

GOSPEL FIRE NEWS

2019 Annual report



“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

Gods love set the captives free - Evangelism in Kerio, Northern Kenya

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Dear friend,

It is so exciting to be serving our Lord and God! He often leads us through situations where there is a high personal risk. Yes indeed, and your only option is to rely on him. It is so important that we learn to clearly recognize His voice and are not follow our own desires and inner thoughts. One of the great things about the mission field is that it is hard to go wrong in this area as missions is close to the heart of God. Reaching the lost and leading them to Jesus is one of God's greatest desires. While we are doing the Lords work we know he is always with us, present as Father, Spirit and Son.

Looking back at this last year we saw many wonderful miracles, but there

were also some great challenges. Missions is not all sunshine and holidays in fact quite the opposite. I think back to early last year when our Unimog broke down in the deepest part of South Sudan. On one hand, we experienced many people finding Jesus for the first time and others whose faith was bolstered by our visit, and at the same time our clutch disc breaks, in the middle of nowhere. What now? Where do we get such a rare spare part? Just before someone was about to come all the way from Europe with it, we found exactly the right part on the southern coast of Kenya, we were able to get it to S.Sudan and get out of there.

God hears prayers, but sometimes we go through periods of deep uncertainty and

challenge. Many things this last year would not have been possible without His intervention and encouragement from the Holy Spirit.

He is a God who still works miracles today. We often only see black and lose heart, but in our relationship with Jesus we can fully rely on God, just as He promised us in his last words in Matthew 28: 18-19: “See, I am with you every day ...”

This is especially true if we obey his command: “Go into all the world, preach, teach and make disciples”. This command is just as current today as it was then. Let's not let up! His coming is soon!
Peter

Gods love sets the captives free!

Evangelism in Kerio in Turkana, Kenya



You could literally see the fear etched onto the faces of the people that lived in Kerio, Northern Kenya. Animism, with its close ties to tribal witchcraft had bound many in fear and intimidation.

When we arrived in Lodwar, the capital of Turkana, after a good 10 hours of driving on rough and dangerous roads, some people approached us, excited to hear that we would be sharing the gospel in their town. However when we told them that we were only passing through, and in fact were going on to Kerio, they were shocked. They immediately warned us that Kerio was not a nice sort of place and that there is a lot of witchcraft in that area. Deep down we knew that we were headed to the right place. A place that only Jesus could help.

We worked with 15 Kenyan pastors, who were all looking forward to the assignment and worked together with great enthusiasm. A real blessings as sadly this willingness to work with different denominations is all too rare. The preparation team, that had gone ahead 2 weeks earlier had done a good job showing evangelistic films and running leadership seminars, thereby preparing and sensitising the area for the coming events.

Since the schools were on vacation, we were able to combine our evangelistic

efforts with a soccer tournament as well.

We have found football tournaments to be a great way to get people of all ages out, with everyone getting excited to be taking some part in the tournament, whether playing, watching or selling their goods to people watching. The tournament was a week long event and was able to bring the community together. During the breaks we were able to share testimonies and address a verity of different topics that were relevant to that community, and of course we shared the gospel with them as well.

We were able to pray with some young girls who had been selected to be part of the witch doctors harem, who were experiencing demonic attacks at night. Escaping from this lifestyle is very difficult as these traditions are so deeply embedded in people families, culture and lives. Many people were delivered from fear by turning to Jesus, and turning away from their trust in witchcraft and charms.

Once again, it was such a blessing to have the 15 pastors and some volunteers from their churches. These volunteers would usher the crowds, pray and meet with the people during the event, leading them out of darkness towards His marvelous light.

Bad roads and landslides

After the meetings in Kerio, We had a huge challenge in driving our vehicles back to Eldoret. After two nights of heavy monsoon rain, the soft mud roads were impassable. The once dry desert landscape, had turned into a wet, slippery, muddy nightmare. Although our truck has three driven axles and is very capable off road we had a real challenge getting it out. If only the winches on our other 4x4s were functional.

Because of these extreme conditions and rough roads, our cars are constantly needing expensive spare parts and ongoing maintenance. Our Unimog especially had a lot to cope with this year, being stationed most of the year out in South Sudan, on top of the regular tyre punctures our old clutch disc broke and it was a real challenge getting a new one.

