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KERUDO MOBILIZING THE CHURCH FOR MISSIONS

What is Missions?

Missions is first all about God, His redemptive purposes and his intention that there be worshippers at His throne from every people group on earth. God is the main character of the Bible and His missionary heart is the unifying theme. Majority of the people worldwide tend to think that missions is all about getting people to the mission field. This is an important part of the picture, and we do work vigorously to mobilize people to go. But the vital thing is to be doing the most strategic work in the smartest way possible. You can work very hard to get a lot of people to climb a ladder, only to find that it is leaning against the wrong wall. The cause of Christ needs some good information and good strategies in order to succeed. In every area of life, whether it is in the realms of business, sports or mission outreach, success is not achieved by just deploying a lot of people. Success is achieved by having competent well informed leaders who have the key information and strategic insights needed to guide them to accomplish their goals.

This is what KERUDO works to provide to the people of Kenya both in the urban slums and rural, remote areas of this country through our various ministries and programmes. Good information and effective strategies are what the cause of Christ need on a daily basis to bring the Gospel to every tribe, tongue and nation. We need to know which strategies and methods work and which ones may not. Often the most popular strategies are precisely the ones that don't work and cause the most harm. This is the kind of work that KERUDO over the years have been carrying on to promote the cause of the gospel to the poorest people of Kenya. During the year 2009, we've been focusing on missions and every programme has been geared towards this theme as per God's word in Matt.25:31-46. We therefore give glory to God who alone has enabled me and my staff both in the office and the ones in the field to do the work of service to God's people through God's guidance.

When the year started some of our workers were attacked by the devil through various ailments and sicknesses. As for me I lost my voice and had to go through the surgeon's knife, for the swelling noodle to be removed. The hospital fee was more than I could imagine, but thank God, He provided funds mysteriously through friends. I was then put on medication for six months and every two months when I went for check-ups, the doctor prescribed medicines that cost a lot of money. But in all these, I've no complains for I have seen God's faithfulness.

During the month of September 2009, our nurse had a black out as she was coming out of her house to come to work. She collapsed at her doorstep, then a good Samaritan neighbour drove her to the hospital where she stayed for 9 hours before regaining consciousness. The doctor reported to us that she had a mild stroke. She stayed in hospital for almost a month. Her hospital bill was shocking and completely high. We've cleared most of it and trust that our God will continue to give us the funds to offset the remaining outstanding bill. She is now out of danger, she can talk and she's moving her limbs a little and we trust God that she'll get her full health back soon. We desire your continued prayers for Grace.

KERUDO programmes over the years have enabled our field staff to discover and apply some of the most effective strategies and tools in their efforts to bring the saving gospel of the Kingdom to almost every tribe and tongue in Kenya. If KERUDO is to continue this record of achievements, we will need our partnership with you to strengthened more than before for we cannot do it alone. We've always emphasized in our programmes the difference between preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and the gospel of Christianity. And as we highlight on the Kingdom, we have to tell the people whether we are talking about the Kingdom of God which will come, a Kingdom already here or both. We therefore value our partnerships with you in this ministry. Effective and careful consideration of strategy is needed more then ever in the work we do for God in this ministry. In part, we need to look back and evaluate what we have done, since evaluation and reflection often gives us clues to move forward. We see strategy in the context of obedience to God. Strategy employed well is related to loving God with all of our mind, soul and body. Glory be to God – Amen!

I. KERUDO's MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

MISSION AND VISION 2008 – 2010

Our medical care givers who have been working amongst the poorest of the poor in the rural Kenya, urban slums and the nomadic Maasai pastoralists in Kenya have this year decided to thin their work on population verses family planning.

Why should population and family planning be included in our strategies?

