TRAIN(Kenya)

Newsletter 2 – December 2024

Dear Brethren,

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ from the trustees of TRAIN(Kenya). We hope you appreciated the first Newsletter of October and here is the promised bimonthly follow up to keep you informed.

1. Visit to Pokot. Two of the trustees, Oliver Allmand-Smith and Keith Underhill, have planned a six day visit to Pokot arriving Wednesday 22nd. January and departing the following Wednesday. The main purpose is to encourage the brethren there, but as trustees of the charity it is important that we see for ourselves how the money we have been sending is being used. It will be a very busy time of preaching and talking, based in each of the three centres of Kamketo, Kasei and Chepkinagh. Please pray for us.

2. Youth Camp. In early December the Chepkinagh Church hosted a two day camp with an attendance of about 180 young people. The budget for food was about £375 and the charity was able to help them with half of that amount. The other half was contributed

Theme: CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP. The cost of discipleship (Joshua) The aims of discipleship (Andrew) The benefits of discipleship (Thomas) So the camp took two days, Thursday and Friday. We were much encouraged with the team and the 186 youth who attended were much keen listening carefully to the word. We believe that God will work through it, and we pray He will save many according to His own will and time. (report from Thomas) by the campers. [Sorry I have no good picture – this is of some campers on the day of departure.]



3. Bible Light College (BLC). The three leaders (see Newsletter 1) have been discouraged that the facilities for the college have not been completed but we have encouraged them to start as they have facilities in the large church building. They recently spent a couple of days in Mumias with brother Elly Achok of the Gospel Mission Agency (GMA) church. They are going to use the materials the GMA uses for its Wisdom Training Centre studies which have been so much used of the Lord. They needed to be introduced to the material. Please pray that they might go ahead, not waiting for absolutely everything to be in place.

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4. Church infrastructure. A lot of money was raised in November for the construction of the church building in Wasat and already the walls have been built to the lintel level. The funding was all from within Kenya. This is encouraging as they must learn not to look abroad all the time.



5. Funding of teachers. The greatest proportion of our expenditure is on supplying extra teachers for the primary schools that the churches sponsor. We have been able to do this for two years but we can see that soon we will not have enough funds to keep on at the present level unless the Lord is pleased to provide an increase. Eventually we wish to start to move away from an emphasis on the schools to the more direct work of the gospel. We gave you the rationale for this present emphasis in the first Newsletter. This is one of the things that we will be talking with the brethren in our visit.

6. Educational support. We have been helping children of church leaders to make sure they complete secondary and even tertiary such as teacher training. We need Christians in the school and teaching is one profession where it is possible to come home to work. We also consider those from a very poor background who are in the church. Please let us know if you would like details of such young people to help support.

Yours in Christ's service,

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