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To him who  
alone does  
great wonders,  
His love endures  
forever

Psalm 136,4

## Building with Purpose: GFI Switzerland's Mission to Naliel

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Dear freinds,

In the Gospel of Luke, Luke shares an extraordinary account: Ten men suffering from leprosy were making their way to Jerusalem after Jesus had instructed them to show themselves to the priests, as required by the Law of Moses. As they obeyed His command and walked on, something remarkable took place. Healing began to manifest—not before, but as they went. It was their obedience and their willingness to keep moving that allowed them to experience the transformative power of God. Scripture says, “As they went, they were cleansed”. I can only imagine their amazement, their disbelief even, as they began to notice that their bodies were being restored—flesh renewed, strength returning, skin made whole. You can almost hear their conversation and laughter rising in astonishment, as each one looked down and realised: “We’re healed!” Out of the ten, only one made the decision to turn back. Overcome with emotion and gratitude, he chose not to rush on to the priests, but to return to the One who had made him whole. He came back to

Jesus, praising God in a loud voice, and fell at His feet to give thanks. The other nine continued their journey, eager to be officially declared clean and reintegrated into society. That moment must have been incredibly significant for the priests—nine formerly outcast lepers, now miraculously healed of a disease long considered incurable. According to the Old Testament, such a healing was one of the signs of the Messiah. Interestingly, this event took place only about two weeks before Jesus would be crucified on Golgotha.

The man who returned was a Samaritan—a foreigner and an outsider in Jewish society. And yet, he displayed incredible humility and heartfelt reverence. Jesus responded with words of deep significance: “Your faith has made you well.” The Greek term used here is *sozo*, which means far more than just physical healing. It speaks of being saved, restored, and made whole—body, soul, and spirit. This word is rich with meaning and appears in several key passages of the Bible.



# Building Hope in the Mud: GFI Switzerland Constructs a Multipurpose Hall at the Naliel Mission Station



The Swiss team in front of the hall and their self-built spring-tooth harrow

On the 5th of November, the journey finally began for Stefan and Christian as they set off for Eldoret, Kenya. Their travel went smoothly, and they arrived safely at the GFI base. Their mission: purchase the remaining materials, inspect what was already available, and transport the truck safely across challenging African roads to the mission station in Naliel, South Sudan.

But the very next day brought a deeply unsettling experience. On their way home in the evening, the two men—along with a German lady from GFI—were ambushed, violently beaten, and robbed. Thankfully, only their phones were taken, while they managed to hold on to their cash and important documents. Even so, the incident left them shaken, though miraculously not seriously injured. Despite the challenges, Stefan and Christian remained determined, trusting that each setback was part of God's

bigger plan for the mission.

Unable to find peace that night, Stefan and Christian decided to begin the journey to South Sudan early the next morning. Their truck was accompanied by three Kenyan team members and a GFI vehicle. After one night on the road, they reached the border the next day. To their surprise, the crossing took just four hours—a miracle by African standards!

However, as soon as they entered South Sudan, the road conditions deteriorated dramatically. Not long after the border, they found themselves stuck behind two lorries that had become hopelessly bogged down in the deep mud, completely blocking the road. With no way to pass, they made the best of the situation—climbing onto the roof of the trailer and spending their first night in South Sudan sleeping there under the stars.

The next day brought no improvement, and they ended up spending yet another night on the truck. Meanwhile, the rest of the Swiss team—Anita, Jeanine, Heinz, Thomas, Beat, and Andreas—had also begun their journey to Africa. As they made their way toward Naliel, our advance team was already on-site, setting up tents and getting a first look at the construction site.

After much waiting and prayer for the road to dry out, Stefan and Christian were finally able to reach Naliel with the truck. On Monday, 11 November, the building project officially began.

By the end of day one, the first shipping container had been set in place, side supports had been concreted into the ground, and a truckload of sand for cementing had arrived. On Tuesday, the second container was positioned, and the team began welding cross-beams to connect the structure. Simultaneously, the

## Foreword Continued

In Matthew 1:21, the angel tells Mary, “You shall name Him Jesus, for He will save (sozo) His people from their sins.” In Ephesians 2:8 we read: “For by grace you have been saved (sozo) through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is the gift of God.” This salvation is not merely the improvement of circumstances; it is eternal reconciliation with God.

