



Update from John Lokeno March 2021

Greetings in the name of our gracious God and Father!

2020 was an extremely challenging year. We fell behind in sharing some of our reporting with you our supporters, but I am glad to report that our work has continued by God's grace throughout last year up to now. Several letters will follow for the next several months. This update reflects activities from May 2020.

The most active aspect of the Church and Community Mobilization Process (CCMP) now is the Good Samaritan Groups. In these groups, community members meet for economic empowerment through savings and loans, and spiritual growth. The Good Samaritan Groups stand on the four pillars of spiritual growth, economic empowerment, social capital, and political organization. Spiritual growth is anchored on the Christian disciplines of prayer, reading the Word of God, and praise and worship through songs. These times of corporate worship are a blessing to all.

We have been moving around to the various villages meeting with the Good Samaritan groups to motivate, train, and offer advice. We visited groups in Sasak, Matilsiran, and Oron in May. One group from Alany has saved Ksh. 67,000 (about USD 610) in the last year.

Animal health and poultry value chain

The Pokot people rely on their livestock for food, funds, and part of their identity as a people group. Cattle, sheep, goats, chickens, camels, and donkeys each represent their contribution to the wealth and health of the community as well as their challenges in keeping the animals healthy. Working with the communities in improving animal husbandry is a vital part of the holistic approach to growing stronger, more food secure communities.

This month, about 200 goats and 250 chickens were vaccinated against the two most dangerous diseases among this livestock. The chickens belonged to about 20 farmers from Amakuriat and Locherengany villages. This will boost their productivity and increase the farmers' income from the sale of live chickens and chicken produce. To the right are Beatrice Nyongesa of Locherengany village and her granddaughter feeding their chickens after vaccination.



Developments at the Mission Station

The national government of Kenya's 'Last Mile' rural electrification project has reached Alale! The AIC church building, health center, pastors' quarters, and the staff quarters all have electric lights now. The station

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committee was able to purchase electric meters and boxes, indoor cables, bulbs, and other items needed for a total of Ksh. 200,000 (about USD 1,820). In this remote place, having electric lights is like the miracle of the Light of the World which Jesus brings to our lives.



Thank you so much for joining hands with us in prayer to our light- and life-giving Father!

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