

Report on food distribution in Marsabit

Introduction

The places that we went to deliver food stuff to are;

- Trinity Baptist Church-Korr,
- Lekuchula Primary School-Lekuchula and
- Losidan Primary School-Loisidan.

We did not only get to distribute food to the people in these places, but also had the opportunity to bring the Gospel message to them. We thank God for this opportunity and trust the Lord to use his Word for the salvation of souls.

Food stuff

We bought 180 bundles of maize flour and 20 other packs containing different food stuffs specifically for;

- 14 families at Trinity Baptist Church-Korr,
- 4 brethren in Lekuchula and
- 2 families in Losidan.

These 20 food packs could take a family of six through a whole month.



Fig 1: Part of the food stuff that we bought.

Trinity Baptist Church-Korr

Diba and I departed from Trinity Baptist Church-Nairobi on 21st May 2019 at 9.30 a.m. accompanied by Samuel (our lorry driver) to Korr. Our journey to Korr was safe and smooth with no hitches along the way except for the police officers who stopped us at Meru- Isiolo junction who wanted bribe from us.

Fortunately, we had a letter from church which we showed to them and they let us go. We arrived in Korr at 10.30 p.m. where we met with Pastor Stanley Musyoki, Godana and Ogom who helped us offload 90 bundles of maize flour and the 14 packs that we were to leave at TBC-Korr.

Pastor Stanley hosted us. We made arrangements together with the three brethren on how we would distribute the food to members and the larger community the following morning. We had hoped members would arrive at the church by 8.00 a.m. the following morning so that we would at least have the opportunity to preach the gospel, before we distribute the food to them.

However, this did not happen. By the time we were leaving Korr at 10.00 a.m. only Ogom's wife, Mzee Nadasol and Mama Diba had arrived, apart from Godana and Ogom. For us to go to Lekuchula and arrive in Losidan in good time we had to leave at the time. Since there is a church with responsible church leaders, we thought that we could leave this responsibility to Stanley. We later learnt this food was well distributed from the TBC hall.



Fig 2: Korr is very dry, it has not rained since last year July except for the light showers earlier this year. They are in need of our prayers.

[Lekuchula Primary School-Lekuchula](#)

We (Diba, Godan, Ogom and I) left TBC-Korr on 22nd May 2019 at 10.00 a.m. for Lekuchula. We arrived in Lekuchula Primary School at 11.00 a.m. We met with the school head teacher (John) and his deputy who informed us of the population in Lekuchula, which also informed our decision on how to distribute food.



Lekuchuka has a population of 220 people in about 14 manyattas. We offloaded 49 bundles of Maize flour and kept them in one of the classes at the school compound. We gave the 4 packs to the school cook (Isakh) who is among the 4 brethren in Lekuchula. We gave 10 bundles of maize flour to the school and set aside 39 bundles of maize flour to give to the rest of the community. Diba taught the pupils of the school from John 3:16.

Fig 3: Distributing food in Lekuchula.



Fig 4: Diba teaching pupils at Lekuchula Primary School

John sent his deputy together with a few teachers to go to the manyattas and call people to come and receive the food stuff. This took 1 hour. Meanwhile, we went to preach the gospel to the elderly men who we were told had gathered under a tree a kilometer away. They gave us an opportunity to preach to them. I preached from Romans 1:16-17.



Fig 5: Preaching the Gospel at Lekuchula.

By this time the women and children had already gathered at the school. We were again given a chance to preach to them. I preached from Ephesians 2:8-10 before we distributed the food to them. We were not able to distribute the food stuff to the whole community, but only to those who were gathered at the time. We left the distribution of the rest to the head teacher, his deputy and the chairman of the school; whom we learnt is well respected by the community. We had to leave because we were not sure of the time it would take us reach Loisdan.

