# AFRICAN WORD MINISTRIES

**NEWSLETTER: JUNE 2024** 

#### Greetings to all our friends and supporters

We thank God for this far He has brought us.

The month of May and June are always difficult months in terms of food availability in the community. We ended up getting many children coming to the compound either in the morning or afternoon expecting something to eat as there is no food at home. We are fortunate that we have been able to help feed them.

During this period we received three boys who were rescued from the streets. We are collaborating with the Children's Office and the Police to trace their home area or if they have relatives living locally. In the meantime, they are attending school at Word Academy and living at Ebenezer Children's Home.

Towards the end of June there was a half term break which meant all our children including those at boarding schools were home and we had a full house. We were able to monitor the progress of each child's schoolwork and were pleased to see that most of the children are doing well.

During this time protests were being held throughout Kenya. Some of the protests were violent with loss of lives. Even in our area protestors demonstrated up and down the street near the Mission compound. Praise God no one was hurt, and no damage was sustained to the compound.

Due to the protests work on the Science Lab and other projects were put on hold as it was too dangerous to move around in the community. Things are now back to normal, and people are free to go about their work.

#### **VISITORS**

During the month of June we were blessed with visitors from USA. Carl, his wife and their two sons spent a few days with us. The family enjoyed mingling with our children, and it was a learning and discovery time for both sides.

Thank you to Carl and his family for their visit and support for Ebenezer Children's home.



**Carl & Family visiting AWM** 



The three rescued boys







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#### **WORD ACADEMY**

This term there were many activities as well as the usual day to day academics.

We had music festival competitions, a cultural day as well as ball games.

Word Academy had the opportunity to host the music festival competition for our zone. Our school participated in several items and Word Academy qualified in all the items to the regional level. There were wonderful performances by students in Maasai folk song and dance, Giriama traditional dancing, singing games, choral and solo verses, Indian & Scottish dancing.

With the Scottish and Indian dance the students have reached the National Level. Thank you to the teachers and students for their good work.

Cultural day is a time when the students have an opportunity to connect with their culture making them proud of who they are. As they celebrated and engaged in social activities, it helps them to learn about unity, working together and respecting each other. The children showcase their hospitality skills and talents through dance, poetry, drama, singing among others.

There was also an exhibition of traditional foods, ornaments and other items using locally available materials.

#### **HBF FUN RUN**

A big thank you to Michelle and her son Elling who participated in the HBF Fun Run and raised \$650 towards the Feeding Programme at Word Academy. **What an achievement**.

The school provides mid-morning porridge and lunch for all the students at the school of which there are over 400 students. During the months of May & June we were able to help not only our students but also able to help other children in the community who had no food. Thank you supporters for helping with our Feeding Programme.



Word Academy - Scottish & Traditional Dancing





Michelle & Elling - HBF Fun Run



**School Feeding Programme** 





#### Australia:



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#### **BUILDINGS**

#### Science Lab - Fund Raising

We thank God for the provision of finances to develop the science laboratory. So far, we have raised \$5,600 of our \$10,000 target. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this worthy cause.

At present we do not have a separate Junior School building to house the Science Lab, but we are using a room at Word Academy which had been designated to be an office.

Space is limited, but we are working on installing workstations for eight basins.

The workstations are mobile which will enable us to move them once we have a Junior School Building and then add more workstations.

The science lab will also benefit our neighbouring government school students who do not have any facilities. There are sixty-four students at the government school plus our own students who will be greatly assisted by our Science Lab.

#### **ECD** - Kitchen

Our ECD (Early Childhood) school needs a permanent kitchen as the existing one which is made from tin sheets, is deteriorating. We have managed to raise funds which will get the building to the lintel stage. So as not to endanger the children the work will be carried out on weekends. This weekend the foundation was dug, and walls erected.

In our last newsletter we mentioned that our old tin shed school had been renovated and is now being used as a multi-purpose building.

The children use this building to have their lunch and mid-morning porridge. At present they either sit on the cement floors or stand around. We will need to build benches and tables to assist the children at the school. There is still much to be done but we do have a big God.



Science Lab Installation



**Old ECD Kitchen** 



**ECD Kitchen under construction** 



**ECD School & Students** 



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#### **Auditorium**

Steel work for the balcony has been completed. Next week the slab will be poured. The next major step will be to raise the roof. It is getting there!

#### **CHURCHES**

The churches are doing well, and a lot of effort has been made to encourage the cell groups and small groups to major in discipleship training. This is being accomplished through small Bible studies and evangelism. Each group is given a topic for their study and a timeline to practically implement the topic by doing door to door witnessing or visiting the sick and the aged.

Both leaders and members are excited which has enhanced their spiritual growth as well as improved their church involvement and participation.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us either by prayer or finances. We appreciate and love you and pray that God will bless you abundantly for your faithfulness.

### Lots of love

Anna & Family, Paul, Vivian and Family and the team of AWM



#### **Bank Details**

Westpac Banking Corp, Perth WA BSB: 036000

Account No.: 569859

#### **Prayer Items:**

- Pray for the health and upkeep of our elderly.
  - Junior School we need more land & buildings for Junior School.
  - Junior School Science Lab
  - ECD Kitchen
  - Church Auditorium
  - Pray for Stephen Odera, Peter Odhiambo
     & Daniel Ochieng who will sit for their final Secondary School exams this year.
  - Pray for the 3 little boys that were brought to Ebenezer last month. Pray that police will find where they come from.
  - Security, particularly for our compounds & families.
  - God's provision for Ebenezer Children's Home, Word Academy & Word Christian Churches.
  - Pray for our families.



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