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Dear Readers

We are very happy to share with you the **fifth Wildfire Ministries USA & Kenya Newsletter** – which is produced within the Wildfire Ministries USA & Kenya. We thank God for your life. Wildfire Ministries is where it is today because of the support of our donors, friends and volunteers who have committed their time, resources and prayers to see that the ministry is growing and achieving it's mission objectives in Pokot. The journey of growth has been characterized by challenges, but we have always kept the faith. Reports from the field in Pokot are so encouraging. The work God is doing in Pokot and the stories we hear everyday makes us burn with zeal and inspires us even more to continue with our mandate. God has granted us favor in Pokot. The Kingdom of God is expanding, and we are glad to always been a part of this great and amazing work.

This month was a very busy month for our volunteers in Pokot. We opened a new church in Surumben.

The occasion was attended by the local chief, representatives from other churches and Bishop Abraham who presided over the event. Very many people from the nearby villages also attended.

New Church

Many people gave their life to Christ during the event. Hoooooooooray



Bishop opening the new church at Surumben

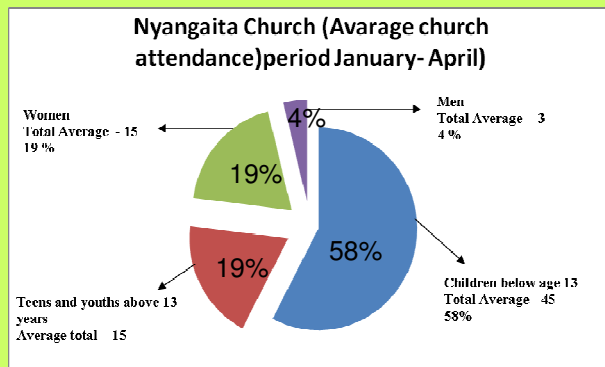
Nyangaita

We continue to receive encouraging news from the mother church in Nyangaita. The community in Nyangaita has been so responsive and committed to the fellowships and meetings, thanks to our able Pastor Wilson Akotoluk. "It has not been easy", Pst Wilson says. "Everything that's happening, we see the hand of God", he adds. Our reports indicate a steady growth in church attendance. The exciting events are now drawing many people especially women and children to the fellowship. The midweek meetings are working well and attracting even more people. These past three months, members have been holding village get together to discuss church issues and to pray. The members have also been visiting each other to offer encouragement and to raise money for their different projects.



Pst Korikin with members of the Nyangaita Church when he visited the church.

.During the midweek fellowships, one of the members reads and explains a verse to encourage the visiting members. After, the members contribute towards their merry go round activity which has attracted more women. The merry go round has helped keep many women in church. Almost all the women in the church now own small businesses which have helped improve their livelihood. The Pokot women see that as a great breakthrough. God is surely at work. It has however been very difficult to work with the men. They still prefer to stay away, many times spending time in the village barazas(elders meetings) or in local bars. Many men still hold on to their hard cultures. To most of them, sitting around in the company of women and children is a serious abomination. The few men who go to church however, continue to inspire and encourage us. They are a great example to the others. Slowly and slowly, we believe the Pokot men will be transformed for good. The porridge program is also working on well in Nyangaita and has largely contributed to the increasing number of women and children attending the church service on Sunday. Our ever present mamas have always been available to make sure the porridge is served in time and that everyone gets their cup.



Church women selling their Milk during market day in Nyangaita.

Kakleshon

1 Thessalonians 1 : 4

For we know brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy spirit but with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

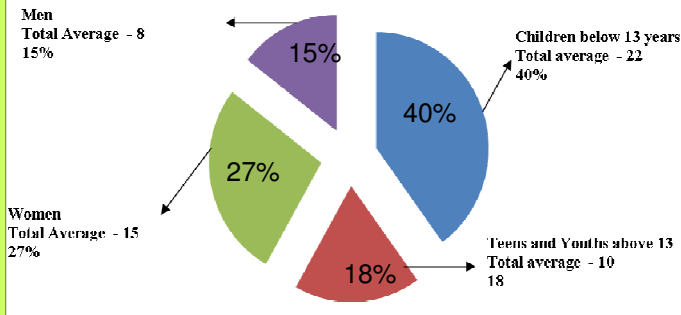
Seventeen kilometer from our mother church in Nyangaita, to the western side of Sigor in a tiny village near the wei wei footbridge sits the kaleshion PEFA church which is led by Pst Joseph Korikin. Kakleshion is a place of refuge for families who vacate their villages during the dry spells. The main reason, the Wei Wei river which has been serving the communities for years. From a small number of 2000 people in the year 2010, it is now estimated that the population has reached 10,000. The other factor that has contributed to the high population is the peace and harmony that has been witnessed after a long tribal wars and fights between the locals and the Turkanas. The church is also doing a great work in trying to preach peace and reconciliation. Many local have joined the church in the recent months. Many have



given their lives to Jesus. The progress is encouraging. Two months ago, with the help of the area local politicians, the church was able to put up a new structure which will now accommodate at least 150 people. The demand to expand the church was very high. More than fifty children now attend the church. The number of women is even more impressive. We thank God for Pst Joseph Korikin who helped mobilize the community and the local leaders and encouraged them to work together to make sure the project was completed on time. Every Sunday, the church receives new members. The church leaders are now even considering expanding the church to accommodate more visitors. We hope this vision will come to pass. Just like with the other churches, strong adherence to culture still prevents men from attending the church services.

Elders at the PEFA Kaleshion church, after the service.

