



Debbie's Update September 2007

“Run the race with perseverance ...” As I have been watching the athletics competition in Osaka and cheering the Kenyans, (famous for their running ability) I am reminded by the writer to the Hebrews of the race that we as Christians are challenged to not only run but win. I sure am glad that running this race is not dependent upon my skill and agility not to mention speed because if it were, I wouldn't get out of the starting block. This past month has been one of triumphs and disappointments. Nevertheless, we are told to run the race with perseverance with our eye's fixed on Jesus. Thank you for your prayer support. It is good to know there are “cheerleaders” on the sidelines.

“ Body Building ”

Eldoret women gather together regularly to “build up one another”. I had forgotten about the days of meeting with other women to engage in a craft night. The Turkana women learn to make bead jewellery when young girls but often the skill is left forgotten. Recently the parish pastor and I encouraged the women to meet together to make jewellery for sale to bring some income to the home – Most of the women who have begun this project are pastors' wives and widows in the church. After working together for a while, learning new patterns, they break for a time of prayer and Bible study. I saw the delight on the faces of two women. Anna (the wife of a local church leader, a young Turkana woman) was thrilled to be able to teach the skill of making jewellery to Diana (the wife of the parish leader, an older Luhya woman).



A Day of Celebration



Singing & Dancing

There is nothing dull about a graduation even if it lasts 3 hours. These students had completed 2 years of the modular Bible School program with 2-week long sessions in April, August and December. Family and friends along with church leaders came for the celebration, and celebrated they did – with singing and dancing.

Currently Bible school sessions are conducted at rented facilities. Pray with us that we will soon be able to purchase property to build a Bible School. The goal is to extend the opportunity for more students to be trained at a residential school by September 2008.

“ The God of Kenya ” -- Pray Two days ago a presidential candidate declared that if elected, he would bring Kenya under the leadership of the God of Kenya – Allah! Pray for Christians to be mobilized to make their votes count. Generally Christians stay out of the world of politics since they see politics and corruption in the same basket.

Other prayer requests:

District Superintendents and Parish Leaders Retreat at Karinde September 18 – 21

North Nyanza District Leaders Seminar – September 27-29

Curriculum projects – VBS, women's and youth Bible studies on the theme “Following in Jesus' Steps”

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