



Open Schools Worldwide launches in Chesitet, Kenya

In the first week we were enriched and blessed to have Bible teacher Paul Ogutu of Anchor who is a former WEC Netherlands Cornerstone Lecturer take us through the bible in a way that was to equip and challenge the volunteers to know the word of God and apply it as they teach.

On the second week we trained 6 trainees on the OSWW level 1 programme and 4 trainees successfully completed the programme. On completion of the volunteer training we launched the Open Schools programme with Irene and Sharon being the Kusoma TU volunteers with the other volunteers serving in a place called Silale.



Volunteers graduates of the Open School Worldwide level one programme.

The Open Schools programme is now running as an after school intervention programme for school going children and as a learning programme for out of school learners. It's encouraging to report that after four weeks the school going children who have been consistent can now begin to understand a few sentences in the English language such as greetings etc. and are learning letter sounds.



The out of school learners are not as consistent however the few who have been coming can now write their names and are recognising numbers 1 -20 and simple addition which is very exciting and we praise God for this.

One thing we praise God for is that Open Schools provides printed books for the literacy and numeracy programme which is a real answer to prayer. The joy in the children of Chesitet on receipt of the books has been wonderful. Kusoma Tu also printed a number of Bibles for children in the Pokot language in Partnership with Literacy & Evangelism International. The children can look and hear the bible stories in their own language and colour in the pictures which is very exciting!

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Prayer Points

1. Please pray protectively over Irene Kiror who is our missionary with Kusoma Tu. Irene understands the Pokot language and has been a key liaison with the local community. Irene will be running the Open Schools programme and working alongside Sharon who is the only believer in the area and is a local from Chesitet.
2. Please pray for the children of Chesitet that they might have an education and be freed from oppressive cultural practices.
3. Pray for the Spiritual needs of the Chesitet community and the Sunday fellowship that they would grow and that the Lord would send a pastor.
4. Pray for me as I will be travelling to the western part of Kenya in the coming months to deliver Open Schools training to implementing partners.

Testimony Corner



Joseph's Story

Joseph is a ten year old boy who is very interested in school and quite different from the other boys around him. He is very obedient and disciplined, though he only had one set of clothes which was his school uniform given to him 2022 by MeMa (Medical Missions Africa), he always keeps his clothes immaculately clean.

The school that he has been attending has had challenges with teachers and when we started the Open Schools programme, Joseph took to it like a duck to water. He could already read a little bit and Kusoma Tu felt that he would benefit from going to a school where there is continuity.

Joseph is quite bright and picked up some English when we started the Open schools programme which enabled him to pass an interview for sponsorship. He has now moved to a boarding school where he will receive continuity with his education.