We are so grateful to have our own auto repair shop on base, that is able to carry out all the repairs we need. We are also so excited and grateful for the donation of two new car lifts from Germany, that are on their way. These will replace our 20 year old lift, that is no longer working, and will enable us to work much more efficiently.



Evangelism and missions

So much has happened this last year...



4 LARGE CRUSADES

in remote areas of northern Kenya and northern Uganda, over 80,000 people heard the gospel.

30 GOSPEL FILMS

in Yumbe and Bidi Bidi refugee camp in Uganda. Then in Turkwel and Kerio in Turkana, Kenya.

5 ORPHANAGE VISITS

7 PRISON VISITS

41 CHILDREN'S EVENTS



3 SOCCER TOURNAMENTS

APPROXIMATELY 6000 youth attended these tournaments as spectators and players.



EVANGELISM IN GERMANY

In Freudenstadt, Germany, we had a great outreach with our two Kenyans Eunice Njeri and Alan Muriithi at the towns Africa market festival.

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Pioneering work in S.Sudan

The seed planted is bearing fruit



1130 BAPTISED

Through our work in South Sudan

3 DISCIPLESHIP SCHOOLS

Are now running weekly

ONE NEW BOREHOLE WELL

One new and two old ones repaired



1 TOYOTA LAND CRUISER

Refurbished for South Sudan.

1 PRIMARY SCHOOL

Started in South Sudan, up to year 2

35 fireside fellowships

founded and are being shepherded.

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Seminars & training

We aim to see multiplication!

