

# *NEKESA* - "The Harvester" December, 2007

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I went to Bungoma in November and, as always, the time there was both rewarding and demanding. As I prayed about all that is occurring there it seemed good to share with you what I saw so that you can know what the Lord is doing and so that you can pray for His perfect will to be done in every area.

## **Word of Life Christian Fellowship of Bungoma.**

About 700 adults attend services each Sunday.

Open-air crusades are not as effective in Bungoma as they used to be because television and other modern technological distractions have become more common. The strategy God has given us is to equip and encourage each member of the body to witness just as they did in the Book of Acts.

There are twenty-nine Home Bible Fellowships. They help each believer to be equipped to minister to others and to do the works of Jesus (John 14:12-15).

Among other outreach ministries in Bungoma, we minister to 20 to 30 street boys daily. The number fluctuates because they are entirely free to come and to go. We asked them what their dreams were. They have some great dreams and, in Christ, have hope of achieving them.

## **Children's Home for orphans**

We care for 22 orphans. Our staff is composed of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew and Ester Nafula Wanjala and Edward Ratemo. They are doing an excellent job of giving each boy loving and personal care, training and education. I watched the boys play football (soccer to us). They are excellent players for their ages. The boys play very intensely, aggressively and harmoniously. Andrew, a great motivating coach, is helping the boys to develop good, loving character. One day soon we will have a soccer team here.

## **Bungoma Bible School**

The school is running at capacity. The one-year free program equips people to minister with both classroom and practical training. We also offer an accredited degree program with nominal fees for those who want to pursue academic ministerial degrees.

## **Outreach Beyond Bungoma**

We co-labored with the Lord in four major crusades this year. He raised up new churches in Narok, Machakas and Eldoret that bring the total to forty-four independent churches in which we have had the honor of co-laboring with Him.

The general strategy is that the Lord raises up people with a heart for their hometown and sends them to us for training. When they are prepared we then go to their town and begin ministering with crusades and other meetings. The Lord raises up a local church and we help it until the local body is mature enough to care for itself.

We have a homecoming meeting each year in Bungoma so that all those who serve in local churches can gather for fellowship, encouragement and mutual impartation. There are also meetings in different areas throughout the year for the same purpose. I learned of the risks of ministering here during one of those meetings from Brother Barasa, a pastor, from Chaptais. The details of that danger are explained on the cover of this letter.

You are sharers in this ministry just as if you were personally where violence could erupt at any time. Your co-laboring with us is helping the Lord bring His love, joy and peace to the people here. We are the Body of Christ, the physical form through which the Father reveals Himself to mankind, just as He revealed Himself through Jesus as He walked as the earth as a man. Thank you for your prayers and support as you co-labor with us in this work. May you prosper and enjoy good health in 2008.

In His service, Allen James