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NORET KENYA-WEST POKOT MISSION REPORT 17TH -27TH DECEMBER 2022.

Mission Stations:

- a) Kang'oletiang-main station.
- b) Kiwawa-sub-station

Introduction:

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." —**Acts 1:8.**

We've come through a difficult year—but with your support and the work of the Holy Spirit, we've accomplished a lot together. Your gifts and prayers made this possible!

Thank you for partnering with us on this mission! "Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" might seem like a tall order, but we can accomplish more when we work together. And as you will see in this report, your support and gifts have accomplished so much!

I hope you will be encouraged to read a few examples of God at work through your life and your giving. NORET is a group of evangelizing Christians, and on behalf of the national team, I thank God for your partnership in 2022 and pray that He will continue to work through NORET Kenya in the years to come.

Embarking On Mission Together.

Our team of more than one hundred forty-six (**146**) members and student branches travelled to West Pokot County on 17th December 2022 with the purposes of doing outreach, medical camp, equipping leaders, and developing our ministry partnership with the local churches. Our theme verse for the mission was from Habakkuk 2: 14, "**For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.**"

This year mission gave us the opportunity to partner with AGC Kang'oletiang and ACCK Kiwawa respectively. The Pastors with whom we worked closely together are Rev Isaiah Lokorobe and Pst



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Lokorlima Simon. Isaiah is the senior pastor of AGC congregation at Kang'oletiang and Pst Simon has been serving at ACCK Kiwawa. He is currently in transition to relocate from Uganda where he has been residing to Kiwawa where the church is located.

It is such a joy to know and work with Rev Isaiah, Pst Simon, and all of the other pastors and leaders of Kacheliba pastors' fellowship! The church network works closely together with a unique spirit of unity and mutual cooperation, which is truly inspiring to see!

Expanding Our Reach-Kang'oletiang mission station.

This year we expanded our partnership to include a focus on medical camp, Jesus film, young adults' (Sunday school) ministry in addition youth/high school ministry, discipleship/Sunday school teacher trainings, men and women ministry. The first weekend was more of arrival and planning, followed by church visitations on Sunday morning and crusade in the afternoon at Kang'oletiang centre. It was amazing to see that at each event we had about 100 plus people come out! At night on Sunday, we also held a revival outreach, where we led worship, and shared the gospel through the Word.



High

School ministry program.

On Monday to Friday we engaged in outreach and evangelism programs couple up with trainings, personal devotion, home visitation, crusades and revivals in the evening. It was a great success with us reaching about **1,318** people, including about **273** who gave their life to Christ. AGC Kong'aletiang is now wanting to continue the ministry without us there because it was such a success! It was a great way for us to connect with the community and for us to share our testimonies with those who came.

During the daytime, on Monday we enjoyed some time sharing the gospel at **Kang'oletiang centre** and **Katukumwok area**. That visit was more of an opportunity for us to begin to see the need in the community and how we could support them in the future.

On Tuesday, we split up our team to various places which includes **Tuwit, Kariamawoi** (8km journey from the main station), **Katumen** and **Tipet** which is across the river. This was a stretching time for everyone! It was challenging but rewarding for all of us. It was a new experience for new missionaries, to take ownership of ministry, but for which I am very proud of them because they stepped up! It was a very emotionally stretching time for us and our team as we met with the people and communities. We learned about heartbreaking challenging situations in family dynamics, drug abuse among the youths, early marriages, school dropouts, the tiny statistics of splinter groups among the churches, lack of food and clothing among the young children, sickness and about severely of spiritual darkness. Nonetheless, we were also invigorated and inspired about all the ministry opportunities in front of us that we can partner with AGC Kang'oletiang and ACCK Kiwawa on together in the future.



