

Double Joy: Project “Team Spirit” and Project “Airstrip”

German Jerseys Steal the Show!

A football match kicked off early Saturday morning—before the sun grew too hot to play. And of course, it was the perfect moment to break in our brand-new German jerseys! These donated kits, were seen as treasures here and sparked excitement among the players. We’re grateful for the generous donation. These jerseys are considered as good as new and brought huge joy to everyone involved. Thank you to all who gave!



Big Moment: First Landing on Our Hand-Built Airstrip in Naliel, South Sudan

We heard the small plane in the distance long before we saw it. As it came closer, to our amazement, it flew low right over our station. We quickly realised it was a Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) aircraft, and they were checking out our very own hand-built airstrip!

The plane flew low over the strip three times, surveying the area, and then—on the fourth pass—it touched down. You should have seen the celebration! The whole village gathered to welcome the pilots with excitement and joy.

The purpose of the visit was to carry out a detailed inspection of the airstrip and see if any final adjustments were needed. The pilot was thoroughly impressed and only suggested clearing an extra ten metres of bushes along the side for safer take-offs and landings.

Now that the final improvements can move forward, we’re thrilled that planes will soon be able to land right next to our station. It’s a huge encouragement—and it will make future trips and supplies much easier!



An MAF Plane Lands on the Hand-Built Airstrip in Naliel





David with His Family at Home



Jessie and Josh Together with Their Kids

News from the Base

Amiel and Melina, who recently completed their Bible school training in Berea, spent the last six months with us—and we're excited that they'll officially begin their ministry placement with us in October. We're grateful to welcome them through MT 28!

Support for Schoolboy David

At Christmas, we visited several struggling families in the Eldoret area. Among them was a mother now raising her seven children alone. Her husband passed away a few years ago, and she has been doing her best to keep the family going. She works incredibly hard—often washing laundry by hand all day for others—just to earn a little income.

One of the biggest challenges the family faces is that nearly all the children were born with a physical abnormality: they have six or even seven fingers or toes instead of five. Because of this, the children were often mocked at school, and some were unable to complete their education.

In January, **Jessi and Josh** had the opportunity to attend an excellent language school in Tanzania, where they were able to strengthen their Kiswahili and gain valuable insights. Being able to communicate in the heart language of those living in the bush is a huge asset. They also learned more about Islamic culture—knowledge that is proving vital in the mission field.

The eldest son, David, dreamed of becoming a mechanic. After a few interviews and much consideration, we were able to help him enrol in a vocational training programme. He's now attending school, and we're keeping in touch to support his progress. Their mother is deeply grateful for every bit of support—especially now that her eldest child has a real chance at a future.

David is just one of many students we're helping through school—because showing God's love often starts with simple, practical acts of kindness.

Key Dates and Prayer Points

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
PRAYERS!

Major Evangelistic Campaigns in Northern Uganda

21–24 March – Ajumani

26–31 March – Kitgum

Please pray that many people will accept Jesus as their Lord and that they will find true hope and peace in Him. Pray for physical and emotional healing, and for protection over the entire outreach and all who are involved.

12–26 April – South Sudan

We'll be teaching and constructing two simple buildings in a very remote area where there are no other permanent structures. These multi-purpose buildings will be used for training and discipleship (generously funded by Helfen in Partnerschaft). Please pray for protection, and that our truck will safely reach the site. The roads are in extremely poor condition, and the rainy season may have already begun.

Please also pray for our "2024 Projects" (see page 8)

We're asking God to bring more regular monthly supporters alongside us. Our financial situation remains tight. Costs in Kenya are rising quickly, and the needs around us are growing—so many people are depending on us for help. We've also had to increase our team's salaries due to inflation, which has raised our monthly expenses. If you feel led, we would be so grateful for any new monthly partners who can help carry this work forward with us.

Speaking Tour in Germany

Pray for our speaking tour

We ask for prayer that our travels will be a blessing to others, bring encouragement, and also help strengthen our financial base.