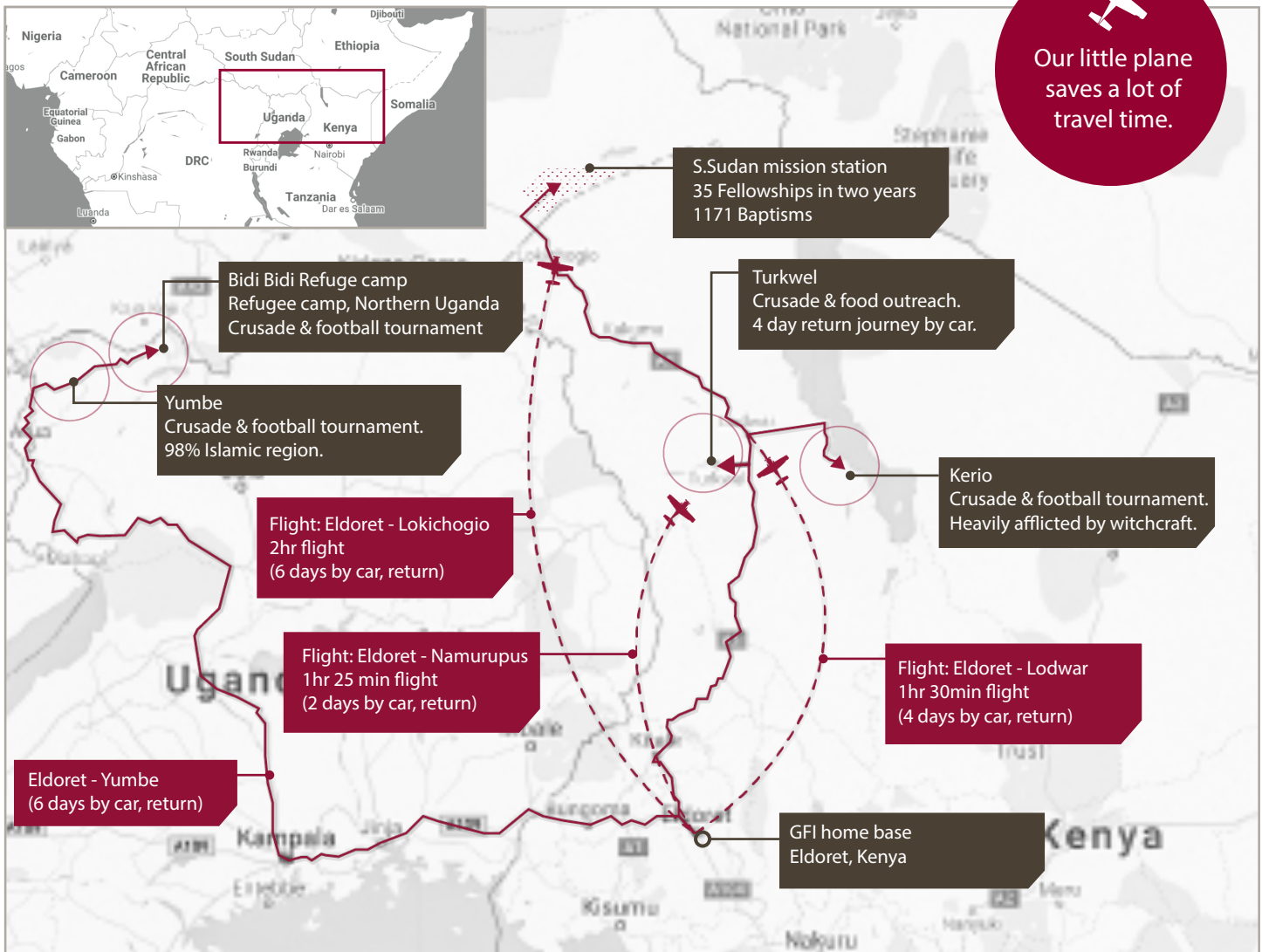


- 30 seminars for local pastors and leaders.
- 60 leaders were trained in how to run fun, creative and engaging Sunday school ministries.
- 5 mission conferences: Where we encouraged the local church to send missionaries into northern Africa.
- Visited 54 congregations in Germany, Switzerland and Canada. In these churches we shared about the work GFI is involved with and encouraged churches to send missionaries to the yet un reached nations.
- World Missions Congress: Peter was the keynote speaker in Madrid, Spain, speaking on reaching the lost, and the task at hand.
- GFI info stands at the World Pentecostal Conference in Calgary, Alberta, Canada and at the leadership congress in Karlsruhe, Germany.

Operation highlights

East Africa 2019


Our little plane saves a lot of travel time.

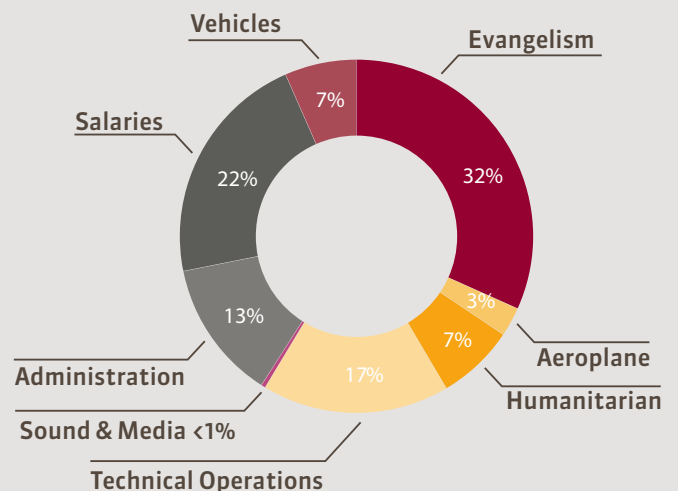


FLIGHT FACTS

- 40 hours Flown this year with a Cessna 182
- 3 Days of driving is equivalent to two hours flying
- Safety; We are able to evacuate much faster if an area becomes unsafe for any reason.
- There are no commercial flights to these un reached areas.
- Reduces wear & tear on our cars, saving us money in spare parts.



Spending report 2019



Humanitarian aid

Practically helping people in need



4.5 TONS

Corn and Beans were distributed in eight villages in Northern Kenya and in seven villages in South Sudan.



Serving food

GFI is active in serving in areas where there is great need and suffering. These areas are often very remote, off the main roads and distribution networks, making them difficult to access. These areas are often suffering from a lack of fresh food and water, and tend to be located in the north of Kenya and up into South Sudan.

Where possible we try to distribute food and clothing in connection with long term work and aim to give it on a "Food for work" basis. It is our experience that this helps to preserve the dignity of the people, rather than giving blindly, which so often leads to dependency and seems to further the poverty. "Food for work" helps to teach responsibility and alleviate long term poverty.



250

Food packages with sugar, flour and rice were distributed in the Shairu Moyo slum area, north of Nairobi.



50

Bags of clothes were distributed and given near our mission station in South Sudan. Some as 'cloths for work' scheme



30

School uniforms & shoes were given to children to enable them to attend school. (A compulsory requirement in Kenya)



Christmas project and clothing distribution

We were able to bring joy and bless many people over Christmas who would otherwise have had to miss Christmas because of abject poverty. This small act of kindness has also opened the door for us to spend time with these families and share the good news of Jesus in their homes. A big thank you to everyone who made this possible and prayed for us!