Men seminar at the main station

On Wednesday, we visited **Kotulbo, Sugut** and **Anam**. Our crusade was held at Katumen centre. At Kotulbo, we had an encounter with a bereaved family, whose husband passed on forcing the wife to be the custodian. The situation was quite alarming because the family lacked food and basic items. We saw it fit as a team to bless them with the foodstuff that our members had contributed. We also had several trainings and programs facilitated by our team to the community which includes high school ministry, men & women seminars. The remaining days, we visited **Kang'oletiang market** again on Thursday, carried out outreach activities along the **Riverbank** where most people had gathered for farming and **Katukumwok** respectively on Friday. The reduction of water levels and being a dry season allowed the community to engage in some farming something they found worthy of once in a season.



Women seminar preparation

On Saturday, which we had designated as our "rest day," we did environment cleaning exercise at Kang'oletiang centre and its surrounding. Thereafter, had a view of the dam and economic activities that can be ventured into in the future. We then came back and finished off by dividing our members according to their branches in preparation for the Christmas eve celebration. The grouping allowed us to tap on the fruit of our time by allowing members to interact, reflect and associate with one another. By doing so we were renewed and increased in passion and boldness as a result of an amazing time of ministry partnership we shared together. It also gave us an opportunity to mutually build up one another according to the various gifts each of us has been given through drama acting and the Word.



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Environment cleaning

Kiwawa

This was our sub-station coordinated by our brother Albert Ruto and Morgan Kiptanui. We were able to reach out to about **103** homesteads, **30** people giving their life to Christ. ACCK lead by Pst Simon was the host church and they were able to conduct outreach programs, medical camp and discipleship training. The event run from Sunday the 18th -24th where they were able to join us at the main station for a conclusion together.

A call to Discipleship

We joyfully celebrated the life-giving movement of the Spirit of God in our time, drawing particular inspiration from the book of James (Kiwawa team) and discipleship training from MCN at the main station. Through Bible study, revival programs, common prayer, and worship, and by sharing our stories together, we were encouraged to be witnesses to the reign of God that has come to us through the life, crucifixion, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Members group discussion

Moved by the Spirit

The mission offered multiple spaces for joyful celebrations, mutual sharing and learning, and theological reflection. It offered rich opportunities to be in God's presence, rejoicing and lamenting before the triune God through the prayer watches in the night. We met for daily prayers-in the morning, at noon after report sharing, and in the evening during revivals which proved to be a well from which we drank deeply, finding unity and inspiration. Together with the daily Bible studies, our shared experience of worship became key when discerning what God wanted us to do. Sharing our stories together was significant: in the group discussion sessions, at the borne fare, and climaxing it with a discussion on **Royal Marriage** (Gen 2:18-25) made it different. Guided and empowered by the Word of God, enriched by powerful musical and artistic performances during the Christmas eve celebration, humility of the community when it comes to prayers stirred our heart to appreciate the strings God is pulling every now and then in His people life's. It also encouraged us to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in life, word, and deed.



Members group discussions

A report on Medical Camp at Kiwawa & Kang'oletiang stations. Program conducted by NORET Kenya Medics.

Kiwawa sub-station.

The health checkup programme was held on 23rd December 2022, and it started at around 11:30am to 7:20pm at Kiwawa Boys Secondary School field. A total of **137** adults and over **150** children were attended to.

Services offered;

- a) Health talk on hygiene, nutrition and family planning.
- b) Weighing.
- c) Blood sugar check-up.

d) Blood pressure check-up & deworming.

Treatment of common infections e.g. conjunctivitis, pneumonia, common cold, skin conditions, uti and arthritis was addressed.



Set-

up and planning activities-Kiwawa.



On-going

medical consultations.

Kang'oletiang main station

The health checkup programme was held on 26th December 2022, and it started at around 10:30am to 5:35pm at Kang'oletiang sports field. A total of **190** adults and children were attended to. Services offered were same as of Kiwawa station.

In conjunction with the medical camp we managed to conduct sports activities as a tool of evangelism and discipleship in both stations. The opportunity gave us a moment to connect, interact and share the gospel with youths and the community.