Of the ten who were healed, only one came back to express his thanks—only one returned to honour the Lord and worship at His feet. Jesus said to him, “Your faith has saved you.” This was not just a healing of the body, but a salvation that touched his very soul. While all ten received a temporary physical healing, only one

received something with eternal significance. This one man encountered Jesus not just as Healer, but as Saviour. We need to remember: Jesus didn’t come merely to make our earthly lives more comfortable or pain-free. His ultimate purpose was, and still is, to offer us eternal life. That is the message at the heart of the Gospel.

Perhaps, as you think back on these past months, you’ve witnessed blessings or miracles—answers to prayer, signs of His presence. But may your heart also reflect on the deeper invitation: the gift of sozo, eternal life. Maybe you’ve responded by welcoming Him into your heart and life. That is the greatest miracle of all.

Peter Franz





The farmland with the newly built hall in the foreground



After six months, Martin from Uganda has reaped the fruits of his labour.



The self-built harrow works perfectly!

containers were partially set in concrete, and the first roof elements were prepared.

Thanks to the crane extension and winch mounted on our truck, we were able to lift the roof panels and slide them into place atop the steel frame. It was like a production line—everything ran quickly and efficiently. By the next evening, we had already completed the frame and celebrated the building's first major milestone!

Of course, there was still much to do. The roof had to be covered, all side beams painted, a drainage trench dug and concreted, and gutters measured and installed.

We had also set ourselves an ambitious goal: to build a custom spring-tooth harrow for farming work. This would make ploughing the soil in future much easier.

But we made sure to take a proper rest on Sunday. We visited the local church in the morning, then took a short tour of a nearby village before enjoying a scenic afternoon flight over the region.

By Monday, 18 November, we were wrapping up the final tasks. Just as the sun began to set, the harrow was completed, the roof was sealed, and the entire structure freshly painted. With everything done, we returned to Kenya the next day with full hearts and peace of mind.

Saying goodbye wasn't easy—we'd met so many kind and dedicated people.

In the days that followed, we flew to Nairobi, where we had booked a lodge and arranged a short safari. We saw a wide variety of animals, though sadly no lions. But even that couldn't dampen our joy—we were completely captivated by the beauty and vastness of Africa.

On Friday, 22 November, our adventure in Africa came to a close. We soaked in the last rays of warm sunshine before beginning the journey home.

Looking back, we are filled with gratitude. It was an adventurous trip filled with unforgettable moments and God's unmistakable presence. All that remains now is to say THANK YOU.

Some time ago, we created a short promotional video using a model of the proposed hall. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise the first portion of the funds very quickly. This enabled the team in Eldoret to begin planning and purchasing materials without delay.

We were amazed at how fast the remaining funds came together—and we could hardly believe it when we finally reached the full amount. This project could never have happened without your generous giving, your encouragement, and your

faithful prayers. Whether through financial support or the incredible strength we felt from back home—thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The hall now serves as a covered space for storage, a garage, and a workshop for the base vehicles. Most importantly, it provides a dry, secure place to store harvests, seed stock, tools, and other agricultural equipment. It is already making a major impact, and the team is now better equipped to carry out their agricultural development plans.

We ourselves are excited to see what God has in store for Naliel. We believe He's not finished yet—there's more to come!

Jeanine Hochstrasser & Anita Jörg



The multipurpose hall is being built



The medical and Swiss teams with the station leader, Mark Keter



# A Journey of Transformation: 10 Days of Mission in Margigat



Worshipping with the crowds during the crusade



The YWAM team working hard in Margigat

Spending two to three weeks immersed in missions and serving practically alongside Gospel Fire International (GFI)—that’s what the “Service in Mission” (SIM) trips in Kenya offer. Our team of five, led by long-time Kenya missionary Martin Lütjohann, was part of such an outreach from 23 January to 4 February 2025. From the moment we arrived, we felt a deep sense of purpose and unity, knowing that we were part of something much larger than ourselves. As we prepared for the journey ahead, there was a shared anticipation for how God would move in each of our hearts and the lives of those we would meet.

