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BIBLE SCHOOLS

Prison Ministry Update



Pastor Eric Masibo and his wife Jane, are heading up our work in the Narok Prison in Kenya.

There has been a Godly expansion in the work they are doing. After the initial 215 prisoners began our Bible School in January, they have gone back to their cells and shared with other prisoners what they have learnt. This has resulted in 800 prisoners now doing our course at the Narok Prison! Praise God!

The Prison Chaplain is taking extra classes with the new 585 prisoners so they will catch up on the course material.

Six other prisons in Kenya have heard what we are doing at Narok and are requesting us to start the Bible School at their prisons. These have had to be put on hold until the Commissioner of Prisons in Kenya gives us the okay at the end of the year.

Thank you to all the supporters who gave for this new prison work and who have prayed. It has been such an encouragement to me personally.

At present, we are training 2288 students in our Bible Schools, 16 are in Kenya and 17 are in Uganda. There has been a tremendous growth in our Bibles Schools for which we thank God for and we thank you our supporters.

<u>ORPHAN WORK</u>

The Ugandan Government Education Board has introduced some new requirements for all the schools in Uganda. Hundreds of schools have been closed because they could not meet the new requirements.

At present, under Geoffrey Auma's directorship, we are maintaining four primary schools and one Vocational School that trains people in job skills. All the schools have had to have new toilet blocks built for teacher only use and thankfully since January, we have managed with God's help, to build new toilet blocks for teachers at all of the schools.

All schools need to be registered and licensed, and God's abundant provision was supplied for these very large costs. The final requirement was that all our schools needed to be plastered over the brick inside and outside.

We are working on this with the four primary schools being plastered at present, but we still have to raise the funds for the plastering of our Vocational School.

God has truly blessed the efforts of the Home Group I attend, by running a Second Hand Clothing Store. He has blessed us with finance from sales as well as from our Designer Clothing nights.

Also I am so thankful for all the faithful supporters who give monthly so that we can give free education to orphans.

This is such a great help to the ministry as I know God's heart is for us to care for His orphans. Orphan Sponsorship is \$7 per month and through our faithful orphan sponsors, we are able to give free education to 114 orphans in the four schools. What a joy it was for me to meet all these children last October and see all the schools that we have built together.

During Suzanne Pillans' visit to New Zealand in March this year, we both noticed a new level of hunger in God's people in all the Churches that we visited. Most of the people at the meetings came forward, kneeling at the front of the Church to rededicate themselves for a deeper walk with God and commitment to prayer. This really encouraged both of us as we saw God moving in a new way in New Zealand.

God bless you abundantly! Joy Johnson

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