During this time we were also able to visit some prisons, a children's home, and serve many older people that needed some extra help.

In the prisons we were able to share God's love with hundreds of desperate people. We held a children's festivals and saw 300 children give their lives to Jesus. During this season we even had a

"City Thanksgiving Meeting", to which over 400 families came.

Through our work with Alan Muruithi (Pastor Rhymes) we were able to distribute 250 food packages to the poorer districts of the Shairu Moyo slum. The message of Jesus has been lovingly passed on to prostitutes, drug addicts and homeless people.

On top of the food and gifts we were also able to give away shoes and school uniforms to children in Kianjokoma. School uniforms are a mandatory requirement for school attendance. So this small gesture has a huge impact.

It was a great pleasure for our team to see how the love of Jesus helped in practice. We thank everyone who volunteered!

Further help to our employees and friends

- School fees were paid for 5 children
- The costs for the university were paid for 2 students
- Financial help with hospital costs was given to 2 people

Hospital expenses paid

When Pastor Ezekiel Ndubi's brother was rushed to the hospital, it wasn't long before a huge mountain of debt arose. Unfortunately, health insurance is sometimes just a foreign word in Kenya. More times than not insurance it's just a scam that covers nothing and nobody can rely on. It was left to Pastor Ndubi to cover his brother's hospital costs, not having the required amount, his only option was to sell everything he had including his land. Pastor Ndubi is an excellent pastor in Kisii. He has up built a great community there, and would never ask us for help with financial matters. When we visited his brother in the hospital, we felt the Lord tell us that we needed to help him. We want to thank our supporters that enable us to help people like this, we are able to help pay a significant part of the hospital bill because of your generosity.

Training two mechanics

Our motto at GFI is 'transforming communities globally' for us, this starts at home by investing in the development of our employees. Raising, equipping and then releasing. Jackson Kariuki, our workshop manager was trained by our Swiss Mechanics for many years and is now head of our workshop and technical department. He manages a team of technicians and mechanics. One of these employees has obtained his semi-truck license and is more has learned to work independently releasing Jackson to do other things. We have also seen so much growth in another mechanic this year, stepping up into greater levels of responsibility. Seeing these developments gives us so much of joy! We are now also taking in local volunteers to teach them workshop skills, improving their employability prospects.



News from the twins

A good educational helps young people to have more security in their future. Unfortunately, in Kenya it is often the case that despite having good qualifications it can be very hard to find work after graduating. We are proud to say that the twin sisters Jane and Grace, whom we have been supporting for several years through school and university, were awarded the highest grades in their class last year. They are such a great testimony to their fellow class mates in this final year at university. Let us pray that they will get a great jobs after graduating.



The Rex twins

We are so excited about the latest arrival in the Rex/Franz household. Josh and Jessie announced the birth of Hezekiah and Kayda in late January and will be joining us back here in Kenya with their 3 children as soon as they are able to. What a gift from God. So Peter and Becki now have 5 grandchildren.

GFI base refurbishment

As we are getting two new car lifts for the workshop, and had to redo the flooring for the new foundations. We decided to hit two birds with one stone and redo the workshop floor while we were at it. This new floor will be much easier to keep clean and help avoid the area turning into a mud pit during our monsoon rains. It will help with the overall look and feel of the base going into a new decade.

New 4x4

We are thrilled to announce that we were able to buy our new 4x4 pickup for GFI. We are excited to be driving a new car. Having a brand-new reliable vehicle will make things a lot easier going forwards in taking the Gospel and humanitarian aid relief to un-reached peoples, and communities that are in desperate need of help and transformation.



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UPCOMING EVENTS and prayer requests

March:

- Kenya Board Meeting
- Speaking at local churches in Eldoret
- Preparation begins for our crusade in Narus, South Sudan
- Discipleship programs in Narus, South Sudan restart
- Purchase all materials for the mission station being built in South Sudan

April:

- Tackling un-reached people groups in South Sudan.
- Construction of the mission houses in South Sudan
- World Mission Conference with Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada in Cape Town

May:

- Crusade preparations, film nights and pastor seminars in South Sudan
- May 20-22: Speaker at the Word Pentecostal conference in Kampala / Uganda
- May 26 to 31, large open air Crusade in Narus, South Sudan
- Training seminars for Kenyan missionaries to go to South Sudan

THANK YOU
FOR YOURS
PRAYER!