



Update from
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Dear Friends,

The Word of God in Jeremiah 33:3 says: “Call to me and I will answer you in and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.” Our prayers may take a long or short time to be answered. But finally, God answers prayers. Nasuret community is one of the marginalized areas which was first settled by a few people in the year 2013. Some of the church members from Matilsiran and Sasak local churches began to worship under a tree because of the long-distance walks to reach their churches. This raised the demand to plant a church in the place. Nasuret community had been growing rapidly in terms of the population because of the good soils favorable for farming exploitation. One of their greatest challenges was the inaccessibility of water. The community members could trek 15kms to fetch water for their domestic use. Many non-governmental agencies had been trying to dig boreholes but it was all in vain. Thankfully, one of these agencies listened to the local village elders which led them to the geologically surveyed area to dig and found a good source of water and installed a solar pump on the borehole. This brought great joy to the community of Nasuret because their big problem of water scarcity was solved.

The Community

The communities are living at peace within the neighborhood. These months are the season for farming. Most people are busy preparing their garden by clearing fencing and burning thorn bushes hoping that the rain will soon start. The Pokot men have moved their animals to the side of Uganda to seek pasture for most of the animals are facing serious starvation and lack of water. This has greatly impacted the lives of the Pokot. In the local market, the value of selling animals has decreased because of low demand and the skyrocketing increase in the price of commodities every day. Many people have had to depend on the difficult task of alluvial mining for gold in the hills to meet their family needs. Others take a lot of risk of blasting big rocks to get gold from a deep hole of about 40 ft. The main challenge that is faced by miners is that the holes are now getting deeper and the rocks



Nasuret community members fetching water at the newly dug borehole.



Young girls walk past a construction site where Solar Pumps and Water Kiosk for the project are being installed. Girls and women are the greatest beneficiaries of this water project since they are the ones who would walk for many kilometers with water cans on their heads.

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Alany community group members during training in Feb 2022 where they are taught different aspects of resource mobilization such as savings and table banking.

are getting looser due to daily explosion which has killed many people. There have been weekly death cases and serious injuries that have called for referrals to Moroto or Kapenguria during the last two months where around eight patients had reached our dispensary.

Water Sustainability

Water in the Nabelat spring being the heartbeat of every living creature in the Alale community is one of the greatest resources in this community that our partners in the RCA did. The water has served thousands of people since it was established. It is now clocking 40 years down the line. The current management is now facing challenges in maintaining and repairing breakages that are frequently occurring in the main line and outlet pipes that serve the community. Worst, the collective water tank is on leap it will not serve us for another ten years according to the state it is now. The tank is now corroded and is leaking

everywhere and frequent bursting of the pipe is being experienced weekly. This has put the mission station to incur a lot of costs in this quarter. As a way of dealing with this issue, the station board had been doing the following:

1. Holding community water point meetings to alert and sensitize on water charges. Meeting with the water beneficiary institutions such as Kameris Primary School, Alale Girls', District Commissioner's Office, Alale Police Station, etc.
2. Meeting with the commercial traders to sensitize them on the water charges.
3. Write a proposal to the county government and water management authorities to seek help.
4. Discussing with government leaders and local leaders to see how they can help us come up with the solution.

One of the positive things that were agreed on by all the parties was that water needs to be paid for at the low rate of Ksh 5 per 20 litter's jerry can.

The institutions agree on their rate to be Ksh. 3000 and we are encouraged that some of the institutions such as Alale Girls Secondary School have done their payments for the past two months.

In the community, we have re-organized their water points for effective water dispensing. However, the management has a big task to come up with ways to control the open water point and close leakages in the existing pipes. This is still a big task for the Station Board to realize their water sustainability dream.

The RCA has an ongoing Pokot Wells Project dedicated to assisting with this great need. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this www.rca.org/amos.

Health Centre

God has been faithful to us this quarter. Our health center had received a moderate number of clients. Most of the patients that were referred for higher medical attention were patients with injuries and wounds that occurred from the people mining gold in the hills of Lorusuk.



Community/Church members walking towards AIC/RCA Alale Health Centre in the company of The McAuley's when the latter came visiting in April 2022.

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We thank God that our ambulance is still working, though it has become too expensive to maintain for it provides income as well as taking to repair shop. The management has tried hard to ensure that servicing and mechanical cost has not surpassed its allocation or borrowed funds from other vote heads. The RCA has prioritized purchasing a new ambulance with the funding goal of \$117,000. At present another \$62,000 is needed. You can give to this project here: www.rca.org/amos

From the last saving of the last financial year 2021/2020 the clinic management committee has used Ksh 300,000 to do renovation in the Health Centre as follows:

- Repainting of all rooms.
- Replacing worn-out doors for security purposes.
- Replacing the fallen ceiling boards.
- Painting and writing the gate.
- Wiring the security light in the gate.
- Installation of new solar battery in the ward.

The government has recognized the good work we offer to the people in our health facility, such as receiving a high number of deliveries compared to other nearby health facilities. We have been considered to receive some supply of drugs from County Government when available. In April, we received four boxes of malaria tabs before malaria season which helped towards subsidizing the expenses of malaria drugs in high season.



Health Centre Staff taking visitors through the wards so that they appreciate some of the progress that has been realized so far. In a white dust coat explaining is Elijah Yego, the Acting In-Charge at the facility.

This year our focus goes to registering the health facility fully which has given us many headaches. As a result of being non-registered, we have been passed by for so many opportunities such Linda Mama Program; a national government initiative through which duly registered Health Facilities get Ksh. 2500 for every mother who delivers there. The initiative is meant to make maternal care free of charge while dignifying how women in Kenya give birth. Other opportunities are National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) accreditation and other interested development partners wishing to work with our facility but we don't have a registration number. We thank God that many requirements have been met so far, but the one that remains is the completion of a modern maternity wing. In collaboration with the RCA, the health facility committee is focusing on mobilizing resources for the construction of this facility. So far we have raised Ksh. 1 million. We hope by this year, God willing, we shall make it to 2 million. We planned to lay the foundation and take it up a few courses from what we have as we hope to mobilize more resources to bring the project to completion. If you desire more information about this, please contact RCA Global Mission Africa Supervisor, Derrick Jones, djones@rca.org.

Visit to Asilong

Pastor Joseph Poghisyo, Bro. Morgan Kinyua and I visited Asilong community on Thursday 24th March 2022 being the CCMP executive committee members. We were glad to be warmly welcomed by Pastor Julius Sawe, the local church pastor, and we had an opportunity to interact with Pastor Andy DuPont, his wife Olivia, and Sister Jane from Glen Lake Church RCA. Our hearts were overwhelmed with joy on what God had done to the people of Asilong in the provision of water and wonderful school structures in Asilong Christian High School. The school is situated in a good learning environment, well-organized computer room and other learning facilities. Great work was done by Friends of Asilong. May God bless each hand that extended help to put up these precious buildings. We shared with Pastor Andy the need to implement CCMP work in this community for them to understand and appreciate the need to be good



A photo taken at Asilong with community members.

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stewards of these wonderful resources. CCMP will also stir their minds and thoughts on sustainable mobilization and utilization of resources.

In April, we were delighted by the visit of the founding missionaries, Larry and Linda McAuley and their entire family for two days. It was a wonderful moment of reunion, even as we shared the progress that God has helped us to move since they left Alale.

May the peace of God be with you all, receiving greetings from us.

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A tour through the High School's facilities.