



NEWSLETTER: MARCH 2024

Greetings to all our friends and supporters

This year began with many activities that have kept us very busy, but God's grace is sufficient. Children have returned to school, and we were able to put up the ring beam for the auditorium. A new girl's bathroom/toilet block has also been built at the children's home.

CHURCH

From December up to March in all our churches we have seen a total of forty-eight people receive Jesus as their Saviour during our Sunday Services. God is good.

Children's Church, Youth groups as well as the main service all have grown stronger. Even our mid-week meetings are doing well with church members catching hold of the spirit of prayer and the Word of God.

On 26th to 28th March we conducted another Discovery Bible Study training for the cell group leaders and other group leaders.

EBENEZER CHILDREN'S HOME

If you remember in our October newsletter, we mentioned that one of our Board Members rescued a young woman called Sharon who was suicidal. Sharon and her three little daughters were brought to us to be cared for as we looked for a solution for Sharon. In January Sharon started Form One at Nyawara Girls High School.

Her three girls Naomi, Reine and Melody have remained with us at the home and are attending Word Academy. Reine is 2 years old and is in Day Care, Melody is 3 years old and in Playgroup and Naomi who is 4 years old is in Pre-Primary 1. This has been a challenge for us as we normally do not take in such small children but with God's grace the children are doing well. We also pray that their mother will continue with school as it is the best option for her, although it will be a struggle for her. Please keep her uplifted in prayer.



Ebenezer Children receiving gifts of food.



Ebenezer girls performing dance on live Ruakogi TV



Girls Bathroom and Toilets



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In March the National Council for Children's Services did a routine compliance assessment in all the children's homes in Siaya County. As Paul is the current chairperson, he had to accompany the team to each home.

The team was from the National Council Office in Nairobi and comprised of very high-level experts. The Chief Executive Officer, Cabinet Secretary and Director of the council were among those that came.

The assessment was very taxing, and the good news is at the end of the exercise the Cabinet Secretary appreciated all the good work the homes have done.

Our children also performed live on Ruakogi TV during a celebration which was sponsored by Royal Media & Ena Coach buses. Other schools and homes also were in attendance and participated. They were all given T-shirts and food stuffs.

During February Dr Daniel Gilbert from Empowered Living International gave a donation to build a new girls bathroom and toilet block which is now completed. This is a biodigester toilet which means there is no need to empty out the pit as bacteria is introduced into the system to biologically digest organic material.

Empowered Living also blessed both Ebenezer Children's Home and the Word Academy with food support which has taken us through the last two months. Another visitor, Melissa, brought toys, clothes, and gifts for the children. The children were thrilled with their gifts.

At the end of March the school will be on a three-week term break, and we are expecting our children who are at boarding schools to return home and join the other children. Our home will be full of children.

WOMEN & MEN'S MINISTRY

The men and women have developed a strong network and fellowship. We have several widows in the group and some of them are struggling due to age and sickness. The women through their fellowship of networks have been able to provide care and food support to those who are sick. Through their catering project they have been able to make some money that can also help them.



Food donated towards the School Feeding Program.



Area used for assembly has been repaired.



The old tin school building has been repaired and is now being used as a multi-purpose/dining room.



Children receiving toys, clothes, and gifts.

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The group has now been expanded to include young, middle age, and older women.

WORD ACADEMY

In December we did some necessary maintenance work around the school. This included repairing the parade ground which looks great. Plus we painted and revamped the old tin school building. This will now be used as a multi-purpose/dining hall.

Term 1 started 8th January with fifty new students enrolled. Presently there are 410 students at the school spread through ECD, Primary & Junior School.

There were various activities including drama in Term 1 and we were thrilled that the school reached regional level ranking position 5 out of 25 schools in drama. Well done students. Other activities included Scouts where our children were involved in an outing which not only was an adventure but fostered teamwork among the students.

Teachers have ensured the curriculum for this term has been completed and students are presently being assessed.

SCIENCE LAB – FUND RAISING

Part of the Junior School curriculum requires a Science Lab. As we don't have a science lab, when possible, our children walk to a nearby High School to use their equipment. This worked for a time but now we are planning on purchasing our own mobile science laboratory. The cost for the lab, installation and purchasing equipment will come to around A\$10,000. This is a huge cost for us, and we ask if anyone wants to contribute to this project, please let us know. We would appreciate any help we can get.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us either by prayer or finances. We appreciate and love you and pray that God will bless you abundantly for your faithfulness. Have a blessed Easter.

*Lots of love
Anna & Family, Paul, Vivian and Family and
the team of AWM*



Photo of a mobile science lab.

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Prayer Items:

- Pray for the health and upkeep of our elderly.
- Junior School we need more land & buildings for Junior School.
- Junior School – Science Lab
- Security, particularly for our compounds & families.
- God's provision for Ebenezer Children's Home, Word Academy & Word Christian Churches.
- Pray for our families.
- Pray for rain.
- Pray for the community as this time of the year is traditionally very hard as the last harvest is gone and there is lack of food throughout the community.

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