Northern Kenya with the Gospel. We are also taking care of 103 children at the Home of the Good Shepherd by meeting the felt needs and paying for their education. With God as our foundation and cornerstone, you are the pillars that help us achieve these transformational goals.

"If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."

1 John 4:15-16

MERCY MINISTRY

Leadership Development For The HOTGS Children

The Home of the Good Shepherd (HOTGS) focuses on children's wholesome development: mentally, spiritually, physically, and emotionally. We aim at offering psycho-social support to all our children to help them overcome challenges, make sound decisions and grow into responsible adults.

As depicted in our mission, 'To care for, develop and nurture orphaned and vulnerable children in the community', we help our children realize their hidden potential. This is done through education, counseling sessions, and leadership training.

The Little Lambs Academy (LLA) offers quality education to our children from preschool to grade nine. Through qualified teachers and a conducive environment at the school, they are allowed to work towards their dream careers. As a result of the training at HOTGS and LLA, some of our children have gotten the chance to realize and develop their leadership qualities. This has seen them being assigned responsibilities at the school to lead others in different capacities. Some of these children include Ashley Natalia, Winfred Wamuyu, Stephen Kibucha, Gibson Nabir, and Andrea Nabir.

Ashley Natalia joined the HOTGS family in 2018. She serves as the Commander of the Scouts movement at LLA. She is twelve years old and in grade five. Her courage and outspokenness have made her suitable for leadership of the movement which includes students from grade one to grade eight. Her duties involve ensuring the movement members take part in practices and rehearsals and overseeing the hoisting of the Kenyan flag at the school every Monday and Friday.

Winfred Wamuyu is fifteen years old and in grade eight. She serves as the dining hall captain. She is smart, authoritative, and responsible and this makes her fit for the leadership position. Some of her roles include ensuring order during lunch breaks, ensuring the cleanliness of the dining hall, and the link between school students and administration on matters of food. Winfred will be sitting for her national grade eight exams at the end of the year and we expect a good performance.

Stephen Kibucha, a brother to Winfred Wamuyu, is thirteen years old and in grade seven. He serves as the Boy's Dormitory Captain and his main role is to ensure that it is clean and the beds are well spread. Initially, Stephen had major

disciplinary issues but his behavior gradually changed after several sessions of guidance and counseling. Like his sister Winfred, Stephen is smart and authoritative making him suitable for the leadership position.

Gibson Nabir, fourteen years and in grade eight, joined the HOTGS family in 2022. He is trustworthy and responsible and this has led to his appointment as the School Key Keeper at the school. His duties involve ensuring the keys are kept safe and secure, ensuring the classes are locked after use or open for use, and maintaining a record of the people who have accessed the school keys. Gibson will be sitting for his national grade eight exams at the end of this year and we expect him to do well.

Andrea Nabir, a brother to Gibson, is twelve years old and in grade 6. As one of the [Baringo Trio boys whose dance video went viral on social media](#) and was admitted to the HOTGS, he is a talented dancer and serves as the school drummer. Andrea teaches other children to dance and entertains guests during school events.

The appointment of the children has not only helped to boost their self-esteem but also prompted them to work hard towards bettering their performance. They also serve as role models to the younger children at the HOTGS. Thank you for giving these children a chance to realize and maximize their potential through your support in prayers and finances. You are making a difference in their lives and the lives of other children of the HOTGS family!



Andrea Nabir



Stephen Kibucha



Ashley Natalia



Gibson Nabir

MISSIONS TO THE UNREACHED

SAMBURU NKALUP NURSERY SCHOOLS

Feeding Report 2023



A mixture of rice and beans cooked at one of the SCNV nursery schools.

For close to four years, Kenyans in Northern Kenya such as Samburu County have been having a hard time due to the drought that has ravaged the region. The region has been receiving little to no rain leading to inadequate resources such as water and pasture. This has affected the livelihood of the people who rely on livestock for food.

The limited resources have resulted in ethnic clashes between neighboring communities among them Pokot, Turkana, Tugen, Ilchamus, Borana, and Rendille. The communities, who are pastoralists, often engaged in a war for pasture and water for their livestock. Due to the clashes, the majority of the people have been displaced from their homes and are taking shelter in shopping centers where they feel safer. The majority of the displaced people are women and children who become vulnerable and suffer hunger.

