



NEWSLETTER: DECEMBER 2023

Greetings to all our friends and supporters

The last two months have been very busy with many end of year activities.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS WITH A DIFFERENCE

A big thank you to everyone who participated in this project. Every year we have been able to put big smiles on the faces of vulnerable people in the community who received a gift through this project.

We distributed over 120 food hampers to widows which has helped them so much. We also gave out 19 chickens, 19 goats, 10 sheep, blankets, eggs, bags of maize and so much more. Many people had a very happy Christmas because of your generosity. Thank you.

Last year we gave goats and sheep to widows. These animals have now reproduced, and the widows were able to sell them, and the money received has enabled them to take their younger children to school. They also were able to improve their houses from grass thatched to iron sheet roofs. Lives have been transformed through these gifts in many ways.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Our churches came together to hold our end of year annual conference. They all worked tirelessly for the success of the conference, and we thank them for their efforts.

This year's annual conference was well attended with more than 2,000 adults and over 600 children. To accommodate such a large number we had to hire a huge tent that was erected in the local public school playing field. The conference was for three days and many of the attendees were accommodated at the mission.

Guest speakers were Ps Brad Abley from Virginia, USA and Rev Jennie Roberts from Disciples of Mercy, Kisumu.

The presence of God was heavily present from the start to the finish.



Widows receiving food hampers.



Nineteen goats for given out plus so much more.



Annual Conference

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EBENEZER CHILDREN'S HOME

During the school break and having all the children at home we have programs in place that not only keep the children busy but also educate and prepared them for the future. We partnered with an adolescent counselling organization name DREAMS.

They have been engaging our adolescent girls and boys weekly on talks about reproductive health and safe sex. There has been an increase of teenage pregnancies and HIV infections in Siaya and Gem which is our community and village. We trust that these kind of interventions will help our youth.

Two of our children Talia and Felix had the privilege of participating in the formation of a Children Assembly in Gem Sub County. The children assembly is a club formed to enable children to voice their issues to the Government. There was a one-week training for the children and Felix was appointed as one of the officials in the leadership.

This festive season we were able to hold a children's party courtesy of Richard & Jodi Brodsky from The Richard Brodsky Foundation. Over 400 children attended the party and there was dancing, singing, feasting, sweets and lots of fun. What a day it was for our children and the children in the community.

On that same day they held a medical clinic at the church giving free treatment to the community. A doctor from USA, a doctor from Kenya and two nurses treated 48 patients that day.

The Brodsky Foundation raise money for research towards an AIDS cure or vaccine, research to help those living with HIV/AIDS, and to benefit those with brain cancer.

They hold marathons worldwide to raise awareness of AIDS and brain cancer. One was held in Kisumu and four of our children Stanley, Melvine, Felix, Daniel together with Paul participated in a 5-kilometre marathon. This took place on 11th December 2023 and was so much fun.

Our boys at the children's home have engaged in a brick making project. So far, they have moulded almost 1,000 bricks. Once they are fired, they will help us immensely with repairs needed at the Word Academy building and pit latrines. The latrines have been damaged due to flooding.



Christmas Lunch for children at the home.



Training for the children assembly in Gem Sub County.



5 km Marathon run in Kisumu & medical clinic held at African Word Ministries compound.



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In November our children were able to participate in the Children Judicial Month. This is a month where the children's cases in the courts are given top priority and some children are allowed to sit in the court sessions. It was good exposure for our children.

WORD ACADEMY

The Class eight results have been released and we thank God that our school has done well. The students have received their high school allocations with the start date in January.

SCHOOL BUILDING

We have experienced a lot more rain this year than usual and as it does every year a lake has formed in the catchment area adjacent to the school. The waterlogging has caused damage to the pit latrines which will need to be repaired before school restarts in January.

CHALLENGES

We have received and accomplished so much in 2023 but along with the accomplishments we also face challenges. The water damage to the pit latrines being one of them.

Also one of our girls who attends college was taken seriously ill and spent two weeks in hospital. Praise God she is now out of danger and recuperating at home.

All that we have accomplished has been because of your generosity and standing with us. We appreciate and love you and pray that God will bless you abundantly for your faithfulness. Wishing you a prosperous and peaceful 2024 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 & Family, Paul, Vivian and Family and
the team of AWM*



Our boys at the home making bricks.



Siaya Law Courts - Children Judicial Month.

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Prayer Items:

- Word Academy – that we start well.
- Junior School which is compulsory for all primary schools. We need more land & buildings for Junior School.
- God's provision for Ebenezer Children's Home, Word Academy & Word Christian Churches.
- Pray for our families.

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