High fertility (having many children) is intertwined with poverty, though the precise relationship between the two has been debated for decades by the international community. High fertility and poor maternal and child health are often symptoms of poverty and at the same time prevent families from escaping poverty. Here several arguments can be made for investing in family planning programmes as part of an overall strategy to raise living standards. This we'll do in next three years by:-

- a) Helping our women avoid unintended pregnancies, family planning reduces maternal and child deaths that result from women having too many births and births spaced too closely together.
- b) Family planning allows families to conserve resources and invest more in their children, particularly in their education, food and clothing.
- c) Delaying and limiting child bearing gives women greater educational and employment opportunities, which can increase household incomes.
- d) Fewer pregnancies and births can enable our government to redirect funds towards better quality maternal and child health care, education and other social services.
- e) It has also been discovered and known that a lower birth rate reduces the youth '***dependency burden***' (that is fewer youths for working people to support), providing a window of opportunity for increased investments in technology and skill-building, thereby boosting prospects for economic growth.
- f) Discussing with community opinion leaders population trends, reproductive health and their linkages with development at a broad conceptual level.
- g) We have also identified five programme priorities including:-
 - Promoting access to and use of family planning services.
 - Educating youth on sexual and reproductive health issues
 - Promoting sexual health and delaying marriage and child bearing
 - Promoting compulsory education for girls through secondary school and tertiary colleges
 - Improving the coverage of birth and death registration in the areas covered by our programmes
- h) Recent experiences in the field from our medical care givers, volunteers and community opinion leaders has been able to reveal the following tips that will help us for effective involvement:
 - We have identified influential community leaders who will fully participate in the process as stakeholders and they are willing to advocate openly for family planning.
 - Conducting analysis of the current fertility and family planning situation, then present it to stakeholders, explaining linkages with poverty and how family planning contributes to achieving the Millennium Development Goals.
 - Enlist allies among CBO's, FBO's, NGO's, private sectors and donor agencies both within and overseas.
 - Get involved early in the preparation process and stay involved through the review process.
 - Create a task force that will continue to meet and monitor family planning programmes.

- Get quarterly reports from our field officers on the progress of the programme.
- i) It is our prayer as KERUDO Board therefore that those who support continued investments in family planning need to understand the process through which the strategies are developed and monitored and stay engaged to ensure that support for population and family planning programmes are sustained.

II. MAKING SOMETHING HAPPEN

Did you know that it is you and not anymore else who has the power to make something happen? Can we as an organization (KERUDO) try to move on now? Because really, what KERUDO needs is a little less finger-pointing, less playing the blame game and a lot more personal responsibility. In order to make things happen KERUDO does the followings:-

a) GIVE IT UP

If you are like most of us, your home is stuffed with things. We are asking you to give it away. Not all of it. Not even the best of it. But think of all the perfectly fine, may be even unused items you have gathering dust. Then think of the difference one of them could make to someone else. Now carefully look at what you have got, then make a decision remembering the words of Jesus that it is more blessed to give than to receive and that God loves a cheerful giver.

b) DROP IT OFF

What if you – yes, you flopped there on the couch – could take a stand to lower the national health-care bill, spur an initiative to cut the cost of medical insurance and be a player in the campaign to fight diabetes, heart disease and cancer? Well, I know you can just by losing five kilograms this year. Don't think of it as dieting but think of it as an act of personal medical responsibility.

c) TRADE IT UP

Today we are in danger of producing children of the so called the lost generation. These are kids that have been failed by an education system that produces graduates devoid of the skills Africa most needs. Our technical learning institutions therefore need an overhaul if our country is to maintain her economic momentum. Research has shown that most African countries south of the Sahara need to train more artisans to cope with the increased demands for technical skills. Tertiary education is now a must for all our youths. We need to therefore channel our tertiary education in the directions that not only will ensure jobs but will also contribute significantly to the economy in the long run.

d) CLEAN IT UP

Studies and research have shown that violence on TV is strongly linked with aggressive behaviour in children and adolescents. Not only that, it puts your brain *'to sleep'* and sets up the pattern for a sedentary (unhealthy) lifestyle. In order not to be addicted, turn off your TV during meal times. Try to revive the art of conversation and talk to one another and you will see just how healthy this one is for the entire family.

e) STAND UP AND SPEAK OUT

Let us vow to stop scandals before they destroy the reputation of a person, company, organization or government. When you stand up and speak then you will stop economic crime, money laundering, bribery and fraud which top the list of white collar crimes. Always be a whistle blower, though it might be costly and make you lose your job, but in the long run, it pays and helps put ethics back into the country. Ethics count and we all have to make them count and we all each have some responsibility to make it work. Someone once said, ***“The only thing necessary for triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”***

III. POST ELECTION VIOLENCE IN KENYA

The stolen presidential votes in Kenya in December 2007 has brought with it a lot of problems to the ordinary Kenyan to the point that we have over 3,000 families living in tents and they are called Internally Displaced Persons (IDP). Many Kenyans lost their loved ones who most of them were sole family bread winners. As our office visited these people from time to time, we created an office of counseling and hired a counselor who deals with how to cope with deep grief.