Here’s what we experienced.

It’s a warm evening on a garden terrace in Eldoret. The heat of the day lingers in the air, though it’s quickly cooling. Over cups of tea, we sit together: Peter and Becki Franz, leaders of GFI; Martin and

Elisabeth Lütjohann, who served in Pokot, northern Kenya, from 1997 to 2012; children’s nurse Franzi Mira, who normally works advising families in need of care; and myself, Andrea. We’re also joined by MT:28 missionaries Melina and Amiel Sivarajah and a U.S. team from Youth With A Mission (YWAM). In the days ahead, we will share the Good News of Jesus with many.

Our journey begins with a Sunday service in Taboyat, a rural village surrounded by tea plantations in the Nandi Hills. As we arrive at the small church, the rhythmic sounds of African praise music greet us from afar. A welcoming committee lines the path, proudly showing us the foundation of an ambitious new church building. The service begins. Peter and Martin preach, we contribute German worship songs, and minister in prayer. Afterward, we share fellowship with the

local believers over ugali (maize porridge) and chicken and are showered with gifts—African fabrics, a calabash bowl, and more.

The next morning, we head into our main mission field: Margigat, in the hot Baringo region, where a five-day Gospel Celebration is about to take place. We launch it with a Jesus March through town. At first, only a few curious onlookers join us, but by the time we arrive at the sandy field, our group has grown to several hundred. In the evenings, the crowds swell to over 2,000—many of them children and youth who instantly gather around us “Mzungus” (white people). An exciting children’s programme awaits them, with Bible skits, dances, and puppet shows. Many give their lives to Jesus.

For the adults, passionate worship bands take the stage, along with Kenyan

## Serving in Mission 2025

Another Service in Mission (SIM) outreach is planned for this year!

**Option A:**  
26 June – 8 July 2025

**Option B:**  
5 – 16 September 2025

Contact us at: [sim@gfi-ministries.org](mailto:sim@gfi-ministries.org) for details.

Or sign up at:  
<https://gfi-ministries.org/en/short-term-missions/>



Something special about seeing yourself on screen



The drama shows: Jesus sets people free!







God's Word is shared in a way everyone can understand



Action songs bringing great joy during the school visit.

rapper Alex Fernandez, who even pulls our tour leader Martin into his performance. The messages are delivered by Peter Franz, his son-in-law Josh Rex, Amiel Sivarajah, and several African pastors. Each evening ends with an invitation to follow Jesus. Many step forward for prayer. The final night sees the largest crowd yet, as we pray for the sick. The suffering we witness is at times overwhelming, but hope breaks through—healings take place: a deaf man hears again, a young man is freed from fear. The people rejoice, and we rejoice with them.

Running alongside the outreach is the

“Fire Conference,” with powerful sessions on breaking destructive patterns (Martin Lütjohann), developing a heart for missions (Josh Rex), and leading young people in faith (Becki Franz and Elisabeth Lütjohann).

We also travel, sometimes on dusty, rugged paths, to visit missionaries and churches in the region—giving us insight into the diverse expressions of mission. A highlight was a Sunday service among the Njemps, a people group closely related to the Maasai with only about 33,000 members, who’ve been ministered to for decades by Volksmission missionaries.

These excursions also allow us to enjoy the breathtaking landscape around Lake Baringo—complete with zebras, crocodiles, ostriches, and more.

By the end of the packed programme, we are tired but deeply enriched. Each of us returns home with spiritual and practical inspiration that will shape our everyday lives. And so, we simply want to say thank you—Martin and Melina for your organisation and care, Peter and Becki for your warm hospitality, and above all to the Lord for His guidance and protection. This was a truly powerful and blessed time!