Medical camp-Main station

Jesus Film Report

This is a wonderful and poignant film based on the life of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke. It is solid in its content and contains a straightforward telling of the life of Jesus, beginning with the creation of Adam from the Earth, the story of Abraham and the prophecy of the coming Messiah, the time of Jesus' birth, to Jesus' appearance, being baptized by John and onward to the crucifixion and resurrection. The movie contains scenes of Peter being sent out for a great catch, Jesus reading the prophecy in Isaiah 61 referring to Himself, the calling of the 12 disciples, the calming of the storm at sea and other wonderful events recorded by Luke.

The movie contains scenes of Jesus being whipped (while wearing a garment) and struck and led away to be crucified. During this year's mission, we had it in Pokot language and by God's grace and



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help manage to reach a total of about **910** people and **209** giving their life to Christ. Majority of the people watched the film for the first time, which they truly appreciated. This was one of the tools that attracted more people and glory to God. The program was mostly aired during the night.



Showcasing Jesus film in Pokot language as a tool of evangelism and discipleship

Sunday School Report



Sunday school teachings

We give all the praises, honor, and glory to our heavenly Father, Jesus Christ our Savior and the Holy Spirit who empowered us and blessed us for spiritual growth of this Sunday School. It is with most gratitude that we present below the annual mission report of our Sunday school for the year 2022.

We had several programs including daily fellowships during crusades, Sunday school teacher trainings and teens program which also applied to various mission stations.

The number of children that we managed to reach during daily fellowships was about **150, 230** on Sunday and during Christmas eve it went up to **350** children. In other places where crusades took place like Katumen and Kariamawoi, the number of children attending was slightly below **100** as a result of many looking after flocks.

For effectiveness, the children were divided into two groups, teens and younger ones (**4-6, 7-9, 10-12** ages). The younger ones age (4-6) involved themselves in painting drawings, learning about Jesus story and the others trained for choir songs presented during Sunday services and Christmas eve celebration.

Sunday school teachers training was also done on their teachers to equip them with more knowledge and truth which include **Misingi program** and left the rest to be done by their Sunday school teacher Mzee Luka since it's a long training.



Feeding program for ongoing Sunday school seminar

Recommendations.

Medical Camp.

- a) Increase allocation for drugs to widen the variety.
- b) Seek for future partnership with other medical providers and facilities as well as NGO's supporting medical services to communities.
- c) Create a follow up mechanism for the patients and attach them to local facilities.

Sunday School.

- a) Building of a strong team for Sunday school ministry within NORET.
- b) Continued allocation of enough funds and resources to Sunday school ministry.

Jesus Film.

- a) Host Pastor of the church should always be available during the film hours for translation and
- b) Few missionaries to always remain during the film hours so that they may help out in recording the details of those who gave their life to Christ.

Sports Ministry

- a) Create a life of sustainable, community-centred and focused sporting mission.
- b) Dig deeper into mental health, well-being, and sport as an important feature of worship and discipleship.
- c) Go deeper and further with others through sport and exercise in their everyday lives.



Kariamawoi open air crusade

General recommendations

- There is need for more biblical/Spiritual books and articles for donations.
- The place is adversely affected by drought situation, there is need for food distribution and donations to continue.
- Early pregnancy and school drop-out is on a higher note.

- Lack of clean water forces the community to use unhygienic river water for domestic use, bathing and a times walk for many KM in search of water.
- Most dispensaries lack proper equipment and resources and thus the community unable to benefit from the facilities-proper immunization program to be in place for little children.
- Purchase of Noret Bus to help mitigate transport logistics and challenges most members normally encounter during mission.

PROPOSALS: Lessons and suggested responses.

Introduction

Far too often when people outside of our neighborhoods attempt to identify and alleviate the problems within our neighborhoods they fall short of creating lasting change. However, the most creative and long-term solutions to the problems in our communities are grassroots, church-based efforts. North Rift Evangelistic Team (NORET) which is a group of evangelizing Christians would like to collaborate with you to discern where Christ is already at work in our communities and then we partner to create long-term and widespread positive change.

As we travel across West Pokot County especially the Northern part in this year's annual mission, we interacted with different people, different communities that have different needs that we as Christian believers cannot assume. The need for basic healthcare, education, food, water and clothing and many others was widely witnessed that we would like to reminisce together.



