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READING PERIOD!



Children from Chesitet who took part in the OSWW training

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES: A SEASON OF CHANGE AND IMPACT

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Greetings from a very warm Kenya! As I write this, I am reflecting on the whirlwind start to the year—winding down my work in the UK, making the transition back to Kenya, and diving straight into ministry. Adjusting from the British winter to the Kenyan heat has been quite the shift, but through it all, I continue to testify to the Lord's goodness and mercy.

A Powerful Beginning in Chesitet

Upon my return in mid-February, I hit the ground running, ensuring a smooth training session for a team from Lodwar (in the extreme north of Kenya) at Chesitet. The impact of this time together can only be fully measured in eternity, but I know without a doubt that God was at work! I have shared a short video capturing some of the experiences—hopefully giving you a glimpse into what the Lord has done.

Kusoma Tu & Open Schools Worldwide Training

From February 24th–28th, we hosted the Open Schools Worldwide (OSWW) Level 1 training in Chesitet. This was a significant moment, bringing together a team from Lodwar—primarily from the Turkana tribe—into a Pokot community, where deep historical tensions have long existed. Yet, through the unifying power of education and Christ's love, we witnessed an incredible spirit of peace and collaboration.

A group of 12 individuals underwent intensive training to become Open Schools tutors, with the goal of launching the program in Lodwar. Chesitet was intentionally chosen as the training site to provide a hands-on experience in a pastoral community similar to the one they will serve. Despite the intense heat, the team persevered, learning how to teach effectively while staying in an unused government clinic which we had repurposed as the training base.
One of the highlights was watching the trainees conduct live lessons with children from Chesitet Primary School—applying what they had learned in a real classroom setting. The training concluded with a certificate presentation, celebrating their hard work and commissioning them for the journey ahead. We are incredibly excited to see how God will use this team to bring education to underserved communities in their part of Northern Kenya!

A Door Opens for Adult Literacy in Churo

As we were leaving Chesitet, we met pastors from the African Inland Church (AIC) Churo in Marigat, who had heard of the OSWW program and expressed a strong desire to have their communities trained. Pastor Nicholas shared some incredible news:
In his village, a group of 40 adults—25 men and 15 women—who never had the opportunity to attend school have started learning how to read and write! With the help of three recent high school graduates, they are holding daily classes, eager to gain literacy skills. Women meet in the afternoons, while men gather in the evenings after work.
This grassroots movement is a testament to the deep hunger for education, and we are now planning a training session for these three young teachers, along with 15 more volunteers, before the end of the month. Please pray for wisdom, resources, and smooth logistics as we prepare.

A Personal Update & A New Mission Field

For those I haven't had the chance to share with personally, I am excited to announce that I have been offered a permanent teaching role in Victoria, Australia, working with middle school students. This is something I have been praying about for a while now—a way to serve long term sustainably through 'tent making' while remaining committed to ministry.
With the Australian school system offering four holidays a year, I plan to travel to Kenya regularly to continue the work on the ground while remotely handling administration and logistics. The girls and I will be transitioning to Australia soon, while the boys will continue their schooling in Germany. Please keep us in prayer as we navigate yet another season of change.

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A young girl at the watering hole digging for water in Chesitet

Standing on His Promises

As I reflect on all that has happened, I am reminded of the Apostle Pauls letter to the Ephesians.

> **FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND, THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM. EPHESIANS 2:10**

God is writing a beautiful story, and I am so grateful for each of you who have chosen to walk this journey with me through your prayers, encouragement, and support. Your partnership makes all the difference in reaching these communities with the love of Christ and the gift of education.

Thank you for being part of this mission. Please continue to pray for:

- The new OSWW tutors as they begin their work in Lodwar.
- The adult literacy training in Churo—provision of trainers and resources.
- My family's transition to Australia and the continuation of ministry in Kenya.

May the Lord bless you abundantly for all you do!

With gratitude,



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PHOTO-GALLERY



Congratulations to the ATC Lodwar team on the successful completion of the Open Schools Level 1 literacy and numeracy training.





Trainees listening intently to the sessions in which they then had to practice right away with their learners.







From icebreakers, to use of sight word games, to using locally available materials for numeracy lessons, trainees were given the opportunity to put into practice all they were learning with their students.



PHOTO-GALLERY



This lovely goat was presented to the Kusoma Tu team as a thank you from Abigael Cheptoos family as a thanksgiving for what the Lord has done in Abigaels life. We really enjoyed the goat for lunch and dinner!
L. Abigael, Abi's brother, myself, Irene Maina and Irene Kiror



The Kusoma Tu team with the AIC Reverend and Pastors from Churo



Honoring Tata Beryl Ikin of Wem Baptist Church



I had the joy of visiting my church family in Wem and the privilege of staying with Tata Beryl Ikin, who served as a missionary in Kenya for 29 years.

It was incredible to learn that Tata Beryl was in Churo in the early 70s, running medical camps and praying for the local communities. Nearly 50 years later, those same communities now have churches and a growing body of believers. While literacy remains a significant need, the seeds she and other missionaries planted have clearly borne fruit.

I loved looking through her many photos of life in Kenya—capturing moments from before I was even born. I am also deeply grateful to the Wem Baptist family for their warm hospitality and the wonderful lunch.



A class of the male adult learners keen to read and write in Churo!



Dinner and Church lunch with the Wem Baptist family.

