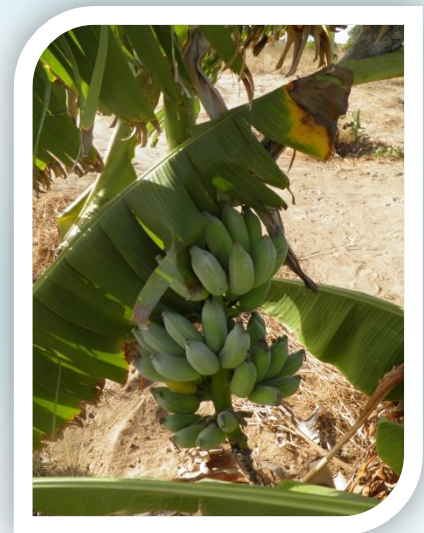
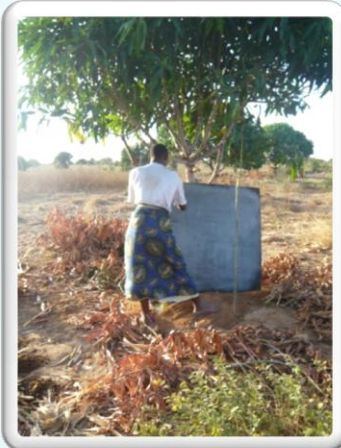


Our Work in Kenya



Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction.

James 1:27



Our Dear Friends,

First we want to thank God that He has given us a new year in which we can work for Him. We thank Him for the blessings of life and health He gives us each day. He strengthens us to do the work, which He has given us to do. It is a blessed work and every day we are learning from Him.

We also thank you, our friends, for your prayers and support. In our last report we wrote about the draught we had experienced here. We thank you for your help. Through your support some people have come to the truth and are faithful members in our church. Through their example many others have heard about the truth, too. We also thank all those, who donated clothes or gave the money to buy them. Now all our church members have something decent to wear to church. A special thank you goes to all those, who made the effort to visit us. You were a real blessing to the people here.



New clothes for the people



We are deeply grateful to God and to you for helping our church member, who had a kidney failure. She is now out of the hospital and away from dialysis. It was a difficult situation, but we thank God He led us through it all. We believe that it will turn out to be a blessing for many people.



We hope that you are going to be blessed by this report. May it give you courage to continue the good work you are doing in God's vineyard.

May you, as the Holy Spirit impresses you, support this blessed work by your prayers and your help.

Remaining in His service,

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In our last report we showed you how that during the draught some people came to us and asked for food, which we freely gave them. But we realized that is not the best way to help them. For them to overcome their poverty they needed to work with their own hands, for the Bible says, "If any would not work, neither should he eat" 2. Thessalonians 3:10. On the other hand we would make them lazy and dependent. So we told them that for them to receive food, they would need to come and help us in the garden. They would also receive a portion in which they could plant their own vegetables. Some of them accepted it and are very helpful workers.

In our area it is very dry and hot and planting now needs a lot of water. We are still looking for more efficient ways of planting. Last time we told you about the small holes in which we planted our vegetables. Now we made bigger holes of 2ft x 2ft x 2ft. It was a lot of work digging those holes. These holes needed to be



watered only once a week. But the plants were growing so nice. We had planted a lot of tomatoes and were able to sell them. Thus we showed how others could do it, too. But now we make bigger holes, or trenches.



Dad made a little house over one bed, thus protecting them from the sun and insects. And the plants do very nice, even though it is very hot. Our plan is to have our own well soon, because where we fetch now we have to pay for the water. And water is the greatest need here.

As we stated last time, we still have Wednesday health meetings. And slowly the people are getting the idea. A mother had come to us with her newborn baby, who had started to cough very much. Mother gave it some treatment and it has improved very much. Now they are starting to realize that they do not have to rely on medicines.



Many people here have not gone to school or not long enough to know how to read and write. That led us to start a reading school for the grown-ups in our church. Only the mothers attend the classes, but they are making big progress. We started those classes, because we want them to read the Bible for themselves and not just to believe what we tell them. Here we say a special thank you to all, who donated for the



Bibles. Now everyone can have a Bible. Two people had already been given Bibles, because they can read much better now.

There is a lot of work here. And there are still many things to be done. The next thing that we want to do is to build a church, which during the week can serve as a school. We want to have a missionary training school, in which people are going to learn many practical things like gardening, carpentry, sewing, medical missionary work, and so on. We want the people, who work with us and come to church, to become missionaries.

"The best ministerial talent should be employed in teaching the Bible in our schools. Those selected for this work need to be thorough Bible students and to have a deep Christian experience, and their salary should be paid from the tithe. God designs that all our institutions shall become instrumentalities for educating and developing workers of whom He will not be ashamed, workers who can be sent out as well-qualified missionaries to do service for the Master; but this object has not been kept in view. In many respects we are far behind in this work, and the Lord requires that a zeal be shown in it infinitely greater than has hitherto been manifested. He has called us out from the world that we may be witnesses for His truth, and all through our ranks young men and women should be trained for positions of usefulness and influence."

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*“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.”
Matthew 5:7*

Something very special this time is the many visitors we received. We had visitors come from overseas and others from Kenya. Some stayed for a long time, others for a few days. But all were a blessing.

We had different people from Kenya, who came to visit us, mostly from the Fiwagoh Mission. They helped teach in church, visit the people, and other things.



Distributing tracts and baby bags to mothers



Distributing tracts in the city



Open air preaching in a nearby village

We also had visitors from overseas. Primarily they came to see the work we are doing. There were some who helped give health lessons and treatments to our people here. If you want to come and help, you are most welcome.



Making ointments



Fetching Water



Giving a testimony

God blessed us with a new helper, Henry Ndhungu. Henry is a Bible worker from the Fiwagoh Mission. He was impressed to come and work here. And he is truly a big help.

