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LBBI

The Upendo class studied through the book of Acts and 2 Timothy. Acts is one of my favorite books (with the expansion of the Gospel into unreached peoples) and I thoroughly enjoyed the class. This fine group of men has studied with us for the past three years and is just one away from completing the Advanced Level in our Bible Institute. Please continue to pray for these men, graduation is December 2012!

SALVATIONS & BAPTISMS

- Napetet**-7 salvations, 11 baptisms
- Kalokol**-5 salvations, 2 baptisms
- Nangolipus**-11 salvations, 7 baptisms
- Nanyangakipi**-4 salvations
- Naduat**-15 salvations
- Lokwar Angileso**-28 salvations
- Kakuma**-11 salvations
- Kiwawa**-15 salvations
- Nakechichok**-15 salvations, 14 baptisms (below)

Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations... Luke 24:47



Baba Eddie John Sylvia Ester

YOUTH CAMPS

Napetet-After LBBI, Pastor Michael and his church hosted a youth camp. Pastor David, Pastor Josephat and I were invited as the key speakers. For 3 days, over 100 youth ranging in age from 12-25 came to hear the Word of God. We wrapped up things by showing the *Ten Commandants* film to the village.

Nangolipus-Pastor Moses invited Pastor Michael and I to come help in a 3 day youth camp. However, the entire village turned out for our teaching! We also showed the *Ten Commandants* film at the conclusion of the meeting.

Naduat-Pastor Josephat hosted a youth camp and invited Pastor Stephen to help. 50 youth gathered for 2 days of teaching.

Nakechichok-Pastor David invited Pastor Moses to assist in their 3 day youth camp. Nearly 100 youth attended the meeting.

OPEN DOORS

Kakuma-Pastor Josephat and a preacher in his church named John (part of the Uvumilifu class) went 40kms up the road from Naduat to survey this town at the possibility of starting a new Bible study. 11 made professions of faith and welcomed us back to continue teaching the Word.

Kiwawa-Pastor Michael and I travelled 4 hours with a Pokot buddy of mine, Matthew, who lives in Lodwar. He invited us to his home village with the hope of starting a Bible Study. The Pokot tribe lives south of the Turkana district and is traditionally known to be our enemy. However, the chief and village elders warmly welcomed us and 15 trusted Christ as their Savior.

LOKWAR ANGILESO

Pastor Stephen and preacher Emmanuel from Kalokol LBC began a Bible Study in this village about 18 months ago. The village elders have been very receptive to our teachings and many have been saved.

Stephen invited Pastors Josephat, Moses, and David along with Preachers Martin and Benedictus and I to help in a 3 day crusade. We taught lessons, went hut to hut in evangelism, and showed the *Jesus* film. There were 28 professions of faith.

Things are progressing well and we are praying about organizing them into a church in 2012. There is not a church of any kind within 25kms of this village.

It has been asked, why should anyone hear the Gospel twice, while there are those who have never heard it once?

Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named... Romans 16:20

GUESTS

We were blessed to have the Gilbert Family from Valley View BC in Tuscaloosa, AL visit during Christmas. They are very dear friends and came over to help in each of our churches. They have prayed and supported this work for years; it was great to finally get some Turkana on 'em.

...Come over, and help us. Acts 16:9



Briana, Shari, Britney, Jeff, and Brooke...THE GILBERTS

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WAZEE

Jeff taught the Word and shared his testimony with the men from each village. All were challenged to grow in their faith, in their giving, and in their service to God. The big shock to everyone was that Jeff is not a preacher or pastor, just a man sold out to God. Thanks for sharing with us Brother! *And the things that thou hast heard of me...the same commit thou to faithful men...2 Tim 2:2*



Jeff and the Wazee (men) of Nangolipus

MAMAS

Shari taught the mamas from each village about Mary and Martha from the Gospels. Her lessons on being busy with life and needing to make time to truly worship Jesus were much needed for these Turkana women. It was awesome for me to witness as God moved in Shari's teachings as she opened her heart, mama to mama. Through it all, there were 18 professions of faith! Asante sana Shari! *Mary sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. Luke 10:39*



Shari and some of the Mamas of Nakechichok

KIDS

Six years ago, Heather Thompson came to Turkana and began teaching the children in our churches. She is now the administrator at the Texarkana Baptist Children's Home and could not come this year. The Gilberts agreed to spend their Christmas here and help.

Briana and Shari taught lessons to children from the life of Christ. Britney and Brooke helped teach two songs and played with the kids while the adult classes were going on. The love of God was overflowing in the lives of the Gilbert girls. There were 2 professions of faith! *Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an examples... 1 Tim 4:12*



Gilbert Girls and the kids of Nangolipus

DESERT WORSHIP

The Gilberts asked if we could drive out of Lodwar into the desert one night to star gaze and worship God. Some things you just need to be here to understand, but God moved mightily in all our hearts as we stood in awe at His creation. We lifted hands in praise, bowed knees in prayer, and rejoiced in the Lord. Of all the things we did together while they were here, this time of worship in the desert of Turkana will not be soon forgotten. I LOVE YOU LORD! *Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights. Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light...Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children: Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven...Praise ye the LORD. Psalm 148:1-3, 12-14*

CHRISTMAS

Lodwar-I typically celebrate the birth of our Savior after the manner in Turkana: no tree or gifts, but with a worship service and food. I was surprised when the Gilberts put a tree in my home and woke Christmas morning with stockings filled with gifts and goodies (Jeff's and my stockings had a bag of chocolate coal). We even read Luke 2 together. I have not celebrated this special day in this way in many, many years.

After breakfast, we all went to church at Napetet LBC. I was given the opportunity to preach. The Gilberts taught the men, the mamas, and the children following our regular service. It was a great day!



Valley View in Naduat



Shout out to Bug from Nangolipus

2011 STATS

- Salvations- 337
- Baptisms- 226
- LBBI Seminars- 12
- Church Seminars- 6
- Youth Camps- 9
- Kids Crusades- 6
- Medical Clinics- 13
- Tons of Food Aid- 9
- Malaria- ZERO