



## SERVING THE LORD IN KENYA JOHN NJOROGE



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Dear friends & partners in ministry,

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Greetings, dear friends and partners in the work of the Lord! I am pleased to write to you, first of all, thanking you for your continued friendship, prayers and financial support. You are such a blessing to my young family. You won't believe what we have achieved in the last few years with your friendship and partnership, a story for another day. My family is doing well in the Lord. The Lord has so much blessed us in the ministry and at home, and we are encouraged to continue serving Him and His church with all that we have. Our daughters, (Jane-5yrs and Mayamiko- 21 months) are growing very fast, and Lydia is considering getting back to her nursing career, starting as a volunteer and later, after documentation (residential permit), be able to work under the government. In all these, we trust the Lord for guidance and provision of finances required.

### **Home Church:**

The church in Nyahururu is doing well. We praise the Lord for His grace and guidance in all our activities. We have continued to strengthen our children's ministry through ministry specific training. AWANA has been very helpful in equipping our teachers and empowering them with different strategies of sharing the gospel with children of all ages. We are currently pursuing church registration and are now in the document production level. We have secured the leaders' documents needed and are now producing a doctrinal statement, a church covenant, and a church constitution, among others. This registration will set the stage for gaining ownership of properties as a church, opening a bank account in our name, proper registration of our church school, etc.

### **Church Plants:**

**Calvary Baptist Church Gwa Kung'u** has been holding open-air meetings to strengthen her reach in Gwa Kung'u and the surrounding areas. Also, we have been looking for a more strategic area to rent a hall and be able to look for a place to secure land for a permanent home. In the coming month, the church will move to a new hall, larger than the first and strategically located. Pastor Sammy Mburu and his wife are our missionary couple in this station and are encouraged to continue serving even when things get tough. Your prayers and support are highly appreciated.

A new church plant in Umoja Mbuyu, Leshau area in Nyandarua County is coming up! We are excited to finally be able to move to this new location. Umoja Mbuyu is a new residential location, mainly housing people previously displaced from their homes in 2007 and 2017. The government has bought land for another group of about 200 families, and the majority of these are settled in this Umoja Mbuyu area. More details will come in the next newsletter, but kindly pray for us as we continue looking into this new work.

### **Silale Land Project**

Calvary Baptist Church in Silale is doing well and fervently serving the people in the area. Pastor Lochodo and his family are faithfully serving and are ever thankful for many of you that pray and support him and his ministry. Calvary Silale has been meeting in different locations over the years. The rented houses have had issues ranging from unfriendly neighbors who play loud music during the service, property owners taking the house back for other uses, etc. We have observed that every time we relocate, a member or two with their families don't relocate with the church. Others feel that change of location doesn't suit them, so they just move to different churches.

To have a safe environment for members and newcomers and their families, we strongly believe that the church owning its own land will be a big advantage. We therefore are raising support to purchase a piece of land in Silale, where we can build a permanent home for Calvary Silale. We have located a good piece of land in Silale, that is going for \$8,000. Please consider helping settle this church in her own land through your giving.

Calvary Silale has gone through a lot in the past, but we are ever thankful for the Lord's sustaining grace. It is such a blessing to know that the Lord's promise of "I will build my church," in Matthew 16:18, applies to Calvary Silale, and that the Lord is indeed building His church. Our invitation for you to come on board is an invitation to join in a strong team with Jesus in the forefront. God bless you as you consider joining hands with us.

**Laikipia Baptist Bible Institute:**

Our Bible Institute is going well. We just closed the year with a class on church planting. This class, Building Blocks of Church Planting, examines the work of the apostle Paul as the Lord used him to plant churches in his world. This way, we are able to base our church planting ventures in the scriptures and eliminate man from taking the center stage. We also look at planting churches cross culturally. This helps in planting local/indigenous churches, as opposed to transplanting churches with new members required to act and behave like another mother church in another corner of the world. Throughout the class, our students were admonished to follow the Bible and always ask questions on any adopted philosophies and practices in a new or existing church work.

In case you would love to get involved in our institute in anyway, kindly don't hesitate to email me as there is already so much work that you could help with. Our next class will be in January with our Doldol students.

Your partners in ministry,

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