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Anyone who accepts his testimony can affirm that God is true.

John 3:33

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Dear friends,

Bringing the Good News to remote and unreached regions is far more than a task it is a journey marked by challenge, but also by moments of deep significance. The terrain is often harsh, the climate demanding, and the roads almost nonexistent. Rivers must be crossed and borders overcome. It requires strength and endurance. Yet even more challenging are the encounters with people of different cultures and languages. The real question is this: how do we connect with them in such a way that the message of the Bible truly reaches their hearts and something lasting is formed, that they become disciples of Jesus?

The writer of Hebrews makes it clear that we are called to grow in our faith. In chapter 6, verse 1, we read: “Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity.” This does not mean that the foundations are unimportant quite the opposite. But we are not meant to remain there; we are called

to build on them and keep growing.

So what are these foundations?

They include a willingness to recognise our sin and turn from it. They involve trusting God and living in a personal relationship with Him. Our faith grows as we hear and read God’s Word. Baptism is also a vital part of this foundation. It expresses outwardly what has taken place within: our old life is gone, and a new life with Christ has begun.

The reality of judgment is also part of this foundation. The Bible makes it clear that our lives have consequences, and that one day we will stand before God. In Revelation 20:11 it says: “Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it...” This reminds us that eternity is real and that the message we carry truly matters.

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A Living Faith That Inspires

In Pongo, Eastern Equatoria in South Sudan, young believers are living out a strong and vibrant faith



A family in their home village



Basic hygiene is being taught

Their faces clearly showed a deep hunger for God and for His Word. Around five years ago, the Gospel first reached Pongo in Eastern Equatoria, South Sudan, through a Kenyan missionary named Mary. Later, Felix (also from Kenya) joined her both serve with SLM (Seeking the Lost Mission). The journey to this place was long and demanding: many hours on dangerous roads, rivers to cross, and countless obstacles to overcome.

They worked using the “Disciple Making Movement” (DMM). Mary and Felix made disciples just as their Saviour Jesus did over 2,000 years ago in Israel. Many young men and also many women opened their hearts. Through solar-powered audio Bibles in the Turkana language, people were able, for the first time, to hear God’s Word for themselves. Step by step, their thinking and cultural patterns began to change.

The Bible is full of truth that nourishes the soul and strengthens our faith. Paul writes in 1 Timothy 4:16: “Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

The teaching of God’s Word has a deep and lasting impact on our relationship with Jesus. Biblical truth is the key to salvation and shows us the way to eternal life. No one comes to the point of fully entrusting their life to Jesus Christ without engaging with the teaching of Scripture. The Good News must be understood.

Especially in our time, it is more important than ever to give God’s Word the highest priority, as many are turning away from it. Jesus Himself warned of this in Matthew 24.

When I spent time with these people in Pongo men, women, and children one thing touched me deeply: their sincerity. The way they worshipped God with such devotion went straight to the heart. You could immediately sense it: their faith was not superficial or merely religious it was real. This is living faith.

Many of these young men had once lived very different lives. According to their traditions, they had been raiders attacking neighbouring Turkana villages, killing women and children, and stealing livestock to divide among the

elders. Many of their companions were left wounded or dying, only to be taken by hyenas during the night. Yet even from such a past, God has transformed their lives.

A solid foundation in God’s Word leads us into a deep and living relationship with Jesus and lays the groundwork for a changed and meaningful life. It also awakens in us a desire to share the Good News with others evangelism becomes something that flows from within.

What impressed me most as I watched and listened to these believers was their clear expectation of the return of Jesus. Through sound biblical teaching brought through the audio Bibles and the faithful service of those discipling them they have come to understand God’s plan for the end times. They took the words of Scripture seriously, without being confused by human theories. For them, it was certain: Jesus is coming again. They lived in that expectation.

And that leads us to a crucial question:

Are we ready?

Peter Franz

Foreword continued

But what does it mean to become mature??

In Hebrews, especially chapter 11, we see that maturity is revealed through a strong and enduring faith a faith that stands firm even in difficult times. Some were persecuted, even killed. Yet they remained faithful to God.

