

Wildfire Ministries Kenya Newsletter

3rd Quarter Report (July, August and September)

We thank God for the far he has brought us. We continue to grow strong every passing day, thanks to all our ministry supporters who have stood by us through thick and thin. God has graciously used many of you to advance our ministry mission. Our volunteers on the ground, our donors and our prayers partners are all dear to us and continue to inspire our work. Please read through our 3rd Quarter newsletter (July, August, September)

Joram kingori

Tragedy shook our ministry the past month of August. On July 21st 2014, our director left Kenya for USA where he was scheduled to do fund-raising in different churches, helped and hosted by Pst John Mills of Wildfire Ministries USA (our sister partner). After spending a whole month speaking in different churches and meeting different people, Joram planned to come back to Kenya on Tuesday 2nd August 2014 when tragedy befell him. Joram got involved in a motor boat accident while fishing with Pst John Mills. The accident was so bad that he had to be air lifted with the help of Pst John Mills who was in the scene. The hospital determined that the only way to save Joram was to amputate his right leg and also conduct further medical procedures which went on successfully. Joram's wife Elinor and the boys: Ray, Rapha and Rhema joined Joram in the USA and will be there until June 2014. We thank God for his grace. WMK wishes Joram a quick recovery and comfort and peace to the family.



WMK Director Joram.

Nyangaita Church report



Congregation at PEFA Nyangaita listening to the preaching

Our ministry programs in Nyangaita, West pokot are continuing as usual, thanks to our able volunteers on the ground. The Nyangaita church, despite being the mother church and bedrock of our pokot ministries, still faces many challenges e.g drought, which is contributing to the unsteady growth in church attendance. The church has been registering new members, thanks to the ongoing door to door evangelism program and village cell groups which continue to attract many people. The current membership in the church stands at 76 (50 children, 20 women, 6 men). Culture is still contributing to the low attendance. There is a strong adherence to the culture which prohibits men from sitting together with children and women. This remains a very big factor as far as evangelism in pokot is concerned, and it is perhaps what Paul refers to as a 'thorn in the flesh' (2 Corinthians 12:7). Continuous prayers to God and paying attention to the inner voice will surely bring bountiful fruits. In the month of August, the Nyangaita church received many visitors from different PEFA in Pokot. The church is now also working with different churches including AIC, Lutheran to help advance the gospel to the more interior regions. Many men and women have since given their lives to the lord and are attending the service since May. Just recently, on 3rd August, two old women and one man gave their lives to the lord and joined the church thanks to a powerful sermon given by one of our volunteer pastor. The feeding program is going on well and has largely contributed to the high attendance by women and children. We are praying that God will continue to use his people to advance the gospel and that many Pokots in Nyangaita will come to know Christ and be transformed.

Kakleshon Church report

Ninety people (35 women, 11 men, 5 youths and 39 children) are attending our church at Kakleshon. Our volunteer and lead pastor Joseph Kolikin has been working very hard with the help of young man Newton who is currently the assistant pastor, and who also leads the first sermon on Sundays. The church at Kakleshon recently shifted to a permanent place, still adjacent to the foot bridge. There is still no available shelter in place and therefore the congregation sits in an open place as they listen to the word of God. A church leadership committee was recently formed to help manage the church programs, led by pst Joseph Kolikin and Newton. The recently launched merry go rounds has seen many women start businesses and help their families. Every person contributes 100 shs every week and gives to one member, and the process revolves until each one has received all members contributions then they start again. At least every member now has a business and is reaping the benefits. The church at Kakleshon also recently organized an outreach program to help reach the community across wei wei and beyond. Many people gave their lives to Christ and have now committed themselves to church which is the essence of the WMK.



Children during church at Kakleshon.

Chesegon Church Report

The congregation at Chesegon PEFA church is still very small compared to the other churches in Nyangaita and Kakleshon. Chesegon, being on the border between marakwets and Pokots, and lying closely near the border of Uganda on the south western side, has passed through a long period of war between the

neighboring communities, and that has for a long time contributed to the community shying away from churches. The church attendance is not steady due many social factors. The other reason is that most of the communities practice livestock farming and therefore spends most of their time moving from one place to another in search of pastures for their animals. Our volunteer lead pastor Philip stays at Lomut, 17 Km away and travels every Sunday and Wednesday to meet and have some fellowship with the church members who totals twenty five (25). There is a very strong adherence to the pokot culture among the communities in Chesegon. Many still practices FGM (Female Genital Mutilation), polygamy and early marriage and these factors are weighing down our evangelism efforts in Chesegon. The PEFA church is trying very hard to build relationship with the area chief to help boost it's mission.



Meeting with the pastors (in the middle, Pst Philip of PEFA Chesegon)

There is need to start providing porridge to help attract more women and children to church. WMK on behalf of the PEFA Chesegon church thanks WM USA for the support towards the church Pastor Philip.

Child Sponsorship Program (CSP)



Esther, one of our sponsore child in Class

Our sponsored children including Esther and Miriam are all progressing well in class. They have all quickly adopted to their environment and are improving in class work. Esther got position 15 out of 26 while Miriam got position 20 out of 22. It has not been easy for them considering that they had changed environments and also because they are still learning swahili which is the first language in most schools especially those in the rural areas. A report of the other sponsored girls will be available in the next issue. We pray that God will continue to provide for more funding so that WMK through it's partners can support as many girls as possible.

FGM In Nyangaita

FGM (Female Genital Mutilation) prevalence rate is still very high in Nyangaita, despite efforts to curb the menace. Just in the month of August, WMK with the help of our volunteers and the local administration helped rescued ten young girls below the ages of



Rescued Girls

fifteen who were in the process of undergoing the FGM. After talking to the parents with the help of the local chief, the parents saw the need to put on hold the process as they talked to the church and as they seek proper alternative of helping the underage girls. **Unfortunately** even after highlighting the issue, **four girls** from the group got forcefully circumcised by their parents.



circumcised girls

WMK also understands that the girls parents already received the bride price from older men who care less about their age. On 13th August, we got a rare opportunity to interview the four girls and their parents. The story will be available in another issue. WMK will continue to empower it's volunteers with all the available resources to help educate the men and women in Pokot about the dangers of FGM and early marriages. *“And this hope will not put us to shame because God's love has been poured to into our hearts through the holy spirit who has been given to us”* Romans 5:5

Praise Reports

- 1) We thank God for all the people that gave their lives to Christ in Nyangaita and Kakleshon.
- 2) We thank God for the many women now who are able to support their families through the different church programs and initiative.
- 3) There is a great sense of teamwork amongst the churches and volunteers in our project areas. This encourages unity of purpose and makes the evangelism work more easier.
- 4) We thank God for the sponsored girls Esther, Miriam and the others who are improving in class.
- 5) We thank God for our Director Joram Kingori who is now out of danger after the horrific accident which claimed his right leg. The lord preserved his life, and we know Joram has many positive things ahead of him.

Prayer Needs

- 1) Funds to build a permanent church structure and guests house at Kakleshon.
- 2) Funds to sponsor more girls in Pokot.
- 3) More long term volunteers to help in counseling, empowering pastors.
- 4) Ministry vehicle.

Thank you

Matthew 28: 19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and of the Holy spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, i am with you always to the end of the age.

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