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READING PERIOD!



Donating books at Kigumo Primary School Othaya Nyeri.

IN THE RHYTHM OF WAITING – UPDATES FROM KENYA

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I pray that this message finds you well and in the rhythm of life, where God's peace meets your every step and His timing continues to shape your journey.
As I write, our family continues to walk through a season of waiting. We are still awaiting the release of our visas for Australia. We know it could come through any day, and yet, we remain in a place where patience is both our posture and our prayer. This season is not without purpose. It has drawn us closer to the heart of God, reminding us that waiting is not passive, it is often where the deepest growth occurs.

"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength..."(Isaiah 40:31)

In the midst of this pause, life continues. We were so blessed to have Sam and Mark home for two weeks over Spring break. Their time with us brought such joy, sharing stories from their school life in Germany, enjoying long conversations, and simply being together as a family. These moments, tucked into the waiting, have been a real gift from the Lord.

Launching a Library in Othaya

One of the special highlights of their visit was launching a new library at Kigumo Primary School, just near our home in Othaya. Over the years, our homeschooling journey led to a rich collection of children's books. With great joy, we were able to donate over 400 books from our personal library to help start this new resource for the school.
This project is especially close to the heart of Kusoma Tu, as we believe in building reading cultures in the communities we serve. Many rural and nomadic schools in Kenya have little to no access to libraries or even storybooks. Watching Sam, Mark, Esther, and Abi spend time painting and preparing the library space was a beautiful reminder of how simple acts of generosity can sow seeds for generations to come.

Ministry Updates: Seeds of Transformation

Even as we wait, the work of Kusoma Tu and Open Schools presses forward with encouraging signs of growth. Here's what God has been doing on the ground in Kenya:

1. Lodwar Centre – Literacy Begins

We launched the Open Schools Programme in Lodwar on April 2nd, with 33 adult learners enrolled—pastors, elders, and even youth from the Ethiopian Nyang'atom community. Classes are already underway in the mornings and afternoons. With teaching in Turkana and translation into English, we're committed to reaching learners in their heart language. The hunger for God's Word is real, especially among church leaders who long to read and teach Scripture themselves.

Classes run twice daily—morning and afternoon—led by the passionate team of volunteers we trained in Chesitet. We're especially thankful for Dorcas Nyambura, whose leadership and heart for literacy have anchored this effort. The next phase will involve launching Saturday sessions for school-age children.
Please pray for continued provision, more volunteers, and the right resources to expand the reach of this vital program.

2. Kiandutu Slum, Thika – Volunteer Training

In early May, we trained 21 local volunteers at the Eden Center Kiandutu in foundational literacy methods through the Open Schools Level 1 Training. Kiandutu is one of the largest slums outside Nairobi, where access to education is severely limited. Though challenges remain in volunteer preparedness, we've identified a small group of passionate individuals who are ready to continue and grow in their teaching roles.

We're encouraged by the community's response and hopeful that, with continued support and training, more lives will be transformed through literacy.

Please pray for:
- Wisdom in selecting and equipping volunteers
- Greater support for the Eden Centre
- Long-term partnerships to sustain this work

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This is a group of adult learners in Lodwar proudly displaying the Open Schools numeracy workbooks.

Final Thoughts

Friends, thank you for walking with us in this rhythm of waiting and mission. Your prayers and support carry us. Whether we're teaching phonics in Turkana, training volunteers in Thika, or setting up a library in Othaya, we see how God uses your faithfulness to open hearts and minds.

> **"BE STILL BEFORE THE LORD AND WAIT PATIENTLY FOR HIM..."**
> **(PSALM 37:**

There is much more to come and much more to wait upon. But we wait with hope, knowing that the One who called us is faithful.
With love and gratitude,

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

- Visa Release for Australia; Pray for the swift and smooth processing of our family visa. Ask for patience, peace, and trust as we wait on God's perfect timing.
- Lift up the work happening in Lodwar, where 33 adult learners, many of them pastors and church leaders, are gaining the ability to read and understand God's Word.
- Pray for the volunteers trained in Kiandutu Slum, that those with a true heart for teaching would continue on to serve their community faithfully.
- Please pray for continued financial support, teaching materials, and committed volunteers to help Kusoma Tu expand into more communities.
- Finally, pray that every learner whether in Lodwar, Kiandutu, or Othaya—will encounter God through the gift of literacy, growing in confidence and in faith as they learn to read.

With gratitude,
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PHOTO-GALLERY



Donating books in the newly created Kigumo Primary School Library. Despite the number of books we donated, we still need more books to fully stock the library.





To the left teachers and parents from the Kigumo school came to witness the school book donations. To the right Esther and Mark in the photo below painting pictures for the library.







Giving thanks for the precious time we had with Sam and Mark during Spring break. Pray for continued strength, growth, and joy for them as they continue with school life in Germany.



PHOTO-GALLERY



An Open classroom to the right where 33 adult learners especially pastors and church elders attend literacy and numeracy lessons. Some in the morning and others in the afternoon with the youngest 22 and the oldest 65 years!



The photo above shows the group of trainees from Kiandutu slum. The photo below shows us walking to Eden Centre.



The Lodwar team read to the learners the Kusoma Tu story books.





Some of the learners like the grandmother in the photo below have never held a pen or written in a book before!







The photo above shows the training team consisting of myself, Irene to my right and Wanjiku to my left.
The photo to the left captures a live demonstration of lesson delivery, where we're guiding trainees through a teaching session with children from the Eden Centre nursery.