As it is written: “They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated of whom the world was not worthy.” (Hebrews 11:37)

Maturity in faith is therefore more than knowing the basics. It means allowing ourselves to be transformed. The Holy Spirit shapes our character so that we become more

like Jesus. This is seen in our lives in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

And this maturity does not remain within us. It compels us to go to carry the message of Jesus beyond mountains and valleys, to those who have never heard His name.

This is the call. This is the path. And it is a path worth walking.
Yours, Peter Franz



Strong Women, New Courage

A women's conference in South Sudan equips women through discipleship and hygiene training



Whether it's Bible stories or basic hygiene, the women listen attentively

What a journey! We have just returned from a powerful outreach in South Sudan, where we had the privilege of serving together with our brothers and sisters from Switzerland. This team led by pastors from a church in the Emmental region and working in partnership with GFI Switzerland came with a clear conviction: they wanted to invest in women.

In this region, most training and discipleship naturally flows through men, who serve as church leaders and elders. They are also the ones who have the opportunity to travel to Bible schools.

But the Swiss team recognised something deeply important: it is often the women who shape the next generation. They are the ones at home raising children and forming families yet they are so often overlooked. That is why this outreach intentionally focused on them.

We travelled to three different locations and held two days of training at each site. The response was overwhelming. Large numbers of women came at one location, over 300 women attended in a single day. In total, around 600 women received training. Yet more than the numbers, it was their hunger that deeply moved us.

They were attentive, serious, and deeply engaged in prayer and worship. You could see it in their faces they had a genuine longing and a deep desire for God.

Their daily lives are incredibly hard. What may seem like small problems to us can be life-threatening there. Cuts and wounds easily become infected. Medical care is almost nonexistent. Often, daily survival itself is already a challenge.

One moment from this trip is deeply etched in my memory: during one of the meetings, a woman came in urgently asking for help. Another woman had been in labour for more than a day.

When we arrived, the situation was difficult to take in. In the middle of a field, OUTSIDE a simple hut, a woman was trying to give birth surrounded by a crowd. Children were running around, animals moving through the space, and there was almost no order or privacy. It was chaotic. By God's grace, a Turkana woman from Kenya was with us and able to step in. She helped translate, understood the cultural setting, and supported the after delivery care, delivering the placenta and cutting the umbilical cord, with dogs trying to get at it. It was a moment none of us will ever forget.



Why water alone isn't enough soap matters

Throughout the journey, we were constantly reminded of both the beauty and the brokenness of this place. Travel was not easy. The roads were difficult, and at times we were not even sure we would reach Bongo. We had to negotiate with villagers for permission to drive across their farmland to avoid flooded areas. Understandably, they allowed smaller vehicles but not our large truck, which made things even more complicated.

And yet despite all these challenges God was at work. The women were encouraged, and we returned with full hearts and a renewed conviction: this region urgently needs ongoing evangelism, discipleship, and church planting.

A small but meaningful improvement this time was the installation of a simple latrine at our outreach location. It may sound insignificant, but for those who have travelled in such remote areas, it made a huge difference. On previous trips, privacy was almost impossible especially with curious children following every step.

All in all, it was a deeply precious time. Thank you for standing with us. The need is great but so are the opportunities.

Joshua Rex



Then the rain came earlier than expected...



Children warmly welcome the medical team



Two women are encouraged by what they've learned

A Medical Outreach That Goes the Extra Mile for People, for Jesus

2,000 people treated and 20 tonnes of food rescued from a raging river.



Treating patients and caring for wounds



The whole team returned inspired by this wide-ranging

Since 2021, our medical outreaches have steadily grown. What once began with just a few boxes of medicine has become a dedicated team of doctors, nurses, and volunteers people who invest their time, skills, and hearts to serve others.



Food for the school is rescued

Together, we are witnessing the Kenyan church rise: believers from different congregations are developing a genuine heart for unreached people.

Not everything went according to plan. Heavy rains made the roads impassable, and one remote village remained out of reach. But right there, something else began...