Loisdan Primary School-Loisdan

We left Lekuchula for Loisdan at 1:00 p.m. We made a stopover at Digir to pick our motorbike (the church's motorbike) at Raphael's place whom we also gave a bundle of maize flour. We again made a stopover at Laisamis took lunch and headed straight to Loisdan. We arrived in Loisdan at 4:30 p.m. and went to the school where we offloaded 10 bundles of maize flour.

We met Mzee Lepakio (the villages' head man) and Peter (the school head teacher) who were very instrumental in helping us know how to distribute the food stuff. We offloaded the 2 packs for Mzee Lepakio and Martin and 30 bundles of maize flour at the communities' store house where Mzee Lepakio advised us to. He then asked the members of community present at the time to gather around so that we may share the gospel and distribute food to them. I preached to them from 1 John 1: 8-10.



Fig 5: Distributed food to the smaller group at Loisdan.

Mzee Lepakio and the head teacher told us that the population in Loisdan is 300 people, this informed our decision on how to distribute the food. Martin, an attendee of Grace Point-Kikuyu and a missionary sent to Loisdan by Trinity Fellowship, hosted us at his manyatta for the night.

The following morning, we helped him draw water from a well a kilometer away. This proved to be helpful not just to him, but to us and the rest of the community in general. Because by the

time we were coming back a bigger number of the community members than that of the previous day had gathered to receive maize flour. This provided us the opportunity to preach the gospel to a bigger group. Ogom preached from Romans 5:8.

We departed Losidan on 23rd May 2019 for Nairobi at 10.00 a.m. We parted ways with Ogom and Godana at Laisamis as they headed back to Korr.

Our journey to Nairobi went on well except for the police officers who tried to accuse us of stealing the motorbike that we were carrying at the back of the lorry.

Challenges

There are various challenges that the leaders in the three areas brought up, which I wish to echo them to you.

Trinity Baptist Church-Korr

- 1) It would profit them much if the motorbike they are using had larger tires, in terms of the surface area.
- 2) They requested if we would build the toilets and the bathroom closer to the church. It is difficult for them to go to the toilet at night because they risk being attacked by wild animals, especially the Hyena. He said it would cost Kshs 1,000 per feet to dig the toilet and they desire to dig 10 feet. That would be Kshs 10,000 in total.
- 3) They also requested for seats for the church because the once they have been using are old and majority are broken.
- 4) As a long-term plan, they said we could think of digging a borehole, fix gutters on the roof and buy a 10,000-liter tank to collect the water.

Lekuchula Primary School

- 1) John requested us to build them a permanent toilet and a kitchen, because the one they are using currently is only temporal.
- 2) He also asked if we can consider giving a raise to the cook and the guard of the school.

Loisidan Primary School

Peter, the head-teacher, requested a number of things:

- 1) He requested us to build or buy the school storage facilities for their books.
- 2) He asked if it is possible for us to dig the well deeper because it is shallow and it is no longer in use nowadays.
- 3) He also requested us to improve the kitchen that we had already built.
- 4) He pointed out that with the new curriculum, if we built two more classes the school can be a secondary school in the future. Thinking long-term, he said the school can be turned into a boarding school which would improve the registration of students to the school which is a big challenge to him right now.
- 5) He also requested if it is possible, that the salaries for the teachers sponsored by us to be reviewed upwards.

- 6) He desires that the pupils be fed spiritually. He noted that we do not have any person who would teach the children the word of God at least once per week.
- 7) He also pointed out that Losidan is a growing town and there is great need for us to build a church building in the land reserved for us.
- 8) He also requested if we can put up a sign board showing the name of the school and the sponsors.

Please note that he does not expect that all these things be done at once. He made it clear that it would be encouraging to them if we picked up an item and did it gradually.

Conclusion

The brethren at Korr were grateful for the gesture that we showed to them at this time of need. The schools and the communities in both Lekuchula and Losidan were very thankful. They said that they will be praying for the hands that gave that they would continue with the same heart. They requested us to pray for them so that the Lord would provide the rains to them.

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