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Greetings !

Greetings in the name of the Lord. We believe that the year 2016 is treating you well. We want to thank you our friends and partners for the great work you are doing. Thank you for your faithful service to the Lord and to the people of Pokot. We are in the new year and new season. We are full of expectations and hope. We are where we are today because of your prayers and dedication and faithful commitment to the Lords work. As we begin the new season, we once again welcome you aboard. We have very exciting partnership. You can partner with us in:

- 1) Most importantly, prayers.
- 2) Financial commitment
- 3) Work of service (volunteering).
- 4) Resource mobilization.
- 5) Online support , e.g. raising support and giving presentation about our project.

Bountiful harvest

Nothing excites the heart of God than to see his people transformed. In the month of December, we visited Chesegon with this thought in mind. Our short visit took us to the heart of Chesegon; a small town surrounded by rocky hills and mountains with permanent rivers underneath flowing across the border of marakwet on the western side. The other though that quickly brushed our minds was the big issue of insecurity along the border of Pokot and Marakwet. We were however fully aware of our mission. We had gone to meet, fellowship and encourage the congregation at PEFA Chesegon, one of our ministry partners. Along the way, our eyes got so much glued to the many farmers harvesting mangoes and big trucks that came as far Nairobi and Mombasa to pick the fruits. We could not believe what we were seeing. Our capable driver Pst Joseph told us that in the month of December and January, mangoes in Pokot sell for as little as 5 shillings for two. Immediately, our thoughts shifted to the verse in the bible, Matthew 9:37- The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Our goal as Wildfire Ministries is that every Pokot man, woman, and child would hear the gospel. To do that, we are committed to planting new churches as well as developing Pastors and leaders who will continue to spread the message of Jesus to their people. We believe the harvest is ripe and ready for us. Our only responsibility is to prepare the field for the big harvest.



Church service at PEFA kakreshon



Beautiful Pokot mangoes



Chating with the Pokot Elders

Chesegon church

At PEFA church, we were received by the lead pastor Philip. He had been waiting for us for more than two hours. Pst Philip ushered us to his church located 100 Meters off the market adjacent to river Turkwel. Pst Philip asked us if we could minister and encourage his congregation who numbered ten at the time of our arrival. Pst Peter Lukaaga, from Uganda, the visitor I had come with encouraged them with a word from the book of Psalms 103: 1-5. He also challenged the youths in the church to rise and bring change in Pokot starting with their own. He encouraged them to read the bible chapter by chapter and also to pray to the Holy Spirit to help them understand the scriptures. After the service, we had some time with the pastor and his assistant and encouraged them to endure the hardships and struggles and to commit the churches in Pokot to prayer.



Pst Peter speaking at PEFA Chesegon



Pokot Initiates performing the ritual

Boys Circumcision (Chepturu Village)

In the month of January, learning was paralyzed in over 70 schools in Tiaty sub county, Pokot west after more than 2000 boys went for the circumcision. The incidence did not go down well with the county administration and local leaders who ordered that the boys be released from the camps to return to school. The initiates were dressed in traditional regalia made of hides and skins and each of them had their faces covered to conceal their identity. Hundreds of villagers had thronged the home of Mr Longiroi, the village elder where the ceremony was taking place to have a glimpse of the cultural practice which is highly treasured by the Pokots. In explaining why the ceremony coincided with the school calendar, the village elder said peace had returned in the region after a long time and the event also depended on the elders after looking at the appearance of the sun, moon and the stars.



Peter with Pokot teens from Nyangaita

Discipleship training at YWAM Athiriver

With the help of our partner Wildfire Ministries USA, this year we are hoping to sponsor at least two Pokot students who will undertake the DTS at YWAM Athiriver. We believe upon their graduation, the students will be empowered more to preach the gospel in Pokot county. They will also help in our outreach efforts in Pokot and in planting of new churches. This will be a great opportunity for young Pokots who wish to serve in the churches or help our volunteers and staff on the ground. Pastor Joseph Korikin has been working hard to identify the most qualified and enthusiastic Pokot young man and woman who will be joining the next DTS class in Athiriver. We wish the qualified students best of luck. We will update you more in our next edition.

Mission : To gather, grow and give

Thanking God for

- 1) Our ministry partners in Pokot: PEFA Nyangaita, PEFA Kakreshon, PEFA Surumben, PEFA Chesezon, PEFA Lomut. The Lord is expanding our ministry thanks to all our volunteers and staff on the ground.
- 2) The peace and stability in the recent months. Most of the war zone areas such as Chaptamasi and Kapedo continue to witness peace.
- 3) Our porridge program which is continuing well. Through the program, we are reaching out to over 200 children.

Pray for

- 1) Financial support towards our outreach efforts in Pokot.
- 2) More staff and volunteers to work in Pokot.
- 3) More financial support towards our volunteers and staff.
- 4) The Churches : Nyangaita, Kakreshon, Chesezon and Surumben.
- 5) The two pokot students who will be doing their DTS at YWAM Athiriver this year. That God will speak to them during their time at YWAM Athiriver.
- 6) Provision towards the support of two Pokot students who will be doing their DTS at YWAM Athiriver. The cost of the DTS school plus some little pocket money is 450USD.

Psalms 96:3

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the people!

Happy and Blessed 2016