An urgent call reached us: two trucks carrying over 20 tonnes of food for the mission school were stuck in immediate danger of being lost. What followed were two intense days of effort: unloading, pulling, rescuing. Through mud, water, and exhaustion, the team

pressed on until everything was finally brought safely through.

At the same time, over 2,000 people received medical care examined, treated, and given the medicines they needed.

Despite every challenge, we did not give up. We found a way and saw new doors open. We returned with grateful hearts: because we were able to share God's love in a very practical way. And because we know the need is great, but so are the opportunities. More villages. More people. More need. More chances to bring hope.

A special training: a team from Switzerland teaches women in South Sudan

Because of the rain, the roads were often extremely challenging, and a winch was needed to pull vehicles through deep mud. All the warmer was the welcome we received from the Toposa laughing children, shining eyes, and women singing as we arrived.

Here in Pongo, about five hours northeast of Naliel, God has done remarkable things. Around 100 churches have emerged communities that worship with deep passion. At the same time, the need is great. In the entire area, only a handful of disciple-makers can read and own a Bible. Many depend heavily on their leaders, as there are very few audio Bibles for those who cannot read. The hunger for God's Word is immense. That is why, together, we sent the majority of the newly funded audio Bibles to this region strengthening churches and helping believers grow in maturity and independence.

Women's Leadership Training

At three locations, our Swiss team spent two days at each site training women from churches in Pongo, Naliel, and Nabois in discipleship. Using a simple method, we showed them how to discover Bible stories through solar audio Bibles helping them know God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit more deeply, and to pray for the sick.

We also taught practical health lessons: how handwashing with soap prevents disease, and how wounds can be treated using boiled water, salt, and aloe vera, which grows locally.

The Training Is Bearing Fruit

While this was the first training in Pongo, we saw fruit from previous work in Naliel and Nabois. The women were more receptive and had grown significantly both in character and spiritually. Their hearts have softened, and they are developing greater sensitivity to the Holy Spirit.

Some shared that they are now receiving dreams from God that guide their daily lives (see testimony on page 5).

Looking Ahead

With its church building and the simple toilet and shower facilities we constructed before this outreach, pongo has the potential to become an important base and training centre. From here, teams could be sent to surrounding villages to strengthen young churches and train others in disciple-making.

The time passed far too quickly, yet our hearts are full. It was not easy to say goodbye to our brothers and sisters among the Toposa but we know God will continue to build His kingdom among them.

Karin, Charise, Daniela & Christoph

Despite the Obstacles: Young People Encounter Jesus

God moves in Migori, Kenya despite every challenge



The leadership team in Rongo together reaching many people

All things work together for good” we experienced this in a fresh way in Migori, Kenya, especially when facing major challenges. It is becoming increasingly difficult to carry out evangelistic outreaches on a limited budget. At the same time, expectations from local churches are often high especially when an international ministry comes to town. This was also the case in Migori. During the preparations, we considered more than once whether we might need to cancel the outreach, as we were facing serious challenges on many fronts.



Just weeks before, the entire Rex family fell seriously ill. Amiel, who had been preparing the outreach, was also struggling with major health issues and was ultimately unable to attend any of the meetings.

Another obstacle was our new truck, which was being used for the first time. At a local checkpoint, it was stopped reportedly too high, too long, the tyres too large, and more. It was confiscated. After some back and forth, it was released, but on the way from Migori to the next outreach in Rongo, it was seized again. This time it became more serious we even had to appear in court and pay a fine. Still, despite all the setbacks, we did not give up.

Jackson and his team drove back to Eldoret, swapped the tyres from our old truck onto the new one, and worked through the night so it could be re-inspected the next morning.

The following day, after several



Peter preaching: The journey with Jesus is...

checks, the truck was finally released just in time to continue on to the next outreach.

But God had a greater plan. Who would have expected that, in Migori despite the rain and all the obstacles young people would come and make clear decisions for Jesus? In total, we saw 63 decisions for Christ. We also thank God for several healings we were able to witness.

It was especially moving to see how God worked among the pastors. Some began meeting early each morning to pray together. It became clear that God is calling for unity in the church that His kingdom stands above everything, and that competition between churches must give way to shared purpose.

