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“Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.”

Psalm 24:7-8

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Dear reader,

There has never been a time, at least not in my lifetime that our world has been through so much conflict. It is heart breaking! The massacre on October 7th and the immediate response on the side of Israel to uphold their sovereign right to go to war against the Hamas has totally changed the face of our world forever. In many cities of the world thousands of Hamas sympathizers have gone to the streets with huge demonstrations. Tempers are flaring up, Billboards with unacceptable murderous content are carried around and many could care less about the brutality and loss of innocent lives.

The atrocities done to normal peace-loving individuals - old, young even tiny little babies goes unheard and ignored. The world was stunned, and little did we all realize how wicked humans can be. Humanism suddenly seems not to be adding up! The Bible is right in saying that the heart of man is desperately wicked, especially when embracing a Satanic Death Ideology.

When we backtrack history in the quest to determine why and how such a hatred could have developed to such horrendous actions, we end up with Abraham and his two sons Ismael and Isaac. God in his sovereignty and greatness loved, accepted, and blessed the line of both descendants, yet Isaac was the promised son that Abraham was to get with his wife Sarah. God gave Jacob who was the immediate son of Isaac the name “Israel” and on top of that he gave his Descendants a huge chunk of land in the Middle East (Genesis 12:7, 15:18, 17:8, 26:3-4, 28:13). God not only once emphasized this. Jacob (Israel) became the Nation that God chose and later even freed from Pharaoh’s wicked slavery in Egypt. There is an interesting history behind these people! That is why as we look at these never-ending conflicts in the Middle East, we need to see the Spiritual aspect in all this.

The Creator and Almighty God handpicked this particular Nation for the purpose to reveal himself to the world in a mighty way. HE even made a covenant with them through Abraham from

Hydration Celebration: Pouring hope into schools. Fresh water for school children in Eldoret



Water Wins: School's Well Springs Success!



Adventures in the Victory Primary School Yard

Every morning, the students of Victory Primary School would arrive at school and check the chores list posted on one of the backboards to see whose turn it was to go and fetch water. Then, in groups of 5-10, accompanied by a teacher, they would embark on the 3km walk to a nearby river and return with one or two jerry cans, each weighing 20-25kg.

Principal Ann was an exceptional woman who had constructed the school on her own land and had taken in many orphans,

personally funding their education from her own pocket. Unfortunately, the school had no access to running water, only a shallow well that frequently ran dry.

A turning point arrived when two young girls from a CFAN outreach visited the school and voiced their concern. Spurred by their plight, we took action, deepening the well, installing a water tower, tank, and pump, and creating multiple water access points, sparing the children from the gruelling journey to the river.

In October, with a team from Germany, we officially inaugurated the water project, celebrating the occasion with games, skits, and plenty of fun with the children.

Our presence on the ground has proven instrumental in distinguishing genuine needs from deceptive attempts to exploit peoples goodwill. Being closely engaged with the community, we have developed a

keen understanding of the local dynamics, allowing us to discern the authentic needs of the students at Victory Primary School. This intimate connection has shielded us from potential scams and ensured that every resource and effort is directed toward initiatives that genuinely uplift the lives of these children. By staying rooted in the community, we have fostered a trust that enables us to make a tangible and sustainable impact, safeguarding our mission from any malicious intent or misappropriation.

With the project's total cost amounting to approximately \$2,000, we appeal to you to join us in these kinds of impactful initiative. Your support can help us continue our mission, serving with love and compassion, and nurturing an environment where every child has access to a fundamental resource like water. Be a part of this journey, and together, let's create a lasting change for those we come in connection with like those at Victory Primary School.



The children no longer have to walk 3km to get water.

Forward continued...

the onslaught. This is not just a story or fable, but fact. Theologians have tried to change this important understanding by introducing what is called "Substitutional Theology" – meaning God had later deserted the Israelites and is presently only blessing and working through His Church (Bride). It is here where you will discover, that taking this important building block of God's unbroken covenant, if removed will immediately causes huge problems when trying to understand the Prophets of old and whole book of Revelation. Understanding the Bible becomes almost impossible. Fact is: God is presently still working with the Jewish Nation and has in his Grace grafted us through his amazing work of Salvation into his amazing Covenant as well.

