



Greetings to all our friends and supporters

It is hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner. It seems to come faster every year.

Once again, we are running our Christmas Gifts with a Difference project. Brochures were sent out in September and if you wish to be part of this project, please either phone or email Anna. Contact details are below.

Our goal this year is to give at least seventy (70) food hampers to widows and we are halfway. Last year we were able to hand out eighty-nine full hampers to widows and smaller hampers to another forty-six. With the cost of basic commodities rising in Kenya a food hamper is a blessing to the widows, especially the elderly.

The close off date is 5th December as this will enable us to purchase the gifts, get photos, and send cards with photos to everyone before Christmas Day.

EBENEZER CHILDREN'S HOME

Schools have closed and all our children have returned from their boarding schools and are enjoying being home. The only children still missing are those candidates who are sitting national exams, which is Class 8 primary school and form four, Secondary School, and those attending college.

The care givers at the home have come up with a daily program to keep the children occupied during the holidays. This includes games, sports and, of course, keeping the compound clean.

Recently one of our Board Members, Dr Elizabeth, rescued a twenty-one year-old woman and her three children. She was desperate and suicidal. Dr Elizabeth is looking at how to best help this young lady, either by finding her a job or getting her back to school to complete secondary school. Her children are aged three, two and one. The two older ones will stay at Ebenezer until this young lady is able to take care of all of them.



Widows receiving food hampers – Christmas 2022



Two of the girls who were rescued with their mother and baby sister.



New water tank for boy's dormitory

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During Ps Brad Abley's visit, he and his supporters provided a water tank for the boy's dormitory. The tank is now installed and fully functional. The boys are enjoying having easy access to water. A big thank you to all those who donated towards this project.

WORD ACADEMY

Term three, being a short term, has been extremely busy with both teachers and students working hard to complete the syllabus.

Midterm the lower classes, ECD, Grades 1,2 & 3 had an educational trip to Kisumu. Their first stop was the airport and for some of the students this was the first time they had seen an aeroplane. They were amazed with all they saw at the airport. From there they visited Impala Park where they saw the different animals and were excited to see some of the animals they had learnt about in their lessons. Their final stop for the day was the amusement centre - they had a great time.

This is the final year for the old **8,4,4 based curriculum**. The last 37 students in Std 8 will sit for their final National Primary School Exams from October 30th. From 2024 the schools will be using the new competency-based curriculum.

The government has made Junior Secondary (Grade 7, 8 & 9) mandatory for all Primary Schools. Word Academy started Junior Secondary this year and will continue in 2024. We will require a new building to house the extra classrooms and science lab. The teachers employed are not primary school teachers but secondary and are higher paid. The requirements for Junior Secondary are costly and complicated, but we are trusting God to help us accomplish this task.

On the final day of school the Pre-Primary class held their graduation day. It was a colourful event attended by education officials, parents, and members of the community.

During the school break we will be doing repairs and maintenance at the school. A pressing issue is the boy's toilet where the floor has collapsed. There has been a lot of rain which has contributed to the damage. Once the rains stop, we will look at digging another pit for the latrine. There is so much to do during this break.



ECD – Pre-Primary students' graduation to Grade 1



Junior Secondary Students performing



Scouts at the end of term celebrations



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MINISTRY

Our annual conference will be held from 23rd to 26th November and preparations are underway with church members and churches contributing both with finances and food towards the conference. We are expecting between 1,500 to 2,000 people to attend. Our challenge will be to feed and house that number of people.

Our Sunday School teachers have worked out a plan for children during this school break which also includes the conference. There will be teaching aids, puppets and much more to occupy them.

In preparation for the conference Paul took a team of 72 intercessors to a Prayer Mountain for three days of prayer and fasting. He has a burden to train 1,000 intercessors from village churches within the next two to five years.

CHURCHES/YOUTH MINISTRY

Church attendance has increased due to students returning home from boarding schools.

A task force comprising of high school and primary school teachers has been formed to work with our youth to guide and help them to be productive citizens.

During the school break the youth will also be actively involved in evangelism and home visits to the elderly in the community and assist them where necessary.

During the school holidays there will be activities organised for both youth and the children. They will all be busy.

The women's group is doing well with some of elderly widows who are sick being cared for by the stronger women in the group.

The widows catering group project is going strong and the women are busy working for the Health Department Group within our division and with other opportunities that have opened.



Std 8 and Grade 6 candidates



Candidates receiving gifts



Youth cutting & carting wood for the Auditorium Slab

SPONSORS FOR BOTH THE SCHOOL AND EBENEZER CHILDREN'S HOME ARE NEEDED

School Reports are being prepared and will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

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CHALLENGES

Last week the electricity went off due to lightning damage to a transformer in the area. It also hit the solar on the mission house damaging both the charge controller and battery.

Life in Kenya is getting harder with the high costs of living. In our community many people are suffering from the effects of the high costs of basic commodities and food. We know that this situation is worldwide and needs prayer.

*Thank you to all that have faithfully stood with us through prayer and giving of finances. We appreciate and love you and pray that God will bless you abundantly for your faithfulness. We want to take this opportunity to wish you all a **wonderful Christmas** and we look forward to working together with you in 2024 to make a difference in the lives of those we come into contact with.*

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



Bank Details

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Account No.: 569859

Prayer Items:

- Annual Conference 23rd – 26th November
- Pray for the security of the compound at Ebenezer Children's Home and Word Academy
- Pray for Admin & Junior Secondary Building which would include a science lab.
- Pray for teachers for Junior Secondary
- Provision for Word Academy & Ebenezer Children's Home
- Pray for the new church auditorium which is under construction.
- Pray for Divine connections and provision for the ministry.
- Pray for Church growth and spiritual maturity for members.
- Pray for our elderly widows who are unwell.
- Pray for Paul, Vivian, and family.

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