Whether this development will continue long-term remains to be seen. In about six months, another team will return to Migori and we will see what fruit remains.

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When God uses dreams to lead women in South Sudan to share the Gospel

A testimony we heard and are continuing to follow deeply moved us: several women shared that they had been prompted in dreams to go to a specific village and share the Gospel with people they did not know. In obedience, they went. When they arrived, they met the very people they had seen in their dreams and began to tell them about Jesus.

What happened next was even more remarkable: those who heard the message said that they too had been having dreams dreams that had prepared them, pointing them to expect that someone would come.

When these women arrived, the people were ready. They received the Gospel with joy, gave their lives to the Lord, and have now begun to grow in discipleship.

During our training, we met both the women who had gone and those who had received the message. Hearing the story from both sides was a powerful confirmation.

It was a striking reminder that God is not limited by geography, access, or circumstances. Even among unreached and often forgotten people, He is drawing hearts to Himself sometimes in ways we would never have imagined.

Experiencing freedom

The outreach in Rongo, Kenya brought healing and hope



Children, together with some adults, joined in worship with great joy

The next outreach location was not far from the previous one, so we were concerned that the same challenges might continue...

But God gave us a strong start: over 78 leaders and pastors were present, including the mayor and other government representatives. In this way, the Gospel also reached those in positions of authority people who had not yet known Jesus.

One remarkable miracle was the weather. In the weeks before, it had

rained heavily almost every afternoon yet throughout our outreach week, it remained dry. Only once did a short but heavy rain shower pass through.

A great blessing during this time was the SIM team. They carried out outreaches in four schools, on the streets, and even visited a prison in a nearby town on Friday. Through testimonies, drama, and dance, they encouraged the churches and gave a powerful witness to the people.

Allan Murithi shares:

It was an intense and deeply moving outreach as we spoke to 530 inmates at the Homa Bay prison one morning. Many were deeply touched that we had come specifically to serve them. Many of them had been rejected by society and even by their own families because of their past, some even despite their innocence.

They received the message of the Gospel with open hearts, and their response moved us deeply. As so many of them fell to their knees, asking God for forgiveness, we witnessed extraor-



Everyone joins in with the action songs



Despite the small crowd, some came for prayer and made a clear decision



Prayer for J. for freedom from burdens

inary humility and genuine repentance.

Hundreds knelt, weeping, their tears falling to the ground. It was a moment of profound depth a powerful reminder that even the greatest sinner can find mercy at the cross.

The following day, we visited patients in the hospital. Outpatients were encouraged through God's Word and a message of grace and healing. We then went through every ward the surgical ward, maternity ward, and the men's, women's, and children's wards praying for the sick. The local pastor faithfully carries out this ministry every Thursday. We experienced it firsthand: God answers prayer.

As a small contribution, we were also able to provide milk for the patients.

In many different places, we were able to touch people's hearts in practical ways through both the message and acts of kindness, sharing God's love.



J. with a pastor and counsellor

Continued: Report from Rongo

A Remarkable Conversion: God Moves Powerfully

One afternoon, as heavy rain fell, we assumed the day would have little impact. But God had other plans.

A man travelling from Mombasa to Kisumu noticed our gathering. He heard the message and was deeply moved. That night he could not sleep, and the next day he returned early before the children's programme had even begun.

Counsellors took him into the prayer tent. There he broke down, weeping. He no longer wanted to continue living the way he had been.

He shared that for 11 years he had been deeply involved in occult practices and had caused great harm. Through these things, many people had lost their lives even his own children. He had lost everything and was completely bound. The memories of his past haunted him, and he could hardly sleep at night. He had reached the end of himself and could not go on like this.



A witch doctor's items are destroyed

That day, he made a decision: he gave his life to Jesus and laid his past at the cross. The counsellors spent time with him speaking, praying, and asking God to set him free from demonic power. A visible change took place. He said he felt freer than ever before and was deeply grateful.

He stayed for the meetings, taking in the message, and then brought all the occult objects he owned he wanted to be rid of them. Together, we burned everything in a large fire, declaring Jesus' victory over his life.



