

## Mission to Pokot report.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).

This is a brief report of how I saw God fulfil the words of this great promise that is in the Great Commission. Hope it shall be for the encouragement of the church and strengthening of all who are found in the mission field.

### Day 1:23rd May (Journey to Kamketo)

I joined the team at Makutano in Kapenguria as they were coming from Turkana, and we started the journey to Kamketo after sharing breakfast and doing some shopping. The journey to Kamketo was quite long but by the mercies of God we arrived safely where we were welcomed by Pastor Thomas and his family together with Pastor Patricko. I got to accompany Pastor Murungi to Kasei where Brother Eric and Martin were to labour among the men and it was really encouraging to meet the brothers there at the church and also to visit Kasei secondary school. We took Brother Eric and Martin to Pastor Andrew's place who was hosting them. While coming from Kasei just after passing the lugga at the village centre the car broke down and despite the efforts to get it to work all failed. But I praise the Lord that even in the midst of all this our hearts were stayed on Christ who gave us peace and we left it all to Him that in his wisdom he knew why this happened so.

### Day2: 24th May (Weekend Challenge Day 1)

I was paired with Pastor Murungi and I was excited about this because I knew I was going to earn a lot. It was my first time in the mission field and after the car issue last night I was more drawn to commit everything the more in prayer and to lean upon God for strength and grace to teach the girls at Kamketo Girls High School. We were able to teach from the booklet Christian Faith and Life which was such a helpful teaching guide in sharing the truths of the gospel and how we are to live in light of it. I did the first session: i) **Jesus, Son of God** while Pastor Murungi taught the second session ii) **The crucifixion**, in the afternoon. All these lessons were going through the book of Mark and I thank God for allowing us to teach these truths.

### Day 3:25th May(Weekend Challenge Day 2)

On this day I was less anxious than I was the first day while teaching the girls. We were able to go through the 4 lessons that had remained where Pastor Murungi taught about **The resurrection** and I taught i) **Salvation by Grace, Not works**, ii) **What is a Christian? Repentance**, iii) **What is a Christian**, iv) **Faith**. I thank God that the girls were willing to learn and the following questions came up after the sessions:

1. If I have not been baptized and I die before the age of baptism will I see the kingdom of heaven?
2. If I have been baptized and I still continue in sin will I see the kingdom of heaven?
3. How can I know that I am saved by Christ?
4. How do you know that you have the Holy Spirit inside you?
5. If God is the one who opens the heart of people to see their sin, why does he leave others to continue in sin?
6. How can I be born again related to the story of Nicodemus?
7. How can I know that the Holy Spirit is guiding me?

All these questions were an encouragement that the students were trying to understand these truths and I tried to answer some while also would encourage us to pray the more for them even to fully grasp these truths, be saved from their sins and made alive in Christ.

On this evening due to the heavy rains it provided an opportunity for Pastor Murungi to share the gospel to a group of young men and women who came to the Pastor's house to shelter from the rains.

#### **Day 4: 26th May (The Lord's Day)**

On this day Pastor Murungi went to preach at a certain village and I was left to attend the Sunday service for the students and the church. During the Students service, Pastor Patricko preached on Ephesians 2:11-16 while the church service was on 'The Supremacy of Christ' from Hebrews 1 preached by Pastor Thomas.

It was sad that there wasn't any fellowship after the services because everyone went to their homes and I was left to do the same. That afternoon I took the time to spend it with the wife of Pastor Thomas and some of the ladies who providentially had come to see her and it was a wonderful time where they got to ask questions about the church here in Nairobi and also to encourage one another to hope in the Lord despite the many challenges especially with their culture. I thank God that he has saved these women and that they really desire to grow in their faith and trust in Him. Please let's keep them in prayers. Also let's pray for their fellowships to resume as this is a great way to strengthen one another in the faith among brethren.

The car finally got fixed, and we thanked God for this and that night we shared our last dinner together and Pastor Murungi got to share the gospel again to a group of women and one of Pastor Thomas' relative and the mechanic who had visited. We thank God for this opportunities.

#### **Day 5: May 27th (Farewell Kamketo)**

On this day we were reunited with the brothers from Kasei, and we bid farewell to the brethren at Kamketo and began the journey to meet the other brothers that had gone to Chelopoy, i.e. Brother Francis and Teka. It happened that they were unable to be at the meeting point where we had agreed to pick them and this provided an opportunity for us to go all the way to Chelopoy to pick them. This providence enabled us to meet the brothers serving the church there.

The journey back to Nairobi took a detour where we visited a school in the deep of Kacheliba and Brother Kahure was able to share the gospel to the young ones which was very encouraging to see that there are people who are hungering for these truths yet they lack men to constantly bring the word faithfully to them. Do pray that a visit may be done in that area that this people may hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The journey back was quite a reflective one where everyone got to share the lessons learnt from the mission trip, the areas where we need to improve and the challenges faced. I was much encouraged by this fellowship and I thank God for these brethren who I got to travel and work alongside. Just to highlight some lessons I learnt:

1. The importance of being steadfast in the call of the Great commission despite the challenges or hardships faced along the way.
2. The role of women in the mission field. This is not a man's task alone but we are also called to share the truths of the gospel, give up our comforts and be willing to be used in this purpose especially in our singlehood.
3. The importance of prayers and how it fuels our faith and zeal while in the mission field. I really was encouraged knowing that the church in Nairobi was praying for us throughout this whole trip.
4. The importance of being ready in and out of season to share the truths of the Gospel as one gets to meet people all the time in the mission field.
5. To love the scriptures and be filled with it daily as this is the only way you can faithfully share truths when you go out in the mission field.

I am grateful and very humbled that God used a weak vessel like me to go out and share the truths of His word to the people in Pokot. I can't wait for the next trip.

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