Studies on sudden death experiences in Kenya show that people value seeing the bodies of their deceased, especially if they were not present at the times of death. During the interviews, we encouraged people who feel to cry, to go ahead and do so since crying heals trauma. Researchers in trauma have found out that people, who cry when in grief, overcome the effect of trauma in a short while. Those who restraint themselves from crying are affected deeply and for a longer time, and can eventually lapse into stress and depression.

Tears act as an overflow outlet of pent up emotions and the end effect is a feeling of having emptied some of the pain caused by traumatic experiences. Women who cry easily in traumatic experience, overcome grief quicker than men who suppress emotions. In depression the person sees a horrible end with nothing beyond. We have now discovered that with appropriate counseling, one successfully comes to terms with the loss and begins the recovery stage. We give God the Glory!

What are the major challenges this ministry faces?

- 📖 Water is the single greatest physical need of the Maasai, and with sufficient clean water for daily bathing, many diseases could be eliminated. One solution to the problem has been to dig out circular reservoirs or dams to catch and hold water during the rainy seasons.
- 📖 The mobile Medical Clinic workers travel throughout the region treating the people, and they have introduced preventative care. They have successfully helped stop outbreaks of typhoid and cholera.
- 📖 The AIDS scourge
 - ✓ AIDS is now the biggest killer disease more than malaria. Many children aged 9-13 have remained to be the head of families. KERUDO is involved in prayers, financial support and education in some of these homes. The situation is pathetic.
- 📖 The Deaf Children
 - ✓ We started the only school of its kind in this remote rural area taking late starters 10-15 years. The only school of its kind in Western Kenya. We now have 75 pupils because of inadequate resources. There are 15 children on the waiting list. The school is fourteen years old.
- 📖 Discipleship and Lay Leadership Training
 - ✓ In Maasailand, we need to train 25 evangelists but only 15 have been trained to date. The church in Kenya is knee deep in scriptures. We have therefore designed a discipleship training manual which has been going on for the last two years and the need of training is enormous hence my appeal to you to partner together with me in this area.
- 📖 Evangelism and Church Planting
 - ✓ When KERUDO first stepped in Maasailand in 1996 there was no single church. Now we speak of nine churches with over 600 believers. Evangelism is the lifeline of the church. Our plan is to plant two new churches annually amongst the unreached people groups.
- 📖 Poverty Alleviation
 - ✓ Kenyan economy has been growing from worse to worst over the last few years. There's also AIDS that is rendering families hopeless. The list is long. KERUDO has therefore decided to move first and give hope to the people. This we do through training people in skills, giving them seeds to plant and teaching them that the answer in all these is found only in the Lord Jesus Christ who bore all our problems on His body and who is now interceding for us before God the Father.

How can I pray for this ministry?

Pray for God's guidance for Bishop Yusuf Gowi, project's founder and director, as he oversees the work, and for protection from disease for him, the 15 Maasai-speaking evangelists, the field trainers and the medical care givers. Pray for continuing resources for training, medicine, relief, motorcycles and bicycles for evangelists, and Bibles. Petition for receptivity among the Maasai, that as they receive physical water, they will thirst for the Spirit's Living Water.

2009 PROGRAMMES

These are the programmes we have carried out in the year 2009 with God's grace: -

a) CHURCH PLANTING

By the end of December 2008, we were boasting of seventeen churches planted, and as of today we have planted twenty churches, with 20 pastors ministering in them.



This is a service in one of our new churches in Western Kenya located on the shores of Lake Victoria



A group photo outside the church building with Bishop Yusuf Gowi and his wife Loice. This was during the official opening of this church late last year

Bishop Yusuf Gowi putting on a minister's color during the ordination of one of our pastors in Western Kenya



b) EVANGELISM

The Maasai speakers that I have trained and disciplined over the years have reached 750 homesteads out of the 800 in projected areas with the Gospel.



