



Good News Ministry Report



The First Graduates of Good News Sewing School in Ouya Village

We praise the Lord for helping 5 students mainly widows in Ouya village to graduate. There were 10 students who registered to be trained in dressmaking but only 5 were able to graduate. The five graduated in late April this year and are already working as a team. They are repairing clothes, getting orders to make dresses and school uniforms from the village primary schools. This is a straight forward income for these widows who were

very poor before. Their lives are changed forever for better.

Testimony : *My name is Anjelina Akoth. I thank the Lord for bringing dress making school through the ministry of Good News Community Centre in Ouya Village. I never went to school, so I didn't know how to read. I went through the pain of making clothes like school uniform by hand, I mean stitching it all the way through. Through this training, I now know how to measure, cut and sew clothes and also how to operate and service a sewing machine. I can make more clothes faster than when I did it by hands. Also, I believe my income will double. But the most important thing I can't forget with is the worship and devotion we had every day, with our teacher Agnes, before we started our classes. I feel like I have grown more in*



the Lord in the period of 2 years. Glory be to God ! (translated from Luo language to English)

Immediate Plan to Help to Continue with their Sewing Business:

- We are believing God to provide 5 sewing machines for each one of the graduates.
- A small capital for each to continue with the business. This capital must be in terms of material they need to make clothes.
- Because we want them to work as a team, we would like to build a small store (factory), where they can work and also to have an on-going training for new students.

The widows who graduated in dressmaking vowed to make sure that orphans have good clothes, and most villagers in Ouya village to wear the garment they make.

Word from the founders ... (James and Vangie Odongo)

It's by God's grace that we've been set apart to carry out the practical Gospel in Ouya village and Kisumu City. Our passion as a ministry is to see people set free from sinful nature which eventually leads to a better physical lifestyles. The ministry of Good News sets the stage for holistic approach to the Gospel. This ministry must remain anchored on the fear of the Lord, prayer,

servanthood, and Word of the Lord before any action is taken. The network of relationships is growing based on the fact that we are one body and many parts as apostle Paul states in his letters. We appreciate the partnership God has put in place for the sake of His ongoing work through the ministry of Good News Community Centre here in Kisumu. To God be all the glory as we

testify of the things God has done up to now. Paul says that we must not grow weary of doing good because we will reap a harvest at the proper time (Galatians 6:9).

Our theme as a ministry this year is in Psalms 115:14-15

"A Year of Increase and Blessings".

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Special points of interest:

- Widows in Ouya work together as a team to earn income through making clothes.
- Micro-finance is progressing well, with limited challenges. Faithful committed church members being empowered economically.
- Regular Child Sponsorship Program on track. Fourteen kids are now on regular program. Eight more kids still need urgent support.
- Good News Fellowship in Kisumu is growing fast. The challenge is developing leaders to match the rapid growth. We seek help in getting more discipleship materials.

Micro-Finance



Testimony:
Grace owned wine and spirits bar. She became a Christian and was still selling

Grace-from selling wines to cosmetic store

wine and spirits. Since a lot of people here have a problem with drunkenness, we advised her to stop bar business and seek God for another business. After a long time of counseling, the Lord led her to start a cosmetic and food store. We lend her the money and now her business is earning a living. She managed to pay back the loan and we are putting back more funds to the

business. She is a single mother, now committed in the cell group, youth group, and worship ministry. She wants to go back to school, since, she never had an opportunity to finish her education as an orphan. Glory to God!

We started micro-finance by November 2010. We lend four faithful ladies who has the gift of business. They have paid back the loan and have made more loan available for them again. This year we brought in another lady and three young guys, who are sons of the widows in Ouya

village. We bought 3 motor bikes that they use to ferry people from Ouya village to the nearest Bondo town. They are paying back the loan on a daily basis and after 365 days of paying, the motor bikes will be transferred into their names. Thus, they will own it. The profit is 100%.



Good News Fellowship in Kisumu City

The Lord has caused the membership of GNF to grow by 70%.



This has happened in a period of 6 months

between January and June 2011. We are now 150-200 in number and we keep on buying more seats for the new members. Recently we had a Muslim by the name Muhamed Matwanga came

A Muslim by the name Muhamed surrenders his life to Jesus.

to the pulpit to surrender his life to Jesus. Him and his wife are now born-again and following Christ. Glory to God!