Speaking Tour – Switzerland & Germany with Peter & Becki

26 May 2024 – EGW Belp, Switzerland

2 June 2024 – EGW Weier (Affoltern), Switzerland

8 June 2024 – Scala Schorndorf

16 June 2024 – LIFE Plüderhausen

23 June 2024 – VIA ASCH, Blaubeuren

30 June 2024 – Evangelische Kirchengemeinde Wart

7 July 2024 – Scala Gemeinde, Magdeburg

10 July 2024 – Home Group Day, Magdeburg (Magdeburger Allianz)

14 July 2024 – Treffpunkt Leben, Ditzingen

21 July 2024 – Filder Good News

28 July 2024 – Agape Gemeinde, Freudenstadt

We would be absolutely delighted to see you at one of these events!

If you'd like us to visit your home group or senior group, we still have some availability—please reach out to us at:

germany@gfi-ministries.org

Feel free to contact us with any questions too!

Our Projects 2024

So We Can Keep Reaching the Most Vulnerable, Faithfully and Effectively

1 Keeping the Wheels Turning: A New Truck for the Mission

For over 20 years, the well-known evangelist Reinhard Bonnke travelled across Africa in a mighty Magirus truck. After his ministry season ended, we were entrusted with that very same vehicle—and for another 25 years, we drove it into some of the most remote places, bringing the Gospel where it had never been heard before. But the journey has left its mark. After more than 45 years of rugged service, it's now incredibly difficult to repair. Spare parts are almost impossible to find, and very few drivers know how to operate this older model. It's time for a replacement. We are looking to purchase a robust Howo truck, a Chinese-built model widely used across Africa. These trucks are reliable and easy to maintain—spare parts and mechanics are available even in remote areas. Features like power steering, air conditioning, a synchronised gearbox, and a modern 2023 engine will help reduce fuel consumption and cut down on long-term maintenance costs.

For our team, this also means renewed strength, joy, and motivation to keep going—reaching the most forgotten and hardest-to-reach areas with the Gospel.

Will you help us move into the future with GFI?

Let's go together—to the hurting, the hopeless, the lost. Let's keep building God's Kingdom, side by side.

Cost: €80,000

3.200 Euro

Donation Status as of 03/2024

80.000 Euro

Fundraising Goal



Our Old Truck Has Been Through a Lot



2 So We Can Reach Them Directly: A Pilot's License for Josh

It's time to invest in the next generation—and one crucial step forward is helping Josh get his pilot's license, so our mission aircraft can be used even more effectively.

Flying changes everything. Reaching our mission locations in South Sudan or Northern Kenya by road usually takes two to three days—often over harsh, unreliable terrain. By air, the same trip can be done in just two to three hours. This isn't just a massive time-saver—it also brings health and safety benefits, allows for faster, more spontaneous responses, and gives us far greater flexibility for ministry and logistics. And importantly, it means less time away from family, and more time on the ground with people.

The most affordable and practical option is for Josh to complete his flight training in Florida, USA. The plan is to begin this training in April 2024.

Can we count on your support for this important step forward?

Your partnership makes it possible for us to reach more people, more quickly, and more safely—with the love of Christ.

Cost: \$15,000 for the pilot's license, plus travel and accommodation expenses.



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Medical Outreach

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A Double Portion of Joy

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Our Mission Initiatives for 2024

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“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18–19

Empowering Women for a Stronger Future

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Dear Reader,

Just recently, I had the privilege of travelling with one of our Kenyan partners and missionaries, Mark Keter, to Nawepak in Eastern Equatoria, South Sudan. What I saw there deeply moved my heart. The people, once unable to read or write, had long lived in a culture marked by violence, witchcraft, theft, and killing. But everything changed. After receiving the Bible in audio form and sharing it openly with one another over three years, they have become a joyful, transformed people. This is exactly what the world needs! When we come to know Jesus as our Saviour and Lord, and allow Him to teach us, we begin to see the world through a completely new lens.

One afternoon in Naliel, South Sudan, the missionary Mark shared his vision with us: how we could take the Good News of Jesus to the Nuba Mountains in Sudan, into Chad, and—God willing—even one day into Libya. Our teams have been using the Disciple Making Movement (DMM) model, and we’ve seen

thousands come to Christ. What I witnessed in Nawepak last week was like gazing at refined gold: men, women, and children with a deep, genuine love for God. The Gospel and discipleship have given them true hope—despite the daily challenges of poverty, insecurity, and lack.