Meanwhile, this year we extended our focus also in Western Kenya where we did our evangelism class for these ladies before they were sent out.

c) DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship and the new believers class has been my main focus for church growth and stability since 1984. We are therefore witnessing qualitative growth in many of our congregations due to the intensive discipleship class we have every Sunday. Through discipleship, many of our churches have grown both spiritually and numerically. The neighbouring churches have also benefited from our discipleship teachings since once every three months I am invited to go and teach discipleship in those churches. One of our elders, Mr. Hudson (as pointed by the arrow) presently uses the materials he got from our church in pastoring a church in Western Kenya.



This is one of our discipleship classes in session. The picture on the left shows students going through a teaching session while the picture on the right shows Richard teaching



d) SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Late last year 2008 and beginning of this year 2009 the Ngong Pentecostal Church decided to give the Sunday School class a special slot in the main church by encouraging them sing songs and recite verses they have learnt in their classes before they break to go to their class. We indeed discovered that our young children have learnt a lot in the Sunday School class that they needed a motivation. The church decided to organize for a trip for the Sunday School class as a incentive to make them put more effort in learning the word of God. The picture below shows about 60% of our Sunday School population since the other 40% go to our formal school outside Ngong town where the church is situated.

Our other churches also have almost the same number of Sunday school children and we give God the glory for allowing us to minister to these young servants of the Lord. We never know what they will be in future and our duty is to share with them the Word of God and let the Spirit of God give them understanding. After all was said and done, Bishop Yusuf Gowi prayed for them before they left for their classes.



Our church is shaping talents within the membership and so God has blessed us with a wonderful choir singing for the Lord as you can see in the picture below. This year 2009, the Ngong Pentecostal Church has decided to produce a number of songs on DVD since over the years we have only been producing songs on audio.



e) MEDICAL CARE

Our medical care givers are working round the clock to bring relief to them who are suffering and the sick. We have been carrying medical camps in Maasailand, slums of Nairobi, Lambwe Christian School for Deaf Children, HIV/AIDS.



One of the nurses dispensing medicine to patients during a medical camp in Nyakach in Western Kenya

Bishop Yusuf Gowi officially opens a boys' dormitory at Lambwe Christian School for the Deaf which was given a face lift by partners in conjunction with KERUDO



Grace, our project nurse, stands with one of the patients at Nyalunya Pentecostal Church during our medical camp. This young girl is partially blind and she is also HIV positive.

This young mother standing with Grace, our nurse, is HIV positive as well as the young child and her story is that even the father of this child has denied her and has nothing to do with her. She now depends of doing some manual work to feed her child



These twins carried by our partner during a medical camp this year, one of them has since died due to pneumonia

A medical camp at Lambwe Deaf School. The house mother helps with the nurse in interpretation as she attends to a deaf child



On 22nd October, 2009 we had a medical camp for 400 orphans we have in the goat programme as well as their siblings of about 300 children and on top of that we also treated their guardians. The total number of patients seen that day was about 1,300 people. The nurses worked until 9.00p.m (21h00). We hired nurses from the Ministry of Health to help us with this work since our project nurse, Grace, is still recovering. We are in need of mosquito nets and malaria drugs since Kenya is experiencing El Nino rains that is causing havoc to everybody and the most affected are the children and the women. During this medical camp, we did not want the people to take medicine in an empty stomach, so we also organized for them lunch so that they could eat before they start taking their medication.

The nurses also decided to talk to those who had come for treatment about malaria, cholera, HIV/AIDS, typhoid, and many other diseases that are rampant in Nyakach (at the shores of Lake Victoria). For the first time since we started the goat programme in Nyakach, we decided to take to the people an HIV/AIDS testing session and many people were very positive to this. See the footages of the photos taken during the medical camp.

