

KERUDO'S ANNUAL REPORT NOVEMBER 2007

Recently I was reading the biography of the 19th century missionary, explorer and physician, Dr. David Livingstone. My first encounter with this man of God was during my elementary education history classes in the sixties when I was a teenager.

Reading Livingstone in my adulthood brought back fond boyhood memories, but with a much deeper understanding both of his mission and the challenges he faced. When it became clear to him that God wanted him to move further into Africa's inter-land, he was suddenly faced with a dilemma. Unable to expose his wife and children to more dangers of the unknown, he sent them back home to Scotland. He endured attempted murder, hunger, malaria and other tropical diseases, he was sometimes discouraged because often times he faced opposition from the very people he sought to reach with the Gospel. In the process his wife died, two years later his eldest son also died. With all this suffering, he still realized that it is God who had called him to the mission field.

The Maasai missionaries working with me and other pastors and evangelists including the medical care-givers as well as the adult literacy providers in Kenya's remote areas where we serve still face similar challenges. Most times they endure loneliness, fatigue, hunger and disease. While they may not be known beyond their immediate families and their trials may not be front-page news, they are the unsung heroes and heroines of God's Kingdom. Their choice to persevere greatly advances the Kingdom. Apostle Paul while writing to the Colossians says: **"Now, I rejoice in what was suffered for you and I fill up my flesh with what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, which is the church."** – Col.1:24.

All our Maasai speaking evangelists, our other pastors serving in the slums as well as those working in remote mountainous parts of Kenya, where we have been able to start congregations, run mobile medical clinics have really endured pain, diseases, hunger, discouragements and like other parents, they are concerned about their children's education, upkeep and future. Yet, they have remained committed to God's call on their lives. I therefore urge you to pray for each of them as they daily seek to bring God's Word to the people of Kenya who have never had a chance of hearing the gospel. Please remember them as they willingly make sacrifices for the sake of the church.

May I thank God together with my family, my church and the entire KERUDO staff for all of His benefits and mercies that are new every morning. It is our hope and desire that the Lord Jesus Christ will be able to fulfill the vision, aspirations and goals of our work, for this is what He has called us to do. And the far we have reached, we have every reason to call Him our Ebenezer and Jehova Jirreh. Remember it is your fervent prayers and financial support that has brought us this far. We give all the glory to God and our partnership in this and for this noble task continue. God bless you abundantly!

These are the programmes we have carried out in the year 2007: -

CHURCH PLANTING

- ✓ By the end of December 2006, we were boasting of twelve churches planted, as of today we have planted fifteen churches, with 18 pastors ministering in them.



- ✓ This is a Maasai service in one of our churches in Maasailand

- ✓ Maasai brethren choir during Sunday Service.



EVANGELISM

- ✓ The Maasai speaking evangelists that I have trained myself have by today reached 650 homesteads out of the 750 in projected areas with the Gospel.



DISCIPLESHIP



- ✓ It is said that the church in Africa is knee deep in Scriptures. Discipling of believers has been my main focus since 1984 and now many Pentecostals, main-line churches now use our discipleship materials and I'm already witnessing some quality growth.

- ✓ This is a group discussion during discipleship class.



 **MEDICAL CARE**

- ✓ We have noticed reduction in child mortality rate.
- ✓ 70% of Maasai women now attend ante-natal clinic.
- ✓ In Maasailand we have been able to reach 400 families out of the target of 450 families.
- ✓ We have extended our medical mobile work to Lambwe Christian School for the Deaf & Dumb, 450km. away from Nairobi which we do quarterly.



- ✓ This year we have carried one week free medical camp in Kibera and Mathare slums of Nairobi, Nyalunya Community in Nyando and Rapogi Pentecostal Church in Nyanza.

- ✓ Medical Care-givers going to the Maasai thrice weekly has done tremendous work over the years.



- ✓ Medical Camp at Nyalunya Pentecostal Church and the communities living around that church.



ADULT EDUCATION

- ✓ Currently we have two adult literacy classes, one in Osupuko in Maasailand and the other one in Nyalunya in Nyando District, and both of them have enrolled 50 adult learners, we have hired four dedicated volunteer teachers.



Adult Teacher giving instructions



Adult Class



Adult Class

KERUDO SCHOOL OF TAILORING & DESIGN

- ✓ In 2006 we trained commercial sex workers and single mothers totaling to 15.
- ✓ In 2007 we trained commercial sex workers and single mothers totaling to 20.
- ✓ The number keeps on increasing but we have few sewing machines and the tailoring room is small as God provides the funds next year then we can enroll more. If not, we can only take 15 out of the 35 applicants on our waiting list.
- ✓ The demand is high but we have limited resources.



CHILDREN'S HOMES

- ✓ KERUDO runs 5 children's homes; four of them serve children who have either lost one parent or both due to the HIV/AIDS scourge.



- ✓ In total they are 200 children and they stay with relatives and well-wishers, while KERUDO supports them through those relatives with food, education, clothing, shelter and goat for milk.



- ✓ This is one of the children's homes that KERUDO has.
- ✓ The fifth home which is a boarding school caters for deaf and dumb children who are many of them late starters ages between 13 – 15 years is when they report to school on day one.
- ✓ Now the school has 50 pupils.



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CONCLUSION

The staff, the board and the beneficiaries of KERUDO therefore cherish the opportunity God has given us to be in equal partnership with you just for the glory and honour of our God! Truly I see this as God's on doing since He has given us both the privilege of working together with Him in His Vineyard!

As we come to the close of the year 2007 which to me is the year of the Lord, it is indeed my prayer and hope that the good Lord will give us strength to work for Him and double our efforts more than we ever did before. It is also my joy to share this report with you personally who for the last few years have stood with me, my family, my staff and my ministry not only with your prayers, but you have also faithfully given your finances sacrificially during these hard economic times. May God alone reward you.

In Kenya this is an election year for the office of the President, Members of Parliament and Civic Leaders. The election for the three political seats of power will be on Thursday 27.12.07. We cherish your prayers so that we get God fearing political leaders. We also pray for peaceful electioneering devoid of murders, corruption and rigging.

Our goat for every orphaned child programme which is picking up very nicely is a milestone in our work and it needs support of everyone for it has given hope to every child.

Once again, I say to you personally, THANK YOU! THANK YOU! HASANTE SANA!

We therefore as a family covet your valuable prayers so that our partnership in building the Kingdom of God together with you would be a mutual blessing and a joy for all of us, both here on earth and in heavens above.

Pray with me that the Almighty God will give us a break-through in finances so that His Kingdom will be preached unhindered to the Glory of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost – Amen!

Yours for Calvary,



Bishop Yusuf Gowi Okumu.
Executive Director – KERUDO.