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"Go forth and teach....baptizing.."



Baptism - is a spiritual act, everyone understands it differently. Some people rush to get baptized seeing in baptism a proof of Salvation. Some, on the contrary, are unable to take this serious step.

But it is the teaching and command of our Savior. And we are very glad, when people (particularly youth) choose to make it known to everyone about their faith. This winter, on the 14th of December, fourteen young people from our church gave their promise to God to serve Him.

Do they completely understand their choice? It is difficult to say. We are seeing that some of them are already facing trials. Is it possible that this, perhaps not entirely conscious, but determined choice helped them to remain near Jesus? And even when they fall to stand back up and continue their journey?

We hope that this is so and will remain so. God started the good work in them and He has the strength to finish it.

To the wilderness with Word and a medicine



our town. Together with our doctors we pack most essential medicine and organize "clinic on wheels". Local church buildings serve us as hospitals, and local pastors as translators. This year, in three clinics we were able to help more than 1000 patients, among these were babies and old men and women. As well as medical help we were able to evangelize to these people and pray for them... We are grateful to God for the opportunity to serve the people of Pocot and the bring the Living Word to them about salvation through Jesus Christ.

Every winter, together with our guests from the States, we make traveling clinics in the Pocot region. Pocot is a tribe of friendly and peaceful people. They are very hospitable and are not attracted to the belongings of others. Also they have many different traditions and interesting ways of life. However, they live far away from all civilization, thus many benefits of it, such as hospitals and clinics are inaccessible.

Many of these people don't even know what they are sick with, more so they do not have access to any medicine or treatment. Because of this, we travel to these remote villages, distance of 4-5 hour drive from



New Servants



It has been two years since we have started the education of our Sunday-school teachers. Then we passed the ministry to our local youth. We saw that their

first steps were met with difficulties but with experience, they became excellent teachers and very good assistants for us.

But it was time for them to move on for them; some left to continue their education in other cities, for others their last year of school was taking up all of their time and resources. Thus we started to teach a new team of youth. We were expecting 5-7 stu-

dents. In the beginning we had 15 volunteers, 12 of them made it to the end of the program. Right now these are official employees of the church. We divided out youngest Sunday-school group in to two smaller groups. Now we have 4 groups with about 120 children and 20 teachers. We are grateful to God for the growth of our church, ministries and youth!



Life Lessons



November-December in Kenya is a time of long school vacation; this means that we are able to organize different camps, short trips, picnics and such. We try to have camping and picnics for our youth as often as possible. This year we took them to the mountains. Our plans had to change somewhat due to rain, and we were unable to ascend Mt. Elgon, but we climbed Mt.



Morbus- lone mountain on the road from Kitale to the Turkana desert.

Together with some of our youth (24 boys and girls) we spent 3 days in nature. First day we sent in preparation for the ascent and walking on foot to the place of our camp, second day we climbed the mountain and on the third - made out way back



home. We talked about how in many ways our life is like climbing a moun-



tain. Sometimes it is easy, but that's only when we are walking on even road or downhill. But walking



uphill is always more difficult; it takes strength, focus and support. Someone said "if you want to walk fast - go alone, if you want to walk far- go with friends". And we were learning to walk



together, support each other, help each other and wait for others... It is not easy, if one had strength and the desire to show others that he is cool. But who needs that, if in the end, you are left alone with your victory?

Yes, life lessons are in everyday life. One just has to learn to see them.

Cast Thy Bread Upon the Waters



"Cast thy bread upon the waters", - wrote Ecclesiastes. This principle is well known to Christians. But to practice this in daily life is often difficult. Especially this applies to people on the same team, who work together side-by-side.

At the end of last year, two of our youth leaders finished school and decided to dedicate the new year to the service to God. They planned to leave for a different city with one of our ex-missionaries, to serve Muslim youth there. It was difficult to let them go but we were overjoyed to see the fruit of the work Holy Spirit

was doing in them.

Life and ministry in a team, responsibility, respect and subordination these are the lessons they are learning now. And though these lessons are not easy, we believe that they will be successful and will grow spiritually. As of now, we are happy for them, pray for them and support our very first local missionaries!



Embrace News

In the beginning of February, we had a



new arrival at our rehabilitation center "Embrace Our Kids". This was a boy about 13-14 years old named Koech. He was on the streets for 6 or more years. And all

this time he was sniffing glue. He was in terrible condition.

He couldn't bring a glass of water; his hands were shaking so badly, like that of an old man after a heart attack. Our doctor wanted to start an IV for him but, to our sorrow, the next morning Koech disappeared. We searched everywhere, but could not find him. We were very

worried and prayed that this boy would not die on the streets. However, thanks to God, our worker was able to bring him back.

After the much needed IV, normal food and good care Koech is feeling much better, he even tries to join the others in playing and running around. But the glue did its job, it looks like the boy's brain is affected (poor coordination and hand tremor). Please pray for him. We would like to have him assessed and help him rehabilitate.



Our plans and needs

-new property for the center.

Where we are right now, we can stay only until May, and there is not enough room for everyone already.

-for financial support. We need 49 more people, that would commit to 30 dollars per month for our ministry.

-for the older street boys, with whom there is so much work to be done, but they need a different program;

-for the kids who are undergoing rehabilitation with us but have nowhere to go due to family circumstances; -for a new social worker and consultant.

