



September 2022

Covering ministry work from April to June 2022

Dear friends,

Calvary greetings to you all!

We hope the grace of our Lord is sufficient to all of you there in the USA, just as it is to us here in Alale, Kenya. The hard global economic times have strained many people. The price of every commodity in the market has shot up. The rainfall patterns have changed to the point that it has confused the economic activities of farming in Kenya and Alale, in particular. Despite all that, the Lord has been good to us and we have every reason to thank Him. Please receive the following updates on the Pokot Project:

HEALTH CENTER

The Health Centre committee has been working closely to see that the running of the Center is moving smoothly towards sustainability. Thankfully, we haven't had any major financial challenges like last year. The health center has been able to sustain itself through its collections and the generous support of RCA supporters. We can buy the needed drugs and cover some of the staff salaries. RCA support is covering some staff support and the remaining is being used to cover the needed project work such as the renovation of buildings at the facility and major repairs.

We are working to match the funds the RCA has set aside for a maternity ward. With better management, there is an increased sense of ownership by the health committee. The committee has been saving funds and we plan lay the foundation of the maternity ward at the end of 2022. Pastor Benjamin Korimuny, the health facility treasurer, attended the CHRISTIAN HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF KENYA (CHAK) Annual General Meeting in June. CHAK has been helping us buy some of the expensive equipment such as a solar refrigerator, weighing scale, ward beds, blood pressure machine, and much other equipment. Hearing about how much we raised for the modern maternity wing along with the RCA's support, CHAK promised to equip the wing with some beds and any necessary items that may be required as soon as the project is completed. As a way of showing their commitment, they did share with us a maternity wing architectural plan sketch map for us to check if it will fit in our budget. Getting such a plan on our own would have cost us Ksh. 50,000 (a little under \$500 USD).



From Left: Mr. Elijah Yego, the Clinical Officer-In-Charge, and Mr. Silas Krop, the Accountant, having a chat at the facility's gate with Bro. Larry McAuley when he visited the facility in April this year.

Would you like to receive these updates digitally? Please email Kelli at kjilmore@rca.org to be added to the email list. You will receive more timely updates from the missionary you support and help us be good stewards of our resources.

Our new accountant, Mr. Silas Krop, who took over from the former accountant, is doing a good job in preparing the books of accounts. Also, Amos Limo Liangor resigned from his position in June 2022 to pursue an elected office in the County Assembly of West Pokot. The committee officially appointed Mr. Elijah Yego, a licensed Clinical Officer whom Amos trained to take over as the clinic director. Elijah Yego, the clinic director, and John



The ambulance is being repaired on May 28th, 2022, where Ksh. 200,000 was spent.

Lokeno, the community development officer, will be representing and writing joint reports for the project to our supporters. More will be shared about Elijah in our next DF letter.

AMBULANCE

The ambulance is functioning well, though its repair costs have been hitting higher and higher. Last quarter, the repairs have been tracked to go up to Ksh. 200,000 (almost \$2,000 USD). We will continue to manage funds well until we are blessed with a new one. We thank our faithful RCA supporters for supporting this endeavor. Also, the health facility executive committee has opened an independent bank account which is a critical requirement for the facility to be

able to work with the government and other interested partners who can offer their support.

MISSION STATION

The mission station has a bright future to grow different businesses from the available resources and move towards sustainability. The current active business side of the mission station is the available Guest House. However, we are facing financial challenges to raise it to the modern standard though we have a good reputation and an attractive environment compared to other upcoming facilities. Currently, we have started a friendship with the World Vision organization that has stationed its offices within the neighborhoods of the Mission. They have recommended for us a lot of areas to improve in. Some upgrades require cash that needs to be attended urgently before we sign a full agreement contract. The organization will be implementing an anti-Female Genital Mutilation Project for four years in the Alale ward. They have trusted our facility to offer conference facilities, lodgings for their staff and project participants, and meals. They have also promised good pay for the same. We hope that as we continue we will use what we get to improve our available facilities one by one and save some money to put up more spacious conference facilities.

Other business opportunities that may arise are poultry farming, vegetable gardens, orchard farms, dairy cows, and a car washing center, among others. These are the best opportunities we envision to operationalize as soon as we have funds. The mission station board has started the process of making the Guest House and Restaurant compliant with the requirements of the government for hospitality businesses such as business registration.

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Its objective is to facilitate the community to read into their reality and begin to transform it.



From Left: World Vision Kenya(WVK) Project Officer, Alale Girls' Principal, Social Protection Departmental Health, and North Pokot Deputy County Commissioner cutting a cake during the launch of the Alale Anti-FGM Project. WVK promised to do business with the Guest House/Restaurant.

The communities are living at peace with the neighborhoods with only a few cases of stolen animals along the borders. Kenyan and Ugandan governments have been so cooperative in ensuring that any case of theft of livestock is dealt with according to the law. This continues to boost inter-communal peace and harmony and interaction among members of all communities within the area. The farmers in Alale are now planting and weeding at the same time, this is not the normal calendar. For a time like now, we could have been near to enjoy fresh beans in August. Our fields were invaded in the fall by armyworms (FAW) leading to the destruction of large amounts of plantations, especially maize and beans.



A sampled farm within the community showing FAW invasion.

Farmers have had to replant their lands for the second time.

The Regional Church Council Leaders, on the other hand, have been actively training women in various programs. Among them is how to support the church ministry. They have scheduled their activities as training the Christian Women Fellowship, training Men Battalion, and Sunday School Teachers. All of this is done so we can encourage every member to be actively involved in God's vineyard. Evangelism activities and assemblies have been one of the tools that we have used to bring many to Christ and build church structures. Out of our 23 churches right now, we have only two worshipping, that is A.I.C Kaptuken and A.I.C Kariam Koghini. We are looking forward to meeting the needs of these churches by the end of this year. Alale regional ladies were able to visit the following churches for prayers and evangelism: A.I.C Oron,

A.I.C Nauma, A.I.C Kaptuken, and A.I.C Naruoro. The purpose of these prayer meetings was to encourage church members to come to church so they will not be swept away by the tides of life and the waves of political campaigns in the country.

PRAISES

- Active positive transformation.
- Goodwill from people to change.
- Holistic ministry is taking place through CCMP.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for Elijah Yego as he grows into his new role as the director of the clinic and pray for Amos Limo as he pursues a political position.
- Pray for our faithful pastors who minister to over 20 churches even though they are a few in number
- Pray that God blesses our plans to improve our facilities with local support and some from supporters and other potential stakeholders who partner with our clinic, mission station, and projects.
- Pray the spirit of cooperation and mobilization will continue to grow in our churches and community via the Church and Community Mobilization Process so we may actualize our community development plans and, as a church, be salt and light to our communities.

We are glad that your support and prayers have always reached us despite the hard economic times that have been occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing unrest between Russia and Ukraine. Let us continue proclaiming the message of Christ to the transformation of the world.

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Kases Community members attending a Church and Community Description (C&CD) meeting at Kases's shopping center in May 2022. C&CD is the second stage of CCMP after Church Awakening (CA).

Receive many greetings from your beloved friends in Alale Kenya.

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