The medical team addresses treatment.



this group before they begin administering



Every orphan went through a checking list to ensure that she/he appears in our list of orphans



Nurses administering treatment to both the old and the young



Meals that were prepared for the orphans, their siblings and the guardians who had come for treatment



The orphans were provided with mosquito nets to protect them from malaria



Medicine being dispensed

f) CHILDREN's HOMES

KERUDO runs 5 HIV/AIDS Orphanages who most of them have lost either one parent or both parents due to HIV/AIDS epidemic. We have 200 children under our care, we take them to school, give them food, shoes, school uniforms, blankets and home clothes. We also give each child a goat that helps them with milk to help improve in their health. This year we have started a seed bank where we plant, while they do the weeding, harvesting the crops and storing them. We give God the glory!!



Orphans from one of the schools that has benefited from our goat programme queue for a cup of porridge during our medical camp.

g) TOKEN OF APPRECIATION

This year KERUDO's decided to send one of the volunteers, Rev. Sylvance Okumu, for one day outing with his family as a token of appreciation towards his sterling performance in our organization and this family decided to go for a boat ride in Lake Victoria, Kisumu, this being his very first time to ride in a boat. May I bring a passionate appeal on behalf of Sylvance; he has a desire to go for further studies in Theology. He is in need of a reputable seminary and a scholarship to study for Bachelor of Theology Degree, either in Europe or USA.



V. MY WORK SUMMARY

- a) Education & Training
 - Training of church lay leaders
 - Training of church evangelists/preachers/pastors
 - Training of Maasai community leaders in health care/food economy, adult literacy/water sanitation/agriculture
 - Training of single women, commercial sex workers in tailoring & dressmaking and embroidery
 - Education of Maasai children/deaf children
 - Capacity building of KERUDO staff and their families
 - Adult literacy classes at Nyalunya Pentecostal Church
- b) Mobile Medical Work
 - Medical Mobile team thrice weekly to the Maasai people
 - Medical Mobile team carrying healthcare instruction to the Maasai
 - Medical Mobile team giving medical treatment to the Maasai
 - Medical Mobile team giving post-natal and ante-natal education
- c) Deaf School – Lambwe
 - Basic eight year education to the deaf
 - Giving food, water and medical care to the deaf
 - Buying mattresses, blankets, bed-sheets, nets, beds to the deaf
 - Supplying sewing machines to the girls
 - Supplying carpentry tools to the boys
- d) Relief and Supplies
 - During emergencies and drought I buy food supplies and clothes for the Maasai, slum dwellers, the deaf, etc.
- e) HIV/AIDS Orphaned Children
 - These are found in four places namely Ngong, Suba, Wasare and Nyalunya totaling to 400 children
 - Give them education and basic needs as clothes/food/shelters
 - Give them hope and a future
- f) Church Planting/Evangelism and Missions
 - We do out door evangelism and hold gospel crusades
 - We have planted churches in rural Kenya, urban slums and Maasai areas

Mission & Vision of KERUDO

We therefore promote holistic development of the poor and the needy peoples of Kenya both in rural/remote/mountainous places and the urban slums, thereby producing as our ultimate goal communities that are transformed into the likeness of Jesus both in character and actions as seen in Luke 2:52, AMEN!

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CONCLUSION

KERUDO staff, the board and the families of KERUDO cherish the opportunity God has given us to be in equal partnership with you just for the glory and honour of our God! Truly I see this as God's own doing since He has both the privilege of working together with Him in His Vineyard!!

As we come to the close of the year 2009 which to me is the year that God saved Kenya from sinking into deep political turmoil and bloodshed, it is indeed my prayer and hope that the good Lord will give us strength, vigour and thankful hearts to work for Him and double our efforts more than we did in the previous years. Thank you for having stood with me, my family, my staff, my ministry over the years with your prayers, together with your heart, your pockets, your purse as you have faithfully given your finances sacrificially during these hard economic times. It is our faithful God alone who rewards his children who can reward you for this. God bless you richly as per 1 Cor.15:58.

Our goat for every orphaned kid programme is picking up a grate deal, please pray for its success and finances. Once again, I say to you personally, THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! HASANTE SANAAA!!!

We therefore as a family covet your valuable prayers so that our partnership in building the Kingdom of God together with you would be a mutual blessing and a joy for all of us, both here on earth and in heaven above.

Pray with me that the Almighty God will give us a break-through in finances so that His Kingdom will be preached unhindered to the Glory of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost – Amen!!

Yours for Calvary,



Bishop Yusuf Gowi Okumu
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