

GOSPEL FIRE NEWS



A miracle of rain in a season of drought

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Full of zeal, the CFAN teams share the word of God

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Food out reach during a time of famine

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"Then they were all amazed and praised God. praised God; with They said in awe: Today we have done incredible things things."

Luke 5:26

An air of revival! Spiritual unity helps creates free space for God's work

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Our journey unfolded from the culmination of the Moyale crusade, near the Ethiopian-Kenyan border, to Marsabet, approximately 120 kilometers to the south. Our voyage spanned an hour aboard a CESSNA, traversing a stark, black lava rock terrain. The relentless daytime heat often stirred turbulent flights, making for a challenging journey. Nevertheless, our arrival in Marsabet was marked by a heartfelt reception.



A very warm welcome awaited us!

Upon landing at Logologo in Marsabet, we were greeted by senior pastors and bishops of the Marsabet Pastors Fellowship. They had assembled at the airfield to extend their warm welcome. The airstrip itself was a modest bush airstrip, with a Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) hangar at our disposal throughout our stay. The immediate impression was the extraordinary unity exhibited by these Christians, despite their diverse church backgrounds. Their camaraderie resembled that of the closest friends, setting the stage for a promising evangelistic outreach in this environment.

This unity permeated every aspect of their gathering, from harmonious singing and joyous dancing to earnest collective prayers. They stood before God as one, echoing the sentiments of Psalm 133: "How sweet it is when brothers are together in unity ... for there the Lord promises blessing." They recounted tales of challenging situations where Christians had to unite to prevent ▶

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Evangelisation in Marsabeth

the dissolution of Christian communities in Marsabeth.

One harrowing incident involved an attack deep within the country. After an evangelistic outreach, several brothers were ambushed by five armed men armed with automatic rifles as they traveled home by car. The car was riddled with bullets, resembling a sieve, but miraculously, none of the five preachers were harmed. The only casualties were the bullets that struck the keyboard they had on their laps. They shared with smiles that, to this day, moving the keyboard back and forth produces the sound of bullets rolling inside—a lasting reminder of God's protection.

These steadfast men and women of God stood unwavering in their faith, even when one of their church buildings was vandalized with machetes, set ablaze, and reduced to ashes. In response, the biblical churches united, raising funds to rebuild the church structure. Among these church leaders and pastors, you'll find Anglicans, Pentecostals, Baptists, members of the Africa Inland Church, and representatives from other evangelical denominations. They also enlightened us about their support for new church planters.

When someone from outside sought to establish a church and gain a foothold in Marsabeth, these brothers and sisters rallied, providing singers, worship leaders, financial aid, and more. Their perspective was clear: in this hostile environment, more churches were needed to lead lost souls to Jesus. Their unwavering belief was that a multitude of thriving churches could bring about positive change.

Even in the early morning hours, during the six to seven o'clock prayer sessions, everyone congregated at the "Marsabeth Anglican Church." These prayer times were dynamic and filled with earnest individuals deeply devoted to God. It was as if a swarm of bees buzzed with fervor. Some knelt, others sat or paced back and forth. Titles and distinctions were set aside; what mattered most was communion with God. Breathing in the atmosphere of revival during these moments was invigorating. It's no surprise that we experienced a glorious breakthrough in subsequent services. God graced us with His presence during those days, leaving an indelible mark on our souls. I yearn for more of those divine encounters.

In His service,
Peter Franz



Muslims listen intently to the sermon



Food distribution amongst IDPs



God pours out his blessings

Outreach in Moyale on the Ethiopia border



Just when you believe your vehicles are in perfect condition, unexpected issues arise. Brake valves malfunction, or the air compressor fails to provide sufficient air. This time, it became apparent that we weren't merely facing technical difficulties; spiritual forces were at play. Our journey from Eldoret to Moyale, the Ethiopian border town, usually a three-day trip, extended to five due to extensive road repairs. Spare parts had to be sourced from Nairobi, costing 1,200 Euros for parts alone. Our dedicated workers spent nights partially under trucks or atop containers, but their unwavering determination ensured we reached Moyale on schedule. Initially, we encountered adversity as 50 young people, filled with aggression and anger, made it clear we were unwelcome. It felt as though stones were raining down—a clash between light and darkness. Despite exhaustion from the journey, our team pressed on with construction work. Then came the pivotal moment when we shared the beautiful message of God's salvation.

Each afternoon, a multitude gathered, hanging onto every word. Even those with

"mobile phones" outstretched to record the messages. Some held pens and notebooks, diligently jotting down Bible passages. Then came the call to repent and surrender to God. Astonishingly, many, both young and old, rushed to the stage, throwing themselves prostrate in a genuine display of repentance—something only God could instigate. We witnessed profound reverence for God and a sincere desire to reconcile with Him.

