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KUSOMA TU

READING PERIOD!



Black Forest Academy Kandern, Germany

IT IS GOD WHO ENABLES US TO GIVE

2 Corinthians 8:3-5 - For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus! I pray this message finds you and your loved ones well. My prayer for you echoes the words of 3 John 1:2: "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers."

In my last update, I shared how I was in England, working (tent-making) and fundraising for the ministry in Kenya, while also homeschooling the children remotely. This has been a challenging season, especially for someone whose heart is fully committed to serving in the mission field long-term and ensuring the children receive a Christ-centered education.

To provide further clarity on the work that I do in Kenya is both administrative and with direct outreach to children and youth in northern Kenya, whilst also homeschooling my children. When the opportunity arose to take on the role of Open Schools Worldwide Country Director for Kenya, it seemed like a natural extension of my work with Kusoma Tu, given the synergy between the two organisations in using literacy as a tool for evangelism. My involvement in both roles has been significant, as I have single-handedly managed the administrative responsibilities, coordinated logistics, conducted training, and developed materials—all while continuing to support ongoing projects and individuals in Kenya. As you can imagine I do carry significant responsibilities to which I am fully committed to fulfilling my calling and managing the weight of the expectations that I bear.

As I sought the Lord for direction towards the end of last year, He impressed upon my heart the need to trust Him more with the children's education. After much prayer and wrestling with this call, God opened the door for Samoel and Mark to attend Black Forest Academy (BFA) in Kandern, Germany as boarding students. This is a school founded by TeachBeyond, the mission organisation I am currently serving with. BFA uses a North American curriculum and is dedicated to serving missionary families. The staff at BFA are missionaries themselves who also have to fundraise to serve in Germany and are deeply committed to shaping young lives through a Biblical worldview.

Meanwhile, the girls will continue their homeschooling journey through a local online program in Kenya, as they are still too young to board at the school. This arrangement will allow me to focus more intentionally on the Kusoma Tu and Open Schools projects in Turkana and East Pokot, bringing much-needed resources and education to these remote areas.

When I came to England to tent-make and raise support my initial plan was to do this for atleast six months which would allow me to raise enough financial resources to secure the boys' education and cover other expenses, the pressure has been intense. As I work full-time as a Health and Safety Consultant in England, I have continued to work on various aspects of our mission, including organising trainings, attending virtual meetings, and supporting our volunteers in Kenya. However, when I am here, the ministry work in Kenya is left with a small but overwhelmed team.

Support raising is not easy and yes I am still in the UK tent making. My new goal is now to leave England in December. With this in mind, I humbly ask you to consider partnering with me in this kingdom work. I am seeking churches and individuals who would commit to supporting me financially on a monthly basis for at least two years. If financial support isn't possible, perhaps you could help connect me with your church leaders, mission boards, or others who might be able to assist?

The words of Jesus in Matthew 9:37-38 always resonate deeply within me: "Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.'"

Could you be part of the answer to the Lord Jesus's call in fulfilling this prayer?

Thank you for prayerfully considering this invitation to join me in fulfilling God's mission in Kenya. Together, we can bring the hope of Christ to the nations.

Kusoma Tu FOUNDATION

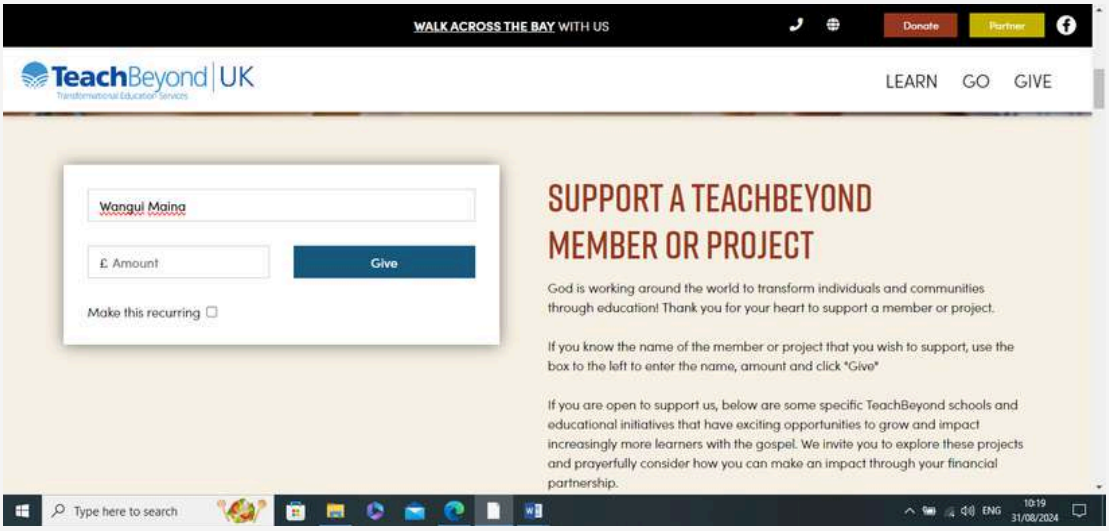
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TeachBeyond UK Transformational Education Services