What our world does not realize is that the Living God has never dropped the Jews and still blesses them despite the immense hatred, persecution an today's Ring of Fire around them. He who blesses Israel will be blessed and he who curses Israel will be

cursed. We would do good to submit to the fact that God is with the Nation of Israel. He not only cares for them and desires for their return to the Messiah, but also wants us too to come under his wonderful divine plan of salvation. If we are looking for lasting Peace, then only through the Prince of Peace and Lord of Lords.

If the pharaohs of the past and later the Midianites, Philistines and others could not terminate Israel, what gives us the audacity to try to stop their existence now? Jesus Christ will return in his second coming according to Revelation 19 whether we like it or not. He will return to HIS People and HIS Land. Satan will never be able to thwart that. Our job is to win as many as we can to salvation, introduce them to real peace and prepare for his grand coming.

Peter Franz

Jesus Heals Broken Hearts

Outreach to Kakuma Town and Camp 1



Jesus-Marsch durch Kakuma

With a team of almost 15, we set out over the weekend, loaded up in trucks and pickups, headed for Kakuma refugee camp in northwest Kenya. The days that followed were a whirlwind of setting up, handing out flyers, and leadership seminars. Many Christians, especially pastors and leaders, benefited from the daily training sessions covering children's ministry, prayer service, and spiritual insights. In the evenings, we showed the Jesus film in villages, busy markets and many other places, including the camp.

On Wednesday afternoon, the main event kicked off, drawing hundreds of people from the town, but also from the camp. Camp one is primarily Somali, Sudanese, and Congolese. The gospel echoed through the children's program, worship, skits, sermons, and prayers. God moved mightily, bringing healing to blindness, nerve disorders, and physical ailments. People were set free, casting away drugs and amulets. Hundreds turned their lives to Jesus, a heartfelt turnaround. Hallelujah!



Vielen Menschen zeigten einen großen Hunger nach mehr von Gottes Wort zu hören

Come Sunday morning, our team dispersed to visit ten different local communities, sharing sermons and prayers. After dismantling everything on Monday, we embarked on the journey back, and by Tuesday, we were all safely home.

We are grateful for the multitude who embraced faith this week and witnessed God's miraculous work. His heart beats for Kakuma, understanding the plight of each individual. We eagerly anticipate what He will continue to do there in the future.

Melina



Showing the Jesus film, there are so many people that they watch the film from both sides of the screen.



"Amiel, an intern from the Bible school, is praying for



The SIM team acting out a drama on the main stage





The crowd is coming forward for prayer



Training this Sunday school teachers of Kakuma



Bishop Kakala teaching the pastors



A man who couldn't walk came forward to give his testimony on how God healed him.



So many coming forward for prayer



Personal Report from the mission in Kakuma

I was particularly touched when, on Friday night, hundreds of people responded to the sermon on forgiveness and turned wholeheartedly to God. It was tangibly and visibly evident that Jesus drew many to Himself that evening, and it was a personal privilege for me to witness this. At the same time, the profound distress of the people, regardless of the challenging circumstances many refugees endure in the camps, deeply moved me. I am also grateful for the unity that God bestowed upon our team, allowing everyone to contribute meaningfully.

Skies of Purpose: A Pilots Tale of Faith, Blessings, and Uncharted Skies



It was Monday morning. The sun was just throwing its carpet of sunrays on the Semi-Desert Turkana plains. In the distance all around you could see heavy Cumulus clouds decorating the African horizon. I kept looking southward at our flight path and noticed there was heavy rainclouds on the Loima Hills and the distant Ugandan Mount Moroto.

The rains mean blessing for the people living in this region. But for a Pilot Evangelist like me it ment a challenge. As we gently lifted off the ground on this beautiful October morning, the market below was already buzzing with activity. Vehicles were moving steadily on the Lokichoggio – Lodwar road below us. We had just completed 3 wonderful weeks of Gospel outreach. We had been showing the “JESUS Film” for the past two weeks and many had responded by giving their lives to Jesus. What a wonderful privilege it was to share our Hope and Salvation of our Jesus Christ to these wonderful people. In August and now in October we had carried out two consecutive Gospel Celebrations. Our platform was right next to Zone 1, where the Somali Community reside. As a team we had prayed for genuine repentance and for miracles. I was reminded of the same kind of meetings we had had in 1997, where we

saw over 15 completely blind people get their eyesight in one meeting. God had moved so powerfully and had totally surprised us! Even a lame man was healed and could walk again.

