

African Word Ministries

Report from Paul

God has been good to us and we give all Glory. In the last three months there have been many activities that have taken place.

As we crossed over into 2019, a team of 11 from Western Australia & 2 from South Africa visited us. The team was involved in the ground breaking of the ECD (Early Childhood Centre) which is a new building project at our school.

We held two conferences in 2018 and then on the last day of the year we held an overnight prayer meeting to welcome the new year this was also attended by the visiting team. The conference we held at the end of November was a success and well attended. There were 1,200 adults and 500 children. We are planning for a bigger one this year.

In the past we have done several outreaches with the youth and currently we have four young girls aged from 19 to 20 who are enrolled in our adult literacy program. These are young girls who at one point in their life messed up and lost hope, but now they have hope and life.

In March we held a prayer rally. This is the second one we have held and stems from a dream I had of training intercessors from different churches and conducting prayer rallies and mega conferences in different places starting with Gem then Siaya region. It is our prayer ad desire to be able to do another two major prayer rallies before the end of the year.

We also covet your prayers for the community especially for the youth. Since the election campaigns there has been insecurity in the area with houses being broken into and assaults by youth. Stand with us in prayer for the youth.

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Prayer Rally held in March.



Ebenezer Children's Home

Abandonment of children has dramatically increased in Siaya. We have had to give accommodation to children on a temporary basis while the Children's Department work to get them a permanent placement. It is interesting that there are more boys being abandoned than girls. This is a prayer issue because an abandoned child is more traumatized than an orphan.

Just recently we found Deryl's brother. If you recall Deryl was abandoned by his mother on the road to Bondo. He was taken to the police station where he stayed for a week as police tried to locate his mother. He was then given to the Children's Department who brought him to us. What we didn't know was that Deryl's brother, David Omondi was also abandoned at the same time, but David ended up on the streets. Some one heard him mention Kayieye which is where we are and brought him to us. Now Deryl and David are reunited and both boys are living at Ebenezer. As you can see there are many desperate people in the community and unfortunately the children are the ones that suffer.

Thank you to sponsors and friends who contribute to the care of these children.

School closed for April holidays and all the children are back from boarding school. The compound is now full of children's voices.

We also had Dr Daniel Gilbert and Pastor Brad from USA who stayed with us during their Bible School program which they hold in the village. We had a good time praying with the children and having time together during the week of their visit.

More sponsors are needed. If you want to help either to sponsor a child or give a donation towards the Children's Home or our Primary School, please contact us.

Buildings

The school building project is still a major project with three quarters of the buildings being in use. There are 3 phases to the Primary school buildings of which 2 are nearly completed.

Every wet season we were being challenged as the water level would rise and some of the old buildings were being water logged. As result we commenced the building of the ECD block (Early Childhood Centre) which at present is at the lintel level. As funds become available, we will put the roof on and continue to completion.

We thank the team that came from Australian for their donation that gave us a good start.



As mentioned before our existing church is too small to accommodate our numbers and we need to build a bigger church. On 13th April we held a fund-raising event and raised one million Kenyan Shillings which is A\$14,500. This is a wonderful effort as it shows that the members know the church is theirs and are willing to give. We have a long way to go but with God all things are possible. We thank God for what we have already raised.

Word Academy

School is presently on holidays and will resume towards end of April. Last term we struggled with water shortage. The long rains have not commenced consequently the wells are drying which meant we had to purchase water.

We are looking at the possibility of connecting up to the water line that the Chinese government has put in. Water comes from Lake Victoria and passes alongside the road where we are. God willing this will happen as we await the long rains.

During first term Std 6 to 8 went to Kakamega for a school excursion and visited sites like Crying Stone, the air strip and game reserve.

Finally, the text books for the new curriculum have been released and we were able to buy a few sets. Thank you to those who have donated towards the purchasing of text books.



Visiting Team from Australia report by Eva

As a team of 11 people from Perth, Western Australia, and 2 from South Africa, we had the privilege of working alongside African Word Ministry in January 2019. We were called to serve in Kenya after hearing Pastor Paul Ochieng's testimony of God's faithfulness. We spent the majority of 2018 holding various fundraising events to raise funds for the construction of the early learning centre which was an absolute honour to be a part of. The real wonder however was in witnessing God's love through the relationships that were formed, the love that was demonstrated, the prayers that were prayed, the strongholds that were broken and the souls that were set free through the blood of our most high king, Jesus.

We spent our time in Gem participating in various ministries. Many mornings were spent painting and preparing classrooms and participating in construction. We had the opportunity to attend several church services in which we witnessed many who were delivered from strongholds, learnt various catchy Luo worship songs and all of our team members had opportunities to share their testimony of Jesus.

We also experienced the incredible hospitality of the Kenyan people during several home visits in which we worshiped and prayed together. God opened doors for firm relationship building, both within the team as well as with the members of the local community. We were all moved to tears at one point or another when the glory of God was so apparent, and the presence of the Holy Spirit was undeniable. One of the things that were highlighted during our time together was that the God in Kenya is the same God in Australia. And even if we were different to each other in every aspect whether it was physical, social, financial or emotional, our one common-ground was Jesus and that was all the glue that was needed for compassionate, empathetic and godly fellowship.

In true Kenyan style, "God is good all the time and all the time God is good, WOW!"



Volunteers: The mission has grown. As this takes place, needs and responsibilities also increase. If you can help short term, we would love to hear from you. Areas of need are: Teaching, Counseling, Welding & Wiring, Medical or Hospital Services, Institutional exchange programs and more.

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PRAYER POINTS

1. Insecurity in the area. Youth who are resorting to drugs.
2. Our children during holidays. May they be safe and well kept.
3. Our orphanage is due for another inspection for registration renewal. Pray for favour.
4. Church pastors and members. Its dry season and people in the community are hungry as last season harvest is gone. The rains are late, and seeding cannot be done until it does. Pray for rain and food to help the community especially the children.
5. Finances to complete the buildings including the new ECD building and future church building.
6. Finances for day to day expenses.

Thank you to all our partners and friends for continuing to stand with us. We so appreciate each one of you.

We pray The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Lots of love

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