

NORTH POKOT REPORT

9TH AUGUST, 2018

1) NAKUYEN – Kacheliba Trip

The date above was the day that Andrew, Thomas, Joseph from Chepkinagh and I converged at the main town of North Pokot Sub-County Kacheliba. This is the town just across the main bridge of Suam River (Turkwel River) from Kapenguria. The oldest trading centre in Pokot Land before the Headquarters was relocated to Kapenguria after independence 1963.

We were welcomed by the leaders from Nakuyen Location, Suam Ward M.C.A., Pokot North Deputy D.E.O., Nakuyen Primary School Headteacher, Chief and his Assistant, Local Land Chairman and MP's representative. They were a team of eleven people.

They took time to explain the need of Trinity Church to enter into Nakuyen Area. This is a populated area of late, near the boarder of Kenya and Uganda, 10km from Kacheliba Town.

The whole of Suam Ward is dominated by Roman Catholic and most of their leaders are or were at one time part of this denomination. They request for a change. They were very much attracted by how we run our church affairs and schools. This is why the long serving education officer Mr. Lopeyok proposed them to invite us.

There was this constantly proposed request for Nakuyen Primary school to be changed from D.E.B. (since 2013 to date) to Trinity Baptist Church to be their 1st and new school sponsor. In turn the School was as old as 1958 but was closed due to insecurity till recently.

The area assistant Chief Mr. John Kapelisiwa was very much welcoming and willing for his home to be hosting us on our agreed two-days monthly visits to this new area (80km from our areas of ministry), and starting from 6-7/9/2018.

Current situation of the school

It is up to Std 5.

1. Enrolment 235 pupils.
2. Staffing 4 government teachers.
3. Is a day school but there is plan to make it boarding within next year by their local arrangement.
4. They have 2 permanent classrooms build by CDF.

2) MAKUTANO – Kapenguria Outreach

The prayer group at Makutano is steadily going on and attendance ranges from 10-20 people each Sunday. Pray for a mature couple to begin serious work in this town.

We proposed to let Chepkinagh team oversee the Nakuyen outreach, Kasei team for Turkwel outreach, and Kamketo team for Makutano outreach for orderly reporting and follow ups. Yet joint visits of these new areas remain a collective responsibility.

N/B. The need of the starting of the Bible Light College is each day growing. Next week is our annual 3 days men's retreat. Venue Kasepa from 15th – 18th August, 2018. Pray with us.

3) **TURKWEL TRIP**

It was this week that we managed to send David Nasia of Kapterema for a visit to Turkwel. This is another place east of Kasei area where there is a large group of manyattas situated next to the Turkwel Power Station. They had requested us to start work there.

All started when a couple from Kapterema moved to Turkwel last year and the people there were touched by their testimony about Trinity Baptist Church teachings and work.

We plan to visit them within this year.

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