By Andrea Mayer-Grenu

## Three Weeks of Missions – A Report from our Swiss visitors

Over the past three weeks, we had the privilege of joining GFI on outreach. It was our first time taking part in a mission like this, and we were deeply moved and amazed by the supernatural work of God during this time. Together with a YWAM team from Orlando, Florida, we travelled to Pokot to meet Mary—a Kenyan missionary who lives and serves in West Pokot. From the very beginning, we were overwhelmed by her dedication and her deep love for God and the people around her. Whether she was cooking or preaching, she served wholeheartedly in every way.

Each evening, we showed the Jesus Film in various villages, working together with the YWAM team. After each screening, someone shared a short message, followed by testimonies and an invitation to respond. The people were incredibly open to the Gospel, and many decided to follow Jesus.

In the market areas, we also performed short dramas based on Bible stories.

Afterwards, several team members shared personal testimonies, prayed for the sick, and invited people to respond to Jesus. Time and again, we saw God heal, break curses, and transform lives as people gave themselves to Christ.

One of the most touching moments came during a church service in a local school. Dancing, singing, sharing Bible stories, and praying with the children was a deeply joyful and moving experience.

What impacted us most during our time in Pokot was the faithfulness and wholehearted dedication of the local Christians—especially Mary. Her door is always open, and her heart even more so. Whether people come to her daily or she walks long distances to reach them, she welcomes them with warmth and love. It’s all because she understands: serving is her calling. We learned so much from her life and example.

After this powerful time in Pokot, we continued on to Marigat for a large-scale evangelistic outreach. We were struck by

the unity among the different churches in the area. Together, we witnessed many miracles and healings. People were set free from insomnia, severe stomach pain, and more. Many surrendered their lives to Jesus for the very first time. God's Spirit moved powerfully through the unity of the local church—igniting fresh passion for Christ and touching hearts with His presence.

In our final week with GFI, we travelled to Namuruputh. Alongside local leaders, we organised various children's programmes in both schools and churches. These were joyful, meaningful moments full of connection, laughter, and truth.

Our time with GFI stirred a deeper hunger in our hearts—for greater obedience to what God says and promises, and for the power of God to break into our everyday lives. We realised again that God doesn't need perfect people—He looks for willing hearts. We believe everything we saw and experienced here, God wants to do in Switzerland too.

Lara und Jan



# Healing for Body and Soul

## Medical Outreach in South Sudan

### Brings Help and Hope



The “Treatment Room”

Another successful medical outreach was carried out in South Sudan, where more than 2,000 patients from remote regions received treatment. These people live in areas where the nearest hospital is over 200 km away—completely cut off from access to even basic medical care.

But this outreach was about more than medicine. One of our goals was to connect

the local church in Eldoret, Kenya, with the pioneering mission in South Sudan. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the team from Seeking the Lost Mission (SLM), who continue to serve faithfully and leave a lasting impact.

Despite many challenges along the way, witnessing the change in people’s lives and seeing new believers introduced to the local church made every effort



The solar-powered Bibles donated by the organisation

worthwhile.

We were also able to use the new building we constructed just a few months ago (see report on page 2). Even the local community expressed their gratitude—not having to stand in the burning sun was a real blessing. God truly uses even the smallest efforts for His glory.



It’s unimaginable how some children with severe illnesses are even still alive...



The new building in Pongo provided shade for everyone.



She received the audio Bible during the last outreach—and now she can already recite several parts by heart



Diagnoses are made using the most basic tools.



A child with a severe ear infection received the urgent care they needed.



# 3,000 Students Encounter Jesus at the Foot of Mount Kenya



**A**t the base of Mount Kenya, Murang'a University stands as one of Kenya's top academic institutions, but on this particular night, its sports ground became the stage for a powerful encounter with God. This night of worship and ministry wouldn't have been possible without Pastor Allan and the university's Christian Union, who created an atmosphere of expectation. After a long 16-hour drive, we arrived in Murang'a, welcomed by an excited team. As the sun set, over 3,000 students filled the field. Thanks to CITAM Church's "Church on Wheels," a mobile stage with screens, lights, and sound, the field was transformed into a house of worship.

From 6 PM to 6 AM, the night belonged to Jesus. I preached on serving God wholeheartedly and avoiding compromise. As I looked out over the crowd, I saw young people hungry for God's

presence. Some danced with passion, others were drawn by the energy, but God met them all.