The Kenyan Government and County Government of Samburu have been providing food but their feeding programs are inconsistent hence majority are left suffering. The programs have not been undertaken in a long time leaving the schools without food for the students. In February 2023, the County government distributed food to pre-schools after the parents made countless requests. The feeding program was done without prior acquisition of relevant statistics therefore not all schools received the food. Only twelve out of the seventeen supported by the SCNV received this food.

The Johnson family, Faith Ventures, St Michael's Anglican Church of Charleston, S.C., and the McNairy family have been donating funds that have helped to feed some of the affected people in the affected regions through the Samburu County NKALUP Vision (SCNV). Children walk for long distances from villages and public schools to NKALUP primary schools in order to have lunch.

The SCNV has supported the five remaining schools with food that will help feed the children for some time. However, the teachers from the twelve schools have reported that the food they received from the county government is not enough to last them for long.

Since October 2022, more than 4,300 children have been fed through SCNV feeding programs as follows: 922 children in October 2022, 1003 children in

November 2022, 1100 children in January 2023, and 1270 in February 2023. In December 2022, no feeding was done since the children had closed school for the holidays.

Some of the NKALUP nursery schools such as Murua Elemeteki, Ladala, Soito Ng'iron, Morijoi, and Huruma, have experienced an increase in the number of children. The increase is due to the enrollment of children of families who have fled their home areas due to ethnic clashes.

We wish to appreciate our partners for helping to provide food to schools in the drought-stricken regions of Samburu. Children in Samburu thank you for supporting them with not only food but also a chance to acquire an education. You are making changes that will help not only them but also generations in decades to come. We ask you to join us in praying for rains in Northern Kenya as well as peace and harmony among the communities. God bless you.



Children enjoying lunch at Murua Elemeteki nursery school.



The tomatoes planted in the HOTGS greenhouse.

THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

March 2023 Report

The GGFAN Agricultural Department continues to work towards realizing its mission of ensuring food security at the Home of the Good Shepherd (HOTGS) and Little Lambs Academy (LLA). However, the department has been experiencing challenges due to low rains that led to the loss of planted crops on the farm.

In March 2023, early-maturing corn was planted on the five-acre farm. The early-maturing corn takes three months to grow and mature. The decision was based on the observation that the early maturing corn previously planted in August 2022 had high yields despite a small amount of rain at the time. Upon harvesting the corn towards the end of June 2023, the department hopes to also plant wheat.

The department has also undertaken the planting of tomatoes and capsicum in the greenhouse at the HOTGS. This came as an effort to help reduce the high cost incurred when purchasing these products from the market. The tomato variety planted takes about three months to mature and is expected to be ready for use by early June while the capsicum which takes two months to mature will be ready for use by early May.

In late March 2023, Irish potatoes that had been planted in November 2022 were harvested. The harvest was considered a miracle following the lack of rain which the department believed would lead to no yield. Four 100-kg bags were harvested and will be used by the children at the HOTGS and students at the LLA.

A poultry project was also started at the HOTGS to help the children learn about poultry keeping. The department purchased fifty-one one-day-old chicks to facilitate the project. However, ten chicks died during the first week due to climate change. The children are involved in the feeding and vaccination practices of the remaining chicks as well as record-keeping.

Following the start of the rainy season in late March, the department is hopeful that the planted crops will have a high yield to enable the HOTGS and LLA to have enough food to feed the children. The department is also hopeful God will provide finances to help drill a borehole at the five-acre farm to help facilitate the irrigation of crops during low rainy seasons. The borehole will provide water for irrigation that will help us carry out planting throughout the year as opposed to

planting only during the rainy season.

We ask you to join us in praying that the rains will be adequate for the crops to grow so as to prevent losses. We also request your support in prayers and finances to facilitate the borehole drilling project at the HOTGS farm.



Part of the poultry project.



Planting after land preparation at the HOTGS farm

APPRECIATION

We thank you for your support in prayers and finances that have been helping to make our vision and mission a reality. We appreciate you for walking with us in this journey of ensuring that all experience God's love. You are an integral part of us and our achievements so far. May God bless you abundantly.

To God be the glory for His love that endures forever!

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