The way we often “do church” today simply isn’t equipped to reach places like this with the Gospel. We’re too inward-focused and hesitant to embrace new ways. But even small groups of Jesus-followers can take the Good News to the world’s most closed nations. If we’re serious about reaching the unreached, we must be willing to think differently. I realise more and more each day how much I still have to learn.

Yours,
Peter Franz

Nearly 1,500 People Helped A Major Medical Outreach in the Remote Interior



Sharing a Message at the School



Starting the Day with Prayer Beneath the Trees

For the fourth time now, we've been on the road to South Sudan with a team from a local church here in Eldoret. This time, the team included three doctors, two pharmacy assistants, two lab technicians, two nurses, and two pastors—each volunteering their time, skills, and hearts for the sake of the Gospel and practical compassion.

Right from the journey's start, we ran into challenges. Just a few hours into the drive, the trailer's wheel bearings gave out, forcing us to search for spare parts and causing a significant delay that tested our patience and perseverance.

Later, at the Pokot-Turkana border, the police wouldn't let us pass due to reports of recent attacks on the road ahead. With no other choice, we stayed the night nearby. Just before midnight, we were shaken by loud gunshots outside the building. Some

team members were so terrified, they hid under their beds. I (Melina) was overwhelmed with fear for Amiel, who had chosen to sleep outside next to the vehicle to keep an eye on our gear. We were all relieved when morning came—a little shaken, but alive and grateful. We later learned it had been a clash between two local groups. Two people were tragically shot—only 50 metres from where we were staying.

After one more day of driving over dusty, rough terrain, we finally reached our station in Naliel, where the real work could begin. Under very basic conditions—often beneath a tree or in old, crumbling buildings—people who had walked three to five kilometres were treated with dignity and care. It was deeply moving to see how tenderly our team cared for the often dirty, dust-covered children and adults, offering both medical

help and human warmth.

There are no medical facilities in Naliel or its surroundings, and many people suffer from a wide range of illnesses—some preventable, others worsened by lack of access to even the simplest treatments. Everyone was immensely grateful that this team had taken time out of their busy schedules to serve in South Sudan. Over just a few days, our doctors saw and treated more than 1,430 patients. They dealt with everything from minor infections to serious internal diseases, including TB. Expectant mothers were also seen by a nurse and a midwife, receiving advice and care they may never have had before.

Each patient received medication for worms and malaria. From our last visit, we knew that around 80% of people were infected with malaria, so this time the goal was to improve immunity and reduce



Dr. Lakdabei Caring for a Long Line of Patients



Taking a Blood Sample



Thrilled to Have Helped So Many Children



The Whole Medical Team Went Above and Beyond



Sorting and Preparing the Medicines



The Village Elders Were the First to Be Seen



Delivering the Medicines

transmission. One of the doctors is highly experienced in this area and brought the necessary medication, specifically chosen to address local parasite strains.

Studies have shown that malaria parasites remain in human hosts. Mosquitoes spread them by biting an infected person and carrying the parasite to others. If no one has malaria, the mosquito can't pass it on. That's why herd immunity is crucial—not just for survival, but for breaking the cycle of reinfection. We now look forward to seeing the results during the follow-up visit in November, hopeful for long-term change.

This whole mission wasn't just about providing healthcare to the people of Naliel and the surrounding region—it was also a way to awaken a deeper heart for missions in our Kenyan team. Many of them had never travelled this far or seen such need

firsthand. Each morning before we began work, we gathered for a vibrant devotional, sharing the liberating, saving, hope-filled message of Jesus Christ. The singing overflowed with gratitude—thankful that someone had come not only to serve practically, but to speak life and truth in the name of Jesus.

We're so thankful to everyone who supported this trip through prayer and giving. Your partnership helped bring healing, hope, and the message of Jesus to people in desperate need. We still have a supply of medicines left, which will be used during our next outreach in November. Please continue to pray for protection, provision, and lasting fruit.

Why do we do all this?