By the end of the night, around 100 people had surrendered their lives to Christ, and many more came forward for prayer. It was a reminder that this generation is not lost—they are searching for truth, and when they find Jesus, they respond fully.

I want to express my gratitude to our GFI donors and supporters. Without you, this ministry wouldn't be possible. Your generosity allowed us to reach these students with the Gospel. Every life transformed, every heart touched—thank you for being part of that. Please continue to pray, give, and believe with us as we reach the lost.

Joshua Rex

## Our 2024 Christmas Outreach Was a Great Blessing!

Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to bless 450 families in need with a brighter Christmas. Through food packages and small gifts, we brought them joy and hope.

Thank you so much for your valuable support!



## Exciting Outlook for 2025

THANK YOU  
SO MUCH  
FOR YOUR  
PRAYERS!

This year is already full of opportunities—and without prayer, effective ministry in God's Kingdom isn't possible. That's why we're once again asking for your partnership in prayer:

### Please pray for:

The remaining funds needed for the new truck

Protection, wisdom, provision, and strong connections for the Rex family—Joshua and Jessica with Valour, Hezekiah, Kayda, and Jireh:

- From May to August, they'll be in Florida, USA, for Joshua's pilot training
- Outreach with teams in Kenya
- Service in Mission opportunities where young people can gain practical experience:

SIM A: 26 June – 8 July 2025

SIM B: 5 – 16 September 2025

### Upcoming Evangelistic Missions:

#### Smaller outreaches:

25–28 March (Turkana – food distribution and evangelism)

3–6 April (Teaching ministry and Bible school in Kilgoris)

#### Larger outreaches:

2–6 July (Turbo)

10–14 September (possibly Moroto)

#### Peter & Becki Franz – Travel in Europe:

18 May – FCG Zwickau

25 May – Jesus Zentrum Calw

1 June – Scala Magdeburg

4–7 June – Finland, World Pentecostal Conference

8 June – Ministry in Finland

13 July – CZW Weinstadt

20 July – Liebenzeller Mission, Schopfloch

3 August – Treffpunkt Leben, Ditzingen

10 August – VIA Freudenstadt (morning)

10 August – VIA Horb (evening)

We'd love to visit your small group, youth service, or senior gathering too!

Invite us at:

[germany@gfi-ministries.org](mailto:germany@gfi-ministries.org)



# Overwhelming Support, It's Time for the New Truck!



**Our goal of €80,000 was far exceeded last year—thanks to your incredible support!**

Designated donations came from:

Germany: €72,043 (US\$78,233)

Switzerland: CHF 43,310 (US\$49,172)

Canada: CAD 5,000 (US\$3,490)

Total: US\$130,895

What a tremendous miracle—our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed! During the detailed planning phase for purchasing a new truck, we discovered an upgraded model: the SINOTRUK SITRAK 6x6 Prime Mover. It's perfectly suited for our missions into remote areas with consistently difficult road conditions. This vehicle is powerful, durable, and built to handle the challenges of muddy tracks and rough terrain.

It boasts 480 horsepower, differential locks on all three axles, an extra 1,000-litre fuel tank, and a 10-ton winch—ideal for the environments we regularly face.

**The total cost for the new model amounts to US\$150,000. So far, we've received US\$130,895 in donations. That means we still need US\$19,105, or approximately €12,300 / CHF 11,800.**

Let's open the doors together so we can reach the goal soon and place the order for the new truck. Together, we can make it happen!

## The Rex Family on Tour – USA, England and Germany

The Rex family will be in Florida from May for three months while Joshua works on his pilot's license. We thank God for opening this door so clearly and allowing them to take this exciting step.

After their time in Florida, they'll be in England during August and September celebrating a family event, helping establish the GFI base, and building a support network.

In October, November, and December, the Rex family will return to Germany. They're available for various ministry opportunities—whether youth gatherings or other events. They would be thrilled to receive invitations!



**We're excited about the new experiences ahead and the opportunity to connect with many people!**

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