Katumen open air crusade

a) Education**Kong'aletiang primary school**

Noret believes that education is a key driver of change which can help communities break out of a cycle of poverty and powerlessness. Moreover, elementary education has been recognized as a fundamental right under the Kenyan Constitution. Keeping children in school has other significant benefits including adversely impacting possibilities of their engagement in child labour as well as delaying early marriages for girls. In fact, Noret considers education and protection as interrelated spheres that collectively ensure safe childhood and well-being.

Therefore, we would like to bridge educational gaps through thoughtful and purposeful intervention. With access to a quality education, children become lifelong learners, transform their communities, and experience life in all its fullness. However, the facility meant to encourage and promote change is on the verge of not living to community expectations. As a team, we want to continue with education programme for the community by proposing a well-equipped structure to accommodate and help children who have dropped out from the school to equip themselves to return to formal schooling and design a proper coaching support program to ensure retention.

We also believe that these centers will be particularly effective in providing support to first generation learners who do not get the required follow up support needed in their homes. Furthermore, it will

also extend as protection interventions to address the rights of young girls and prevent early pregnancies.



Kong'aletiang primary school

b) Livelihood and women empowerment

To leverage on women empowerment, we are proposing an establishment of well-coordinated selfhelp groups (SHG) formed at the hamlet level and capacity building initiatives taken through in-house trainings. At the village level SHG should be clustered with representatives of all the groups and similarly, SHG federation with cluster representatives. At the beginning, the groups should start with savings practices and later initiate internal lending for the small income generation venture. The clusters and federations should take part in the decision making for community development interventions like; selection of beneficiary, recommending deserving group member for loan, household level farming, soap making initiatives, loan repayment also representing any community



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level programme and others. The end goal is for the federation to register its Cooperative society for savings, development initiatives and empowerment programs. With this in place, we are determined to put women farmers at the heart of solutions—whether that means equal access to credit and markets, farming implements tailored to them, or training to equip them to be mentors and leaders in their communities.

c) Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH):

WASH actions are linked to supporting families and communities in improving sanitation and hygienic practices, thereby preventing and reducing illness and related out of pocket expenditure. These play a crucial role in reducing other vulnerabilities and risks from the protection perspective, particularly the girls and women as well.

To mitigate on this, Noret would like to support families to construct household toilets, generate awareness among community people about hygienic practices, installed community drinking water source (tube wells), assist schools to construct school sanitary blocks with toilet, urinal, hand washing and drinking water stations,, form and train community committee for maintenance of assets both in the communities and schools. To train potential local village youths on tube well maintenance, repair, and engage them on wide campaign on WASH activities.

d) Healthcare

The public health system in Kong'aletiang is extremely inadequate and neither dependable. There is scarcity of dispensaries (well-equipped or otherwise), beds, investigation facilities and pharmacies. As a result, communities are forced to risking their lives.

The dispensary lack means of transport like ambulance that can improve accessibility. Thus people who need urgent medical care are not able to access the Government Health Service. It is also not adequately prepared to tackle emergency obstetric and neonatal care, dental surgery, ophthalmology

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or psychiatric cases. Furthermore, it does not have USG machines, blood bank, laboratory technicians, or other essential resources to provide the necessary healthcare services.

Safe Motherhood

The geo-socio-economic condition of the region, high risk maternity and resultant mortalities are unacceptable in 21st century Kenya. To combat this scenario of poor maternal health, in Kenya, Noret is seeking a partnership with the government, county government in launching a multipronged campaign under Rural Health Mission (RHM). This initiative will ensure greater ante natal care coverage and improve Institutional delivery status in the region (through introduction of more workers, and 24hr normal delivery centers) thus proving successful in terms of breaking age-old traditions. Family planning mechanism and schemes should be factored in for the better good of the community.