On the first morning in Naliel, during the devotion, Amiel asked the team a powerful

question: Why do we do this? Why embark on a journey where we nearly walk into a gunfight, drive three days to reach a place full of desperate need—only to have someone thank us by stealing from us in the night?

The answer is simple: love. "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) God gave everything for us. Out of that love and thankfulness, we offer our lives—so that even people like the Toposa tribe can come to know His unconditional love. We face challenges and opposition, but in it all, we experience God's protection and faithfulness more than ever.

– Melina



Setting Up an IV Treatment



Untersuchung einer schwangeren Frau



It's Dr. Geoffrey Wachuli's Third Time with Us



Training for Women in South Sudan

Strong Women Leaders Are the Foundation for the Future



Every Woman Was Gifted a Shuka – A Versatile Blanket for Daily Use

We look back in awe at all that God has done in South Sudan. After a 50-hour journey without any major complications, we arrived in Naliel—tired, but filled with joy. We were warmly welcomed and treated to delicious meals prepared with love.

SLM – A Remarkable Discipleship Movement

For eight days, we had the privilege of joining Becki and Peter Franz from GFI in witnessing the incredible work of SLM—Seeking the Lost Mission. Over the past six years, this powerful discipleship movement has planted 170 churches, and nearly 35,000 people have come to know Jesus.

Beyond evangelism and church planting, SLM builds schools, supports medical outreaches, drills wells, and offers agricultural training for men in remote regions.

Empowering Women Through Leadership Training

Although women carry much of the burden of ministry, they've rarely had access to leadership training. So it was a real joy to lead two training sessions for women called "Disciples Makers" during our visit.

In the first, a three-day training, we worked with 50 women from around 12 different churches, equipping them to share Bible stories and ask meaningful questions that help others discover God's truth in their own villages.

The second training took place in Nabois, about an hour's drive away. Just three years ago, believers in this area were brutally persecuted. Some men and women were nearly beaten to death—simply for following Jesus. Why? Because the Gospel had begun to change lives: fewer people visited witch doctors and many gave up



Their Deep, Honest Prayers Were Truly Touching

drinking alcohol.

But now, three years later, nearly 100 women filled the church for training. Many still bear the scars of those beatings. Among them sat village elders—once their persecutors—and even the most feared witch doctor in the area, who has now given her life to Jesus. Their passion in prayer, love for Scripture, and boldness in sharing Christ moved us deeply. They dream of one day having a school in their village, a functioning clinic, and a well that brings clean water to all.

We left South Sudan with full hearts. We already miss the laughter of the children, the singing and dancing of the women, and we rejoice knowing that this discipleship movement continues to grow—bringing help and hope to body, soul, and spirit across the villages.

– Damaris, Julia, Daniela & Christoph



Each Woman Listens Intently, Learning How to Share Bible Stories in Her Own Way



New Insights from the Bible Are Received with Joy and Excitement



Women Came from Near and Far — It's Amazing How Far They Walk Just to Be Part of the Event



Mark, the Local Missionary, Gives Further Instructions



Mit vollen Hingabe bei der Gruppenarbeit



The Prayer of a Righteous Person Is Powerful and Effective – James 5:16



Songs Are Performed in Their Own Language



Damaris (Switzerland) Spending Time with Schoolchildren

Moved and Deeply Touched – Reflections from the Swiss Team in Naliel

“My time in South Sudan was incredibly encouraging and uplifting. Seeing how the Gospel has completely transformed people’s lives touched me deeply. Even though our lives are so different, we felt connected—through Jesus.”

– Julia

“It was beautiful to see how Christian faith is lived out in a different culture. What impacted me most was the women’s passion to share Jesus with others. It’s because of their boldness that the Gospel has spread in South Sudan. I’ve come home inspired to speak more openly about Jesus in my own life. This outreach has truly helped me.”

– Damaris

“I was struck by the boldness and simplicity of their faith—and the determination to share the Gospel at any cost. It reignited my own faith. I dream of multiplying what we’ve been given and empowering one another to go further.”

– Daniela

“Multiplying leaders is key for any movement to grow. Their persistence, tireless investment in leadership, and their holistic view of helping people—through medical care, education, water, and farming—really moved my heart.”

– Christoph