As the meetings concluded, an astonishing transformation occurred. The same young men who had initially cursed, sworn, and thrown stones at us approached our staff, seeking forgiveness. God had miraculously turned a hostile situation into one filled with His grace. To our amazement, they even assisted with the dismantling of our setup.

Then, God blessed us with rain. It poured heavily until all the empty tanks were filled. Reports emerged of five-year-old children in town experiencing real rain for the first time. Many linked this blessing of rain with our outreach efforts, recognizing that God indeed confirms His word with signs and wonders.

In the face of adversity and challenges, our

journey to Moyale revealed the power of God's transformation and His ability to turn difficult circumstances into opportunities for His grace to shine. mit.

Rain down blessings

Then, a divine blessing arrived in the form of rain. It poured relentlessly and abundantly, filling every empty tank to the brim. Stories circulated of five-year-old children in the city who were, for the first time, joyously witnessing genuine rainfall. Numerous individuals saw a direct connection between this rainfall blessing and our outreach efforts, leading them to realize: God affirms His promises through tangible actions.



Many knelt down in awe



Prayers were said for all people with great needs



After 12 years we have met Lilian again! Lilian now has a wonderful family and is an active member in the local community.



The mayor came every day



Everyone was wholehearted in worship



We also got to know Doris during our outreach 12 years ago. God has carried her wonderfully through many times of sickness in the last few years. She was so grateful that we came back to Moyale. So many people could remember the last outreach 12 years ago!

Hearts on Fire

Spreading God's Word wide

Chepereria Outreach with the CFAN team



The CFAN team in action

Chepereria Chepereria, a quaint town nestled in the Cherengani Mountains, lies in the north near the border of the Turkana region. Over the years, we had passed through this town numerous times when journeying north. What had struck us was the presence of many young people deeply entangled in the web of drugs and alcohol. The decision to hold a crusade here arose spontaneously, driven by a profound spiritual need that had largely gone unaddressed. Few had preached the clear message of God in this area, but the few small local churches were immediately onboard, and together we began planning. This time, our undertaking was blessed with the presence of a team from CFAN (Christ for All Nations).

The CFAN team consisted of young evangelists who had undergone training in the dynamic "Fire and Boot Camps" organized by CFAN. Their leader, Andrew Scarborough, offered invaluable assistance to us. These passionate "Boot and Fire

Campers" were skilled in sharing the message of Jesus in a practical and enthusiastic manner. They played a central role in our Chepereria crusade, visiting many schools in the vicinity.

In the local schools, the youth were inspired to embrace positive values in life, with the Gospel being presented clearly. Hundreds of young souls made a resolute decision to follow Jesus. The CFAN team's ministry was a profound blessing and a substantial asset to our outreach in the city.

During one evening of the citywide outreach, a group of young men approached me (Becki) with deep-seated concerns about whether God could truly liberate them from their addiction. From the podium, they were asked to demonstrate their commitment to Jesus by tossing their drugs into a 200-liter barrel prepared for this purpose, where they would be set ablaze.



The rework booklet is filled in

I spoke to these young men, offering encouragement to take this significant step with God's guidance. We prayed for them, and after about 20 minutes, they were ready to make a clean break. The journey to repentance is one that only God can orchestrate in a person's life. While we can extend invitations, it ultimately remains an act of the Holy Spirit. It begins with trust in God's Word and taking those initial concrete steps.

With great determination, these young men discarded their drugs into the barrel, liberating themselves completely. It was awe-inspiring to witness the transformation in their countenance. Their faces radiated a newfound joy, and you could see that something profound had shifted within their hearts. We connected them with a cooperative pastor who would guide them in taking further steps toward recovery and spiritual growth, ensuring that robust follow-up work was in place.



People were touched and prayed earnestly to God



God's word was also proclaimed in the middle of the street

Hunger Relief: On the Road to Turkana



Kenya endured months of relentless drought, leaving the land parched and its inhabitants, both humans and animals, in dire need. The situation was particularly severe in northern Kenya, where the dry spell had persisted throughout the year and worsened by March. Our mission was clear: to provide assistance where it was needed most. In Eldoret, we procured 50 bags, each weighing 90 kg, of beans and maize for distribution.

Our original plan was to head north to the Turkana region immediately after the crusade in Chepareria for a "hunger relief" mission. However, unforeseen circumstances altered our course. Sudden unrest and political discord erupted between the Turkanas and the Pokot, escalating beyond the typical regional riots and even resulting in the tragic loss of police officers' lives. Consequently, the primary communication route was closed indefinitely, with the Kenyan army deployed to

restore order. Our mission to reach the starving population faced a significant roadblock.