As we were now gaining altitude I noticed rain clouds directly ahead. It seemed like it was raining at every possible alternative airstrip. Namuruputh (Perro), a village just to our right was completely closed. This was the station that my parents (Martin and Hilde Franz) had started in 1971, Now is a fully fledged primary and secondary school, Health Center, and Church.

We continued flying through some heavy rain. Everywhere possibility seemed to close up. My next possible airstrip would be Lokichar. I prayed to the Lord “God help us get home safely. All the possible landing strips seem closed. Just then, things seemed to look better ahead towards the Kerio Valley. But then as we were about to get into the Kerio Valley the sunlight seemed blocked out due to thick high clouds above. We looked ahead and all we saw was a huge dark wall of rain cloud that was growing darker by the minute. At one point it looked like a big black hole. I said to Diemar Ruoff and my wife Becki that we

will not go further. This was too dangerous. We did a 180 degree turn and flew back 15 minutes to an airstrip I knew well called Lokichar. While flying over and doing the runway inspection, I saw that the Desert sand like Airstrip was still holding water in some places. I knew from landing in Lokichar before that the first part of the airstrip was hard soil and a short field landing would do the job. To our big surprise on Landing, we saw children in large numbers running toward us at a distance who had never seen an airplane before. The landing had to be good, fast, and short. We quickly turned the plane to quickly get away from the on running group of children.

On the ground we were welcomed by the 200 School children that were at school that day to do their Kenya Certificate Primary Education KCPE test. Later we were warmly welcomed by Bishop Edonga and his family. God was so good to us. We were able to spend the night in Lokichar that night and have wonderful fellowship with what I almost consider family. The following morning, we had blue skies and were warmly welcomed after one hour flight by the Kenya Airports Authority Staff at the Eldoret Airstrip (Boma).

Peter Franz



Demonstrating Gods Great Love: Missionary Experiences Sparking Lasting Transformation



Our 2023 SIM team. Uli, Joan, David and Basti.



Installing a solar panel on Mary's roof

In the course of our work, we've shared numerous stories about our dear friend, missionary Mary. Earlier this year, we conducted a food outreach to support her new church plants in the remote and arid East Pokot region. Our efforts included DMM training and baptisms for new believers later in August.

During our journey to the Kakuma crusade, I made it a point to take our SIM team past Mary's home on the banks of the crocodile-infested Kireo River. It was crucial for our team to witness a different aspect of missionary work. While Eldoret has transformed into a bustling city with modern amenities, Kakuma has become a well-established refugee camp, bustling with expensive NGO vehicles. Our time with the SIM team was limited, so I aimed to provide them with a brief insight into a different form of mission work. We highlighted the challenges of working in remote areas, where missionaries often find themselves isolated, struggling to communicate in unfamiliar languages, lacking transportation or phone signal, and living without electricity, frequently with scarce visitors. It is a life of slow and steady village rhythms, where families maintain significant distances between each other.

During a previous visit, we had donated a sewing machine to Mary, which she used to train Pokot women. Since then, they had made significant progress, establishing a simple primary school, and the mothers had been learning to sew school uniforms for their children. This process provided ample opportunities for discipleship, fostering one-on-one connections for extended periods around the sewing machine.

This time, we aimed to bless Mary with a basic solar system, enabling her to charge her phone and potentially other electrical devices in the future, such as a TV or refrigerator. These amenities were crucial as Mary lacked adequate means to store food or stay updated with the outside world. She expressed her longing to watch the news, particularly as we brought updates about the Israel-Gaza conflict and local news from Kenya.

While I knew our visit would provide Mary with a much-needed boost of encouragement, my true prayer was for our SIM team. I hoped that their brief time with Mary would leave an indelible mark, shaping their perspective forever. Mary has no access to basic facilities like a shower, running water, or a toilet, among many other challenges, all of which we continue to pray for on her behalf.

Join us in prayer and consider how you might be able to contribute to our efforts to bless individuals like Mary. She has the capacity to reach people that we may never be able to, exemplifying the beauty of being part of God's family and collectively building His Kingdom. Your support enables us to reach individuals beyond our reach, fostering a cycle of goodwill that enables us to share the Good News with the entire world.

Family News



Josh and Jess Rex: Valour, Kada, and Hezekiah are all in kindergarten now. They have settled in really well and are look forward to the Christmas activities.

