

TRAIN(Kenya)

Newsletter 1 – October 2024

Dear Brethren,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are very thankful for your interest in the ministry of TRAIN(Kenya). We feel we have not made the ministry of the charity as accessible as we ought to have done, so we are now proposing to write a report at least bimonthly.

This is the stated purpose of the Charity:

To advance religion and education by financially supporting, (1) training for church leaders, (2) the construction of church buildings, (3) financial support for church leaders, (4) infrastructure and resources for schools, (5) salaries for teachers at the sponsored schools, and (6) school fees at all education levels for needy students.

The Trustees met Monday 13th. October 2024 and amongst other things we discussed our priorities. They are the following, in order.

1. Support of church leaders. We are presently supporting the three long-standing leaders in Pokot, and giving occasional gifts to one other. Support includes keeping their motorbikes running and helping with school fees for some of their children and urgent medical needs. We also support one pastor in Mombasa. This support has greatly encouraged these men in the work of the gospel.



The three supported leaders



Bible Light construction (left), church building (right)

2. Theological training. There has only been one new leader in Pokot in the past 20 years. We regard helping with the development of such leaders as a matter of great importance for the many existing churches and the future of the work. We are helping two men with support towards their studies in the training programme (TPC) in Nairobi, one from Pokot and one from Mombasa. The Pokot brethren have planned the Bible Light School in Kasei to start, God willing, in January 2025. They are hoping for 20 men from the area to be the first class. There is a large church building that can be used, and we have helped towards the building of specific facilities, which yet have to be completed.

3. Church infrastructure. We have helped to put up a permanent church building in Chepkinagh, with finishing touches needed. The thriving local church in Wasat has a building project with the slab having been laid. They have a fund raising in late November. The Kamketo church has outgrown its facilities. Two local churches in Mombasa also have plans for church building.



Chepkinagh church building



Kasepa School teachers, 2 supported by TRAIN

4. Support of extra teachers for schools. At the present time a large proportion of our finances go towards providing extra teachers for the 14 or so schools sponsored by the church. We believe this has been necessary because the Government is unable to provide sufficient teachers. We have stepped in because the church is the sponsor and there are obligations to fulfil. If there are going to be church leaders in the future then it will be through such educated men. After many years of sponsorship we are beginning to see this fruit.

At the present time, the most pressing need is for the Bible Light College, to complete its facilities for teaching and accommodation. Two of the trustees plan to visit the area towards the end of January 2025, God willing.

Yours in Christ's service,

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