With no viable alternative, we had to pivot our original plan. A team was dispatched to the affected area via our small Cessna aircraft, landing in Lodwar, the capital. There, we purchased food supplies and rented a car, venturing into challenging regions. Our focus was on aiding the elderly, widows, and children by providing them with parcels filled with rice, beans, and maize. Additionally, we extended financial assistance to local pastors we had connections with, enabling them to purchase food and distribute it within their respective areas. While it may have been just a small contribution in the grand scheme of things, it brought much-needed relief to some families grappling with the harsh realities of hunger and scarcity.



Full-blooded evangelists visiting Eldort

Andrew Scarourough spent his formative years in Indonesia, raised by Australian missionaries. We were incredibly fortunate to have him and his wife, Joyce, join us for an enriching three-month period. He's a fervent evangelist and a prominent figure leading numerous Fire Camps designed to train evangelists under CFAN (Christ for All Nations). In Kenya, these teams played a pivotal role in reaching out to youth, sharing the message of Jesus.

What stood out was the remarkable openness and receptivity of the schools. The young evangelists engaged with students on topics that mattered to them—identity, wholesome values, and planning for the future. This approach yielded remarkable results, as many young souls made a resolute decision to follow God.

Each day, the teams went out, reaching over 200 schools in the Eldoret area over the past three months. Their dedication and impact were truly commendable, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of countless young individuals.

Family News

Jessica and Josh Rex are now in Kenya with their four children. Valour already attends the kindergarten in Eldoret, where he enjoys learning to write, read and do arithmetic. He has already made some new friends. Kaya and Kayda enjoy their time at home with their mother and are especially fond of the African chai (tea). Little Jireh is now six months old and an extremely happy baby.

Josh leads and organises numerous outreaches with our team and is heavily involved in the work in South Sudan. Both Jessi and Josh are passionate about reaching the lost and making disciples.

Deren and Yasmin Franz graduated from the European Theological Seminary (ETS) in Freudenstadt and then went to New Zealand for an internship. Yasi is currently doing another degree there and Deren works in a small company in the production of coffee roasting machines. He got a responsible job there straight away and he really enjoys it.

Supporting Children through school.

The new school year commenced in January. Once more, we had the privilege of assisting the children of missionaries in Sudan, as well as extending our support to other youngsters who lacked the means to afford education. We extend heartfelt gratitude to all those who have contributed to the "School Children" project. The opportunity to attend school means the world to these children, and their gratitude knows no bounds!

Service in Mission 2023

The "Service in Mission" program is back this year, running from July 29th to August 14th, 2023, and from October 14th to October 30th, 2023. This promises to be a life-changing experience! If you haven't already received the details via WhatsApp or Signal, you can find all the essential information in the attached flyer. We extend a warm welcome to you!

Peter and Becki's German itinerary 2023

26.–29. April, KCF in Berlin	3.–4. June, FCG Zwickau Glaubenszentrum Am Hammerwald 8, 08064 Zwickau
30. April, Jesus Punkt, Krushofer Str. 20, 17036 Neubrandenburg	11. June, Filder Good News, Friedenschütte Hölderlinstr. 14, Filderstadt-Bonlanden
3.–5. May, MOVE Conference VM	18. June, Christugemeinde Cloppenburg, Alter Emsteker Weg 3, 9661 Cloppenburg
7. May, Freie Christengemeinde Neustadt Maximilianstraße 18, 67433 Neustadt an der Weinstraße	25. June, Lebensquelle Horb, Geschwister Scholl Str. 9, 72160 Horb am Neckar
20.–21. May, Lübeck / Fehmarn	1.-2. June, VM Walde, Alte Hauptstraße 125, 72290 Loßburg
27.–29. May, Awake Jugendkonferenz Blaubeuren	

Prayer requests

- Please pray for those who were in our evangelistic outreaches, that they may make a steadfast decision to follow Jesus and become devoted disciples.
- Pray for the safety and protection of our teams as they frequently travel to areas marked by instability and high risk.
- Lift up in prayer our DMM disciples in South Sudan, asking that they and the over 120 fellowships they serve in may be strengthened in their faith.
- We also ask for your prayers for the 8 students hailing from Darfur, West Nile, Toposa, Jie, and the Nyangatome tribe, currently attending Bible school in Kaptagat, Kenya. Pray that they may be equipped to become permanent workers in their respective home regions, facilitating the fulfillment of God's mission there.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
PRAYER!

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