

# Wildfire Ministries Newsletter (Quarter 1)

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## Welcome back

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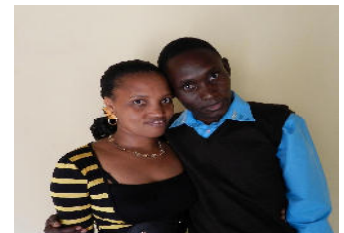
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It is our hope that all of you: our ministry friends, churches, partners, current and past WMK volunteers are doing fine by the grace of God. We thank all of you, our partners in the mission for helping us reach this far. We thank God for his goodness and mercies, and for all his favors. WMK is growing strong everyday, thanks to all of you who have been standing with us to see the ministry grow, amidst challenges. The good news is that WMK now has a website, [www.wildfireministrieskenya.org](http://www.wildfireministrieskenya.org). We also have our new email address which is working 24 hours. Our new developments will enable us stay in contact with our development partners and even update them on everything that is happening on the ground. We will now be able to update you every after three months, let you know what WMK is up to and request for your continuous prayers. WMK has a team of dedicated staff and volunteers all committed to reach out to the Pokots, spread God's love and help bring change in the lives of the Pokots. WMK's top leadership is led by Mr Joram Kingori ( Founder and director ) and Pst John Mills ( WM USA ). The programmes manager is Mr Emmanuel Ogoma (Kitale ) while the women and children outreach leader is Ms Winfred Mutahi (Nairobi ).



Joram( Director/Founder)



Emmanuel and Wife



Winfred and Family

## Partnership with the Local Administration

At Kakleshon, representing the vast region of Wei Wei, we have a dedicated local chief who has shown commitment to help in the administration of our programmes. The ever smiling local administrator (chief) has been busy hosting our volunteers, registering orphaned children, monitoring our Sunday programmes and providing security. Starting 20<sup>th</sup> April to 27<sup>th</sup> , as usual the chief will be busy hosting some of our volunteers, who will also be camping at AIC Moi Masol academy for the long awaited Wildfire Children's camp. The chief has been helping spread the message, and update WMK on issues concerning security of the area. WMK thanks God for the connection and hope that this partnership with the government through the local administration will last for good. We will endeavor to take this partnership even a notch higher.



Our local Chief

## Child sponsorship programme

In the month of February, WMK through the help of our volunteers Pst Kalikin , the head teacher at Moi Masol academy and the local chief at Kakleshon conducted an interview session to help identify orphaned children's with needs. WMK was able to identify thirteen orphaned children who need sponsorship to complete their schooling at AIC Moi masol academy. The following is a list of the students WMK interviewed and found qualified to receive sponsorship.



Interview session



Stella Kasemcho (Single Orphan)- Class 2



Maureen Cheyech (Single Orphan ) -Class 2.



Ishmael Longrokwang (Total Orphan ) - Class 7



Maureen Chebet (Single Orphan ) - Class 7



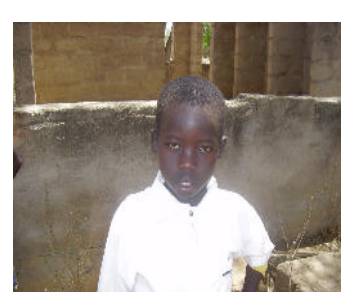
Nancy Cheptoo ( Single Orphan ) - Class 6



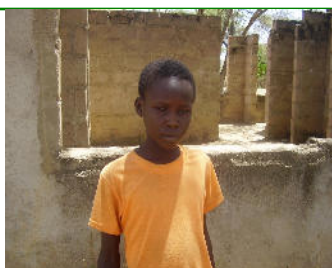
Agnetta Ngoriamuna (Single Orphan ) - Class 2



Dominic Kibet (single Orphan ) - Class 7



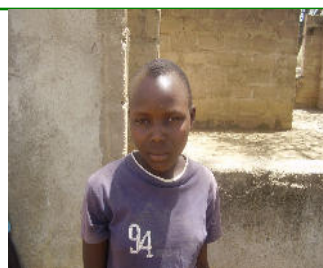
Juma Ngoriamulel ( Total Orphan ) - Class 3



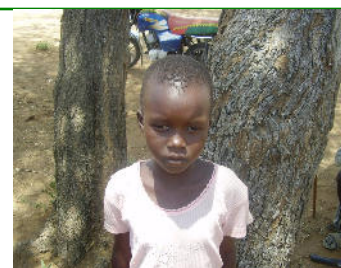
Daudi Kiywok ( Single Orphan) - Class 4



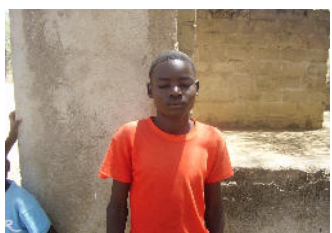
No Name (Not confirmed )