Teenage pregnancy

Recent statistics released by KDHS "Key Indicators Report 2022." indicates that the percentage of women aged 15–19 who have ever been pregnant are highest in Samburu (50%), **West Pokot (36%)**, Marsabit (29%), Narok (28%), Meru (24%), Homa Bay (23%), Migori (23%), Kajiado (22%), Siaya (21%), and Baringo (20%) and lowest in Nyeri and Nyandarua (5% each). The report also indicate that teenage women in the lowest wealth quintile are more likely to have ever been pregnant than women in the highest wealth quintile.

From the statistics, West Pokot is second in terms of teenage pregnancy and therefore advocacy measures ranging from chastity, purity and abstinence campaigns be facilitated.





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Sunday school presentation

CHALLENGES

Medical Camp

- a) Language barrier.
- b) Insufficient medical supplies. General Observations
 - Lack of electricity, forcing over dependence on generator and thus costly.
 - Rejection by some members.
 - Most people were not found at their homes.

PRAYER POINTS

- ✦ Financial Breakthrough.
- ✦ An economic revival in the area.
- ✦ Pray against the spirit of death.
- ✦ God to open doors for job opportunities.
- ✦ Against sicknesses among young children and livestock.
- ✦ Against marriage dysfunctions.
- ✦ Pray for the community to understand the importance of education.
- ✦ Pray for God to change/transform most men in the region.
- ✦ A deeper understanding of salvation.

Social Action and Advocacy (SAA) Overview.



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Objective, Outcome, Output Statements		Indicators
Social Transformation: Objective To witness increased positive influence in the larger society through Noret Kenya engagements.		Level of reported positive influence in the society (To be determined at the end of the year, 2023).
Outcome 1.1	Social action and advocacy empowerment programs will be sufficiently and sustainably resourced & achieved.	Target sourcing for social action and advocacy.
Outcome 1.2.1	Human, material, & financial capital empowerment programs across the society.	Resources mobilized.
Outcome 1.3	New strategic partnerships developed in areas such medical camp, personnel, and resources.	strategic partnerships developed.
Outcome 1.3.1	Communities transformed and empowered through sustainable development initiatives such as: a) Eradicate poverty and hunger, guaranteeing a healthy life. b) Universalize access to basic services such as water, sanitation and sustainable energy.	Projects facilitated & conducted.
	c) Inclusive education and decent work.	
Outcome 1.4	Leaders developed through training and mentorship across the churches and society.	Leaders trained.



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ACTIONABLE AREAS: NOW-DEC 2023.

We desire to see men and women become dignified, hope-filled providers in their families and communities. This includes:

1. Business skills trainings.

i. Savings group programs

Savings group programs are groups of individuals who save their money together in partnership with the local church. As they build a secure sum of money, members often take out loans from their group to pay for household expenses or invest in businesses.

ii. Small-and-medium-enterprise (SME) lending

SMEs are critical for national economic progress, and for entrepreneurs ready to scale, larger loans and additional training is needed, and empowered to create jobs and minister to their communities.

2. Strengthening women's groups, with training in group formation and dynamics.
3. Leaders training, discipleship, Sunday school and mentorship programs- (Through church engagement & schools).
4. Food distribution program/food bank initiative and projects.
5. Sanitary pads distribution in girls school.
6. Start-up grants – capitalizing revolving funds and providing exotic goat stock and sewing machines.
7. Protecting land rights and natural resources by defending their right to life-sustaining natural resources and against pollution and other threats.
8. "Upstream" work with business networks and actors/policy makers.

Emptied Out and Filled Up

Reflecting back on this mission, I know now in a new way what it means to 'love God with all our strength.' Daily and intensive labouring for Christ's mission takes real physical effort and mental fortitude. And working and living with others takes patience! But more than that, it takes humility



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and a willingness to re-examine yourself before being critical of others. After all, our own flaws come into full view—mine included! Having experienced that feeling of being 'emptied out' for the sake of gospel ministry, it gives me a fresh perspective on the lengths that Christ went to secure our salvation, and the example He set for us who follow Him.

And it is in this very passage we find Paul quoting Jesus' words: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). As we emptied ourselves out we were more than filled back up by all the love from our West Pokot family in Christ! It is a beautiful thing to see and feel the bond of Christ and the unity of the Spirit!

Blessings & peace,

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