Kakleshon Church average Church attendance: Period from January- April 2015



2 Peter 3 : 9

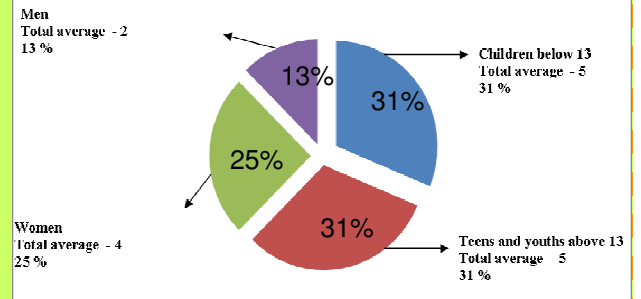
The lord is not slow to fulfill His promises as some count slowness, but is patient towards you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

The number of men attending the church in Kakleshion is however more compared to the other churches. At least an average of nine men attends the services regularly on Sundays and participates in the leadership and management of the church activities. The able Pst Joseph Korikin is good at networking and has been doing amazing work in Kakleshion, reaching out to new villages has been his greatest mandate. The church in Kakleshion has been forefront in turning souls to Christ. Thanks also to Wildfire Misnitries USA, our main sponsors who have been supporting the porridge program which is attracting many women and children to the church. It is our hope that all these efforts will lead to the transformation of many souls in Pokot.

Chesegon

To date, the church in Chesegon still faces a myriad of challenges. Fear of hostility leads the pack. History tells of a long and enduring hostility between the Pokots and neighbors Marakwet which has prevented many churches from expanding in the region. Very many peace meetings have been organized by the local leadership to try and bring the Pokots and Marakwets together. The background of Peace building over the last ten years in Pokot and Marakwet has been seen through the work of Hon Dr Linah Jebii Kilimo. Hon Jebii has been instrumental in bringing lasting peace between the Pokots and Marakwets communities. The recent peace building efforts have been bearing fruits, though a lot still needs to be done. The congregation at the PEFA Chesegon church is also slowly building up. We hear exciting stories from our lead pastor in Chesegon. In the recent past, the number of women, children and youths attending the church has doubled. The month of June saw the church receive the highest number of visitors compared to the previous months. More than twenty five people including children attended the church in just one Sunday. More than ten people gave their lives to Christ. The other challenge, Pst Philip tells us, is that many families relocate to other villages during the long dry spells.

Chesegon Church average Sunday attendance; Period January- April



They prefer to stay in the nearby towns or in places adjacent to the river source. The church in Chesegon also needs a temporary structure to accommodate the rising number of visitors and also to provide protection from extreme weather conditions. We also hope to launch the porridge program in Chesegon soon.

The Lead pastor Philip (Chesegon) giving his report during the monthly pastors meeting held at PEFA Lomut.

Mission : To gather, grow and give

Chelimo and Pamela (Successful Mission)

The month of August is fast approaching. It is the initiation season in Pokot. During this time, many young pokot girls are “sold off” to older men in exchange for dowry. During this period, young girls undergo a painful FGM in the hands of their parents/guardians., and many times causing untold suffering and sometimes even death. We thank God for the few parents in our churches who have realized the importance of educating the girl child and are now advocating against the vice. Many parents have joined hands to educate others on the dangers of circumcising their girls. We interviewed one of the girl who was rescued by the church at Nyangaita. Jackline Chelimo narrated to us a story of how Pst Joseph Korikn together with the father helped rescued her from the jaws of silent death. Last year Chelimo and her sister successfully sat their Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education obtaining a C plain (Pass) grade..The two sisters are waiting for good Samaritan to help pay for their college education. Chelimo aspires to be a teacher in pokot while her sister Pamela wants to be a nurse.



Jackline Chelimo telling her story during the interview.



Esther and Mirriam.

Our sponsored girls Esther and Mirriam are doing fine in school. They have both improved. Last term, Esther obtained position 4 out of 44 while Mirriam was position 11 out of 36. Esther is slowly learning to speak English while Mirriam ,though still struggling, but can speak good Swahili. These two girls are working hard in school. We thank WM USA for all the provision towards the support of these two girls Esther and Mirriam.

Esther with friends in class

We thank God for the following:

- 1) Joram and his family are back in Kenya. We thank God for preserving Joram and for bringing the family back home safely.
- 2) The construction of the temporary church structure at Kakleshon started in the month of March and was completed in the month of April. The new church can now accommodate at least 150 people.
- 3) More than fifty people (Men, women and children) have given their life to Christ since January 2015.
- 4) The new church at Surumben is up and running. More than thirty people including women and children are attending the church. We launch the porridge program two months ago. Thanks to WM USA for the support.

Prayers

- 1) More support for the porridge program in Chesegeon is needed. Pst Philip is also in need of a motorbike to help in his work. Every Sunday, he is forced to walk up to 20 Km to attend the church service.
- 2) Emmanuel also needs at least 150 USD more to help pay his monthly bills which are running up to 200USD. Pray that God will raise more people to support our staff and volunteers.
- 3) Funds to purchase land. Wildfire Ministries USA & Kenya is hoping to build a rescue center for girls in Pokot. Plans are underway to buy at least five acres of land in Iomut. Pray that God will provide all the necessary funds to construct the center and conference hall.
- 4) Pray for Joram and his family. That God will provide funds for all the medical expenses Joram needs. That God will continue to use Joram in the Pokot mission .
- 5) More staff and volunteers. That God will raise people from all corners to come and volunteer in Pokot and to support the work.
- 6) Support for girls. Wildfire Ministries USA & Kenya is in need for more funds to support its mission in Pokot. More funds are needed to help educate many pokot girls.

GOD BLESS YOU- THANK YOU