SUPPORT INFORMATION

Below is information on how you can give through the TeachBeyond website directly using the link below and selecting support a TeachBeyond member as per the screen shot. Or if you want to go via your bank, the giving details for TeachBeyond are also shared. You can give to Kusoma Tu directly through their website link and bank details are also shared below.

https://www.teachbeyond.org.uk/give



HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT US

1. BY CHEQUE
For either single or regular gifts, send cheques made payable to TeachBeyond UK, indicating in an accompanying letter how you want your gift to be used, to the address below.

2. STANDING ORDER
For regular giving please complete a Standing Order form with details of your bank account, and then send it to TeachBeyond UK at the address below. Or If you prefer to arrange the Standing Order with your own bank directly, then please add my name Wangũi Maina and your name to any reference field. Our bank account details are:

Bank:	HSBC
Branch:	Lancaster Market St
Account Name:	TeachBeyond UK
Sort Code:	40-27-02
Account No.:	21807994
BIC:	HBUKGB4136R
IBAN:	GB04HBUK40270221807994

3. ONLINE
giving@teachbeyond.org.uk

4. STEWARDSHIP
www.stewardship.org.uk
Teachbeyond number: 20182019

Giving to Kusoma Tu Kenya

Bank: Co-operative Bank of Kenya
Branch: Dagoretti
Account Name: Kusoma Tu Foundation
Account Number: 01128514877200

Mpesa: 0721614071

https://kusomatu.org/donate/

THANKSGIVING PRAYER POINTS

1. For all the journey mercies this summer with all the travels that have been done.
2. The strength to juggle all my different responsibilities from work, to parenting and running a ministry.
3. Abigael Cheptoo's continued health as Irene Kiror continues to look after her.
4. For the boys we are currently supporting from Chesitet who are at a boarding school in Nakoko and the amazing stories of their transformation and growth.
5. For the 'women in missions' team that visited Chesitet this month to visit the families there and encourage Irene Kiror.
6. For the progress we are making in completing the Kusoma Tu literacy reader books.



'Women in Mission' team in Chesitet

I DO NOT CEASE TO GIVE THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS EPHESIANS 1:16



Irene Kiror with Brighton, Joseph and Peter in Chesitet

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. For Sam and Mark as they settle into life at a boarding school.
2. For Esther and Abi who leave for Kenya this coming week and start online school as they stay with my parents until I get back to Kenya.
3. For ministry support partners who can financially support the ministry work we do as a family.
4. For current and future projects that we have started that the Lord would sustain the work and raise more workers to help in the field.
5. For the families in Chesitet that the light of the word of God would continue to transform this community through the seeds that have been sown in the last few years.
6. For the children of Chesitet who still have no teachers teaching them at the school.

PHOTO-GALLERY



At the start of August the children and I had a mini BCS reunion in Switzerland when we attended the wedding of Aunty Maggie whom we served with in Senegal. We met up with U. Hilbert, U. Lukas, A.Charlie, A. Elina and A. Rachel all former BCS Senegal staff!



In the middle of July I had the privilege of sharing about the work in Northern Kenya with my sending church Wem Baptist in Shropshire. It was such a joy to spend time my church family though the time was too short!



The photo to the right Sam and Mark's first day at BFA Germany with Uncle Nate whom we also served with at BCS Senegal.

Another BCS Senegal reunion in Switzerland with the Stähli family. Here I am with Aunty Eliane!



When the children arrived at the end of July they attended the WEC Summer Camp in Cromer Norfolk where we were again reunited with a former BCS staff member Uncle Joe!