Items that had kept people in bondage are burned

Afterwards, he thanked everyone. He was convinced that he was now free and could begin a new path. A pastor from his home area was present at the outreach, and they exchanged contact details so they could stay connected.

God is good. He is stronger than every power of darkness.

Across both outreaches in Migori and Rongo, we were able to reach around 7,000 people through word, action, and encouragement leading many to make clear decisions for Jesus. We are expectant to see how God continues to work in their hearts.

Exciting Plans for 2026

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
PRAYERS!

Prayer Makes a Difference:

- Pray for the teams coming to Kenya for outreach, that they would be both a blessing and blessed
- Pray for new connections, that our financial base can grow for more supporters, so we can reach even more people and make a lasting impact.
- Pray that Josh can transfer his pilot's licence from the USA to Kenya without complications.
- Pray for our ministry in churches and home groups that people would be encouraged and strengthened
- Pray for the planning and preparation of the large evangelistic outreaches, and for good connections in each location.
- Pray for the upcoming outreaches and the teams travelling to Kenya.

Kenya

April – Converting the base to solar.

May – Market outreaches near lake Victoria.

June – Medical outreach with evangelism in Misemwa.

Large-Scale Evangelism

29 July – 2 August – Kakuma Refugee Camp

26 – 30 August – Turkana

Service in Misson

Outreach opportunities for those interested in mission.

Feel free to email us if you have any questions.

Trip C: 24 July – 5 August

Trip D: 21 August – 2 September

YWAM-Teams

On outreach in Kenya and South Sudan:

19 July – 19 September – YWAM team from India

3 August – 3 September – YWAM team from America

Ministry in Switzerland (Peter & Becky)

14 May – 10:00, Evangelical Church, Muri

17 May – 10:00, EGW Belp, Rubigenstrasse 34, 3123 Belp

24 May – 9:45, EGW Träffpunkt Weier, Affolternstrasse 24, 3462 Weier im Emmental

In the afternoon, we will celebrate 20 years of GFI Switzerland.

Join us for the service and stay for lunch!

Registration: Heidi Grädel (0786172397)

Ministry in Germany

31 May – 10:00, Christuskirche Murgtal, Blumenweg 15, 76593 Gernsbach

7 June – 14:00, Chemnitz, Gemeinde Menschenfischer

14 June – FCG Zwickau Anniversary Celebration we're honoured to join!

Enquiries: Lars Kanzenbach (015254194010)

28 June – VIA Freudenstadt

5 July – 10:00, Christliches Zentrum, Bad Säckingen

Feel free to email us if you have any questions we would also love to visit your home group.

We look forward to meeting you!

becky@gfi-ministries.org

Our New Truck Has Arrived!



A great day of joy was the commissioning of our new truck. Together with several board members of Gospel Fire International Kenya, we gathered to celebrate this moment. Our prayer is that it will serve to bring the Good News of Jesus to many while also providing practical help to those in need.

Josh's Pilot Licence

Great joy for all of GFI: Joshua Rex has received his pilot licence in the USA! In the coming weeks, he will be working to transfer it for use in Kenya please pray that this process goes smoothly.

We now once again have two pilots serving Gospel Fire International in Kenya!

Aircraft Overhauled

The aircraft is now back in service: the propeller was overhauled in South Africa and has been certified for another 12 years. The engine has also been inspected and serviced, and several additional parts were replaced. The aircraft is now fully operational once again.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Project: Solar System for the Eldoret Base

A solar system is long overdue Eldoret has sunshine almost every morning. In recent weeks, we have again faced major power outages and had to run our generator for long hours. It's hard to imagine what we would do without it... but it's clear: solar power would make a huge difference. That is why we are now moving forward with installing a solar system. We are working with someone who specialises in this and has established a company here in Kenya. The cost of the system is **€30,000**. With electricity prices continuing to rise, the investment will pay for itself relatively quickly.



After 20 Years: Upgrading Our Outreach Equipment LED screen, sound system, and new stage roof

After 20 years of use, our outreach equipment has become outdated. We now want to renew it and bring it up to a modern standard. With updated digital technology, we will be able to reach younger generations more effectively.

Budget: €100,000



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