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At A Glance: Salvations-279, Baptisms-136, 2 New Churches Organized, 2 New Church Buildings, 1 Pastor Ordained



# PASTORS CONFERENCE

In October, we held the first Pastors Conference in Turkana. I invited Pastor Walter Matete from First Landmark Baptist Church in Nairobi to preach. He is one of our longest serving pastors in Kenya. He challenged and encouraged us all to keep pressing towards the mark with faithful, God honoring service.



Pastor Matete (in hat & shuka, gifts) with pastors & me

# PASTOR ORDAINED

Our church in Nakinyiir invited me, our ordained pastors in Turkana, and Pastor Matete to come help them ordain their pastor, Brian Lokiru.





Elders laying on hands

Pastor Brian & me

# **BAPTISMS & CRUSADES**

Our churches in Loturtur and Kaikol invited us for a crusade in Ederoit and Lokwasiyen with 62 salvations. We also baptized 37 in Nadukamel and Nangolipus.







Me & Pastors Robert & Brian baptizing

Crusade in Ederoit

# **LBBI**

In November, we held our last seminar for the year. Half-way through their studies, the Advanced Class has 19 students and the Basic Class has 39. I have thankful for commitment and faithfulness these men have to study the Word of God. At the closing of class, I asked if they or their church was leading a Bible Study to stand and identify the new village. There are 20 active outreaches currently.

The Bible Institute is a major reason so many are equipped to carry the Gospel beyond their church.

### **NEW CHURCH**

2 years ago, our church in Kewal sent a young preacher, John, to teach in the village of Nameriyek. It is in Turkana North Ward, new territory for us. In November, we baptized 35 folks and organized them into a new church. They called John as their pastor. He is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year at LBBI.







Me & Pastors David, Wycliffe & Emmanuel, James & Moses baptizing

# **CONSTRUCTION**

We bought a plot of land in Nameriyek and built the new church a building. We were able to buy 60 chairs, a new pulpit and offering box too. THANK YOU to those who gave to make this possible.



Nameriyek Landmark Baptist Church building

# **BAPTISMS & CRUSADES**

We held 3 crusades in the villages of Nadapal, Nameriyek, and Kaengolereng with 65 professions of faith. We also baptized 17 in Loturtur.

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# **NEW LIBRARY**

When we enlarged the dining hall at LBBI in February, we gave up the library. In November, we began construction on a new one for our school.

This may seem like a big project, but it is not. The





spot we choose is a 10 feet wide space between the old and new dorms. It is now finished and ready for classes to resume in January.

New LBBI Library construction

#### NEW CHURCH

Nearly 3 years ago, Pastor Festus and our church in Kaikol began a Bible Study in Kaengolereng. This is the first village for us to work in Turkana South Ward. David, a young man from this village, quickly felt called to lead it. I invited him to join our Bible Institute mid-term. He has studied with us for 2 years now and is doing well.

On 1 December, we baptized 27. We organized them into a new church and they called David as their pastor.









Pastors Festus, James, Brian, Francis, Francis, Robert, Robert, & Robert

#### CONSTRUCTION

We were able to buy a plot and build a building for our new church in Kaengolereng. The recent rain caused delays, but God helped us complete this project.





Kaengolereng Landmark Baptist Church building

# **GUEST**

I moved to Turkana in 2005. The New Year will usher in 20 years of ministry in this desert. My church, SUBC, partnered with Alvin MBC in Alvin,



Texas to send their cinematographer and preacher, Hugh Roth to make an anniversary video.

Me and Hugh

## TEEN CAMP & MENS CLASS

With schools closed in December, Pastor Mike held a 3-day teen camp at Napetet and invited our churches in Laparparae, Nabulon, and the Bible Study in Natoot. There were a high of 75 in attendance during the day, and 40 at night. After the teen camp, Pastor Mike held a one-day men's class. Last year, the women had a seminar and the men were feeling left out. There were 15 men that attended.

#### **BAPTISMS**

Pastor Samson from Nakechichok invited Hugh and I to come help baptize 12 people. Alvin MBC sent Hugh with their authority, so he baptized his first person ever in the Turkwel River in Turkana!





Hugh & Samson baptizing

Pastor Samson, the 12 baptized & church folks

## **CRUSADES**

Since the future of Turkana Missions is dependent on our churches reaching new villages with the Gospel, we planned 5 crusades while Hugh was with us. 4 of them are brand new Bible Studies and led by preachers in LBBI: Naragetei led by Boaz, Kairiama led by Jackson, Kangatotha led by Daudi, and Nakwaperit led by John. Lokwasinyen is an older Study but is still without a leader, except Pastor Festus who leads our church in Kaikol. There were 131 professions of faith. Praise God!



The Kerio Pastors, 4 preachers, & me after a crusade -photo credit Hugh

# **2024 YEAR END STATS:**

776 Salvations 636 Baptisms 6 New Churches Organized and Buildings Built LBBI Dining Hall expansion & Library Built USA Teams:1 Medical, 1Teaching, & Hugh

The most blessed year to date! God continues to show us mercy and favor. Thank you, Jesus! Without You, none of this is possible.