

IRENE KIROR

Kusoma Tu's

Volunteer at the Heart of Our Mission



Irene with some of the girls that she mentors

Irene Kiror's journey has been marked by resilience and determination. Raised by her mother in the face of her father's decision to marry a second wife, despite his Christian faith, Irene encountered early hardships. In an attempt to marry her off at the tender age of nine, she managed to escape this fate. Her education was sporadic, but she tenaciously completed high school. With a strong desire to become a teacher, she faced financial constraints. Yet, through divine guidance, she found her path with Kusoma Tu.

In March of this year, Irene joined Kusoma Tu as a volunteer, primarily assisting in translating the Pokot language. Initially a shy individual, we have witnessed her remarkable growth in both confidence and service. Following her training for the Open Schools Programme, Irene was given the opportunity to independently run the program in Chesitet, Baringo County, shouldering numerous responsibilities.

Under Irene's dedicated leadership, the Open Schools Programme has achieved remarkable progress. Children who previously struggled to write in Kiswahili or English can now converse and read after just 10 weeks. Additionally, she has taken charge of Sunday school and a Sunday fellowship, where children have learned the Lord's Prayer in Kiswahili, memorized verses, and deepened their knowledge of God. Irene also offers invaluable mentorship to girls aged 13 to 15, some of whom are forcibly married and deeply distressed. She regularly visits and supports those who are ill or have recently given birth.

In the community they reside in, Irene runs a kind of boarding school, welcoming about 10 boys aged 6 to 15 from various backgrounds. Every night, she not only prays with them but also engages them in games and shares Bible stories. This has inspired these young boys, positively shaping their perspectives and fostering their spiritual growth. Kusoma Tu greatly admires Irene's selfless contributions to the community, and while we wish we could compensate her for her extraordinary work, we are regrettably unable to do so at this time. Irene requires a minimum of 20,000 Kenya Shillings for her personal expenses and an additional 10,000 Kenya Shillings for food every month, approximately \$200 a month. We are fervently praying for the possibility of finding a sponsor who can support this exceptional young woman as she continues to pour her love and dedication into this community.



Irene visiting the elderly in the community



Irene with some of the young mothers



Irene teaching at the unused govt. clinic



Irene teaching at Chesitet primary