We also run five cell groups which are contributing to the growth of



the church. We are busy building networks of relationship in the community. We are realizing that this is the most effective way to evangelize and to disciple. By the way, we wanted to let you know that we have baptized 11 brethren in the month of May 2011.



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Dairy Goat / sheep Project is Growing...



We now have eight goats in total. Two are producing milk and two

are in-kid. This is one of our projects that is very successful so far. So we are anticipating to produce more goat's milk that is highly needed by most of the

widows on our program who are HIV-AIDS positive.



The Sheep / Goats that were given few years ago are multiplying too. Thus, it helps to alleviate poverty in the village. God

is transforming the village people physically and spiritually.



Goats/sheep multiplication

Sponsorship Programme

We are regularly sponsoring 14 kids. Four of them are now in secondary school. The rest are in primary schools. The new statistics reveal that there are 2.5 millions orphans in Kenya right now. Over a half of that number is in Nyanza Province. This is the province where we belong as a ministry. Anyone who is willing can partner with



Mary Anyango—orphan. The parent died when she was less than 3 years old.

us to sponsor one or more as the Lord leads. One dollar a day can help an orphan to provide food, clothes, schooling, and health. Anyone who is interested in helping a needy orphan, please do contact us so that we can guide you on how to share God’s love to these needy kids.

We also intend to develop a

boarding school for orphans and nearby village children. We acquired land for this very purpose, but unfortunately the government stopped us from developing due to the airstrip they are planning to build on it. Up to now, we’ve not yet compensated. We really need your prayer for God to intervene so that we can whether have our land back or get the compensation to buy another land.

Buzzzzzy Beeeess...

Due to draught, we only have few boxes containing bees. We are going to harvest natural honey this late June. As we always say that “bees make honey, widows make money”. This project takes a lot of time, effort and patience, because sometimes our bees go



for holiday especially when the place gets very dry with no rains for a long time. But the good news is that bees return whenever rains returns. Please continue to pray for this project because natural honey is medicinal and is highly

needed here. It’s also a good source of income for the widows.

“Beeeezzzz make honey, widows make money”

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“Let the children come to Me...” this is what our Lord Jesus Christ said. Good News Sunday School in Kisumu has



been growing, with 5 teachers and 120 kids.

Kids in the community are coming to Jesus through Bible teaching and different games. The future success of the ministries of GNCC depends on the

strength of this Sunday School and Youth Ministry.

New ministries spring up:

- 1) school ministry
- 2) dance and drama team.

Pastor Edwin Otieno is the youth pastor with a passion to reach out to all the kids in primary and secondary school in our locality. This is coming up very well because now we have 5 kids from one of the local secondary school join Good News Youth service with one of them being

baptized in water. Since February up to now, we’ve seen 20 high school kids gave their lives to Jesus.



School Ministry

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Odongo's Family

We are so grateful as a family for all the support we received late last year from our friends like you. The Lord had provided for the entire family's airfare to the Philippines in order to get Vangie's treatment. He also provided funds for all the necessary treatment. Vangie is now on appropriate drugs.

God is in the process of healing her. Glory to God! Grace is 15 years old and is in second year high school, David is 13 years old and will be seating for class Eight national exam in November this year, and our last born Levi who is in class 2 is turning 8 this July.

Good News Community Centre is a Christ centered ministry that believes that true transformation in Nyanza province must come from demonstrating God's love through action, not only by words, but also to disciple Christians to walk with Christ.

“ The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor...”
Isaiah 61:1-4.

Vision

To bring transformation to Kenyan communities through practical, spiritual ways of Evangelism and Discipleship in Christ.

Good News Community Centre is called to do three-fold ministry:

Evangelism - is done through practical approach (acts of mercy).

Acts of Mercy – involves Income Generating Projects, providing shelters for widows, sponsoring orphans, providing clean water, health and sanitation, & Education.

Discipleship – includes Preaching / Teaching the Word of God, encouraging practical application that leads to a life-style glorifying God resulting to physical transformation.

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Drama and Dance Team was launched on 12th June, 2011. II Samuel 6:14 says that king David danced for the Lord with all his might. The vision is to worship the Lord through dance. We see the drama and dance as a tool for evangelism. Many people here enjoy music, so we are intending to evangelized and disciple many people here through the dramatized dances. We are dancing our way to freedom in Christ. It brings breakthrough in the spirit by healing those who are wounded in the spirit. It brings the spirit of joy instead of despair caused by economic hardships (poverty), various illnesses.

HALLELUIAH!!!



James with King David's Dance Team