Anne Cherop (single Orphan ) - Class 4



Chesang Lokongo ( Single Orphan) - Class 2



Samwel Krop (Single Orphan ) - Class 7

We thank God for WM USA who have been supporting and donating towards our child sponsorship programme. We trust God that more and more organization will join in to partner with us in this programme to help as many orphans as possible. Such initiatives will help in the achievement of our vision and goals in Pokot. Education is the key to unlocking the potential of the children in Pokot. These children will work hard to bring development in their own community when they grow up and will spearhead change. WMK is also currently supporting the following children. Isaak Kosgei (Nyangaita Primary school ), Mercy Chepkemei ( Kamanau primary school ), Cherop Loitangoria ( Kamanau Primary school) and Esther Liman ( Kapenguria ).

## Drought and Famine in Pokot

No region in Kenya faces the devastation of drought as Turkana and Pokot. Averagely, during the dry seasons, temperatures in Pokot and subsequent areas have risen to a high of 40 degrees Celsius. During such times, the people and animals suffer a lot. As a result, the Pokots who live in the affected areas are forced to move to other regions forcing children to drop out of school. Many children and animals die as a result of food shortages. This year, drought and famine has already claimed the lives of many according to the Nation newspaper of 03/02/2014. During such periods, the government is often forced to postpone the opening of schools in Pokot to attend to the crisis. Currently, over 200,000 Pokots are facing starvation and hunger. Some Pastoral communities in Pokot have reportedly migrated to the neighboring Uganda. As a result many schools sent their children home in the months of January and February. In certain areas people were forced to eat toxic wild fruits which have to be boiled for hours to make them safely edible.



The Extent of Drought in Kakleshon (Wei Wei)



AIC Makutano donating food to the school (Moi Masol Academy )



Animals grazing and searching for water (some walk up to 50 km )

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Folded Mats (Mkeka ), is a sign absenteeism ( children sent home during the drought )

Thanks to WM USA, we were able to support the children at Moi masol Academy and Nyangaita. Our Sunday porridge programme also help feed at least 120 children. WMK also sent bags of maize to the people of Kakleshon and Nyangaita. Currently, affected areas include Takaywa, Nauyapong, Alale, Nyangaita, Ombolion, Kodich and Kamanau. To contain the crisis in our area of operation in future, more support will be needed to support many families. WMK will continue to work with it's partners and other stakeholders to help feed over 2000 children in schools in different regions of Pokot. We also thank AIC Makutano, kapenguria who last month donated food: two bags of Maize, one bag of beans, one bag of porridge flour, cooking oil, sugar and vegetables. Moi Masol academy received the food on behalf of the children. We thank God for everything. Thank you AIC Makutano for your kind donation.

*Thank you everyone*

## Wildfire Children's Camp

The long awaited Wildfire children's camp is here. On 20<sup>th</sup> April, more than 300 children will be camping at Moi Masol academy. Planning and arrangements are underway to make the camp a success. We also hope to have more than 50 volunteers from WM USA, YWAM Athiriver, volunteers from UK and local volunteers who will be camping and empowering the children. We will be having many teaching and activity sessions during the seven days children's camp to be held at Moi Masol Academy. WMK will also be hosting pastors from different churches who will be attending a Pastors seminar prior to the Camp. Pst Kalikin and a team of other volunteers including the local administration have been working daily to make sure that everything work according to plan. Churches, schools and local community have been informed and invited. WMK expects more than 20 pastors from different churches to attend the seminar. Thank you again WM USA and other partners who have accepted to sponsor the camp and seminar, God bless you. God bless our dear readers, happy Easter.



Pokot Women Dancing and young girls



Children in class (we hope to have more than 300 children during the camp).

The Pokot wildfire ministry children camp is one among the many empowerment programmes the ministry will be conducting in future. The camp targets mainly children.

### Main objective of the camp and the camp mission

- Empower the children with life skills; confidence building, interrelationship skills, conflict resolution, decision making. To help them leave a healthy fulfilling life.
- Offer mentorship skills and talents development, career guidance and motivation to help them be agent of change in their communities.
- Spread the love of God, give them hope and let them know that God has good plans for all of them.
- Empower them with the word of God, how to memorize verses and different bible stories.
- Empower them with character building skills, Good Christian values and culture.
- To motivate, inspire them to be active citizens of and in their country.



*Welcome all*