Simon and Miriana Ziegler live in Bernhausen with their children, Lukas, Alina, and Malia, where they lead a church. They joyfully serve God in their local congregation

Deren and Yasi Franz are in New Zealand. Yasi is studying social work, and Deren holds a leadership position in a company that manufactures coffee roasters.



CHRISTMAS PROJECTS 2023

Let's bring a smile to many faces



1 Bringing Christmas Joy: Support Needy Families

In times of hardship, many families are struggling to afford even a simple Christmas meal. Your support can make a significant difference for those who need it the most. This year, we are reaching out to families with children who lack the means for essential necessities, including a festive holiday meal.

Your generous donation of 50 Euro can provide a gift basket filled with groceries, hygiene items, and presents for children. Help us bring the joy of the season to those facing financial challenges by making a contribution today.



2 Empower Dreams: Support Education in Kenya

In Kenya, the new school year always kicks off in January. We aim to provide education to several children and teenagers once again. Your support will open doors for these young minds.

**Monthly 100 Euro
One off gift 1.200 Euro**



3 Access to clean and reliable water

Enable children in the Eldoret region to have direct access to fresh water.

**Cost of building a well:
2,000 Euro**

In South Sudan, where it is very dry, having direct access to water is urgently needed, especially in remote areas.

**Cost of building a well:
12,000 Euro**

4 Help Where It's Needed Most

Unexpected expenses, like car repairs, are inevitable.

Your contribution can make a significant impact in covering these needs. Consider making a donation. Your support ensures we can continue our mission effectively.

Dates and Prayer Requests

December:

- Prayer trip to the Congo for Potential future outreaches in March.
- Christmas projects for less fortunate families, ensuring they can celebrate a beautiful Christmas.
- Erecting a church roof in Turkana.
- Engagement in Naliel, South Sudan, with team members and planning for 2024.

January:

- Further training in the Kisuheli language and Islam.
- Film and evangelistic mission in the Pokot region with Amiel and Malina.

February:

- Preparation for the outreach in the Congo, including film missions and pastor meetings.
- Peter and Becky traveling in Germany in February

- 11, 2024, in Weinstadt C,
- 18, 2024, in Freudenstadt VIA,

March:

- Team in the Congo preparing for the evangelization.
- Medical mission and women's meeting in Naliel, South Sudan, from March 3-10.
- Evangelization in the Congo from March 20-24.

Pray for our missions:

Preservation and wisdom, especially for the necessary financial resources. Prices have risen significantly, especially for gasoline and diesel. We need God's care to cover all the costs.

DANKE FÜR EURE HILFE!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS!

Our Projects for 2024

Help us ensure we are able to reach and serve remote, unreached and needy communities

1 Road to Change: Fueling Hope with a New Truck for Africa

For more than two decades, the renowned Evangelist Reinhard Bonke journeyed across Africa aboard our magnificent Mageruis Truck. His relentless vision, "From Cairo to Cape Town, blood washed Africa" For the past 25 years, we have continued the legacy, venturing into the most remote corners to spread the Gospel and provide vital aid to those in dire circumstances. After an incredible 45 years of service on rough African roads, the time has come to bid farewell to our faithful companion and welcome a new era.

We are asking you to help us raise \$80,000 for a new Howo Truck. This Chinese-manufactured vehicle is a common sight on African roads, ensuring easy access to repairs, spare parts, and skilled drivers even in the most distant locations, far from our central operations. This truck will conserve fuel as well as minimize operational costs, while empowering our team with renewed vigor and resilience in the challenging terrains we traverse. Join hands with us as we propel GFI into the future, answering the call to aid the suffering and extend the reach of the Gospel.

Cost: 80.000 Euro



Our old truck has been through a lot.



The new Howo Truck

2 Empowering Josh with a Pilot's License to Reach Distant Peoples

It's time to invest in the next generation. That's why we consider it important for Josh to obtain his pilot's license, allowing us to use the airplane even more effectively. Flying makes many things much easier. For instance, it typically takes us two to three days by road to reach our mission locations in South Sudan or Northern Kenya, but with the airplane, this journey can be completed in a fraction of the time, just two or three hours. This not only saves time but also has health and safety benefits, provides more time with the family, and offers greater flexibility to reach people.

We believe it is more cost-effective and advantageous for Josh to obtain his pilot's license in America (Florida) – God willing expectedly in April 2024.



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