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TURKANA M-S-S

THE THOMPSONS ARE BACK!!

My favorite guests came back to help with some of the many projects going on. You are such a BLESSING!



Josh, Chad, & HT in the middle of nowhere, breakdown #1 of 3.

SALVATIONS & BAPTISMS

Nakechichok-Our first baptismal service in this village resulted in **76 folks being baptized** with the help of 3 Turkanan Pastors, Guest Pastor Chad, and me! AMEN!!



Me, Pastors Chad, Michael, Steven & Peter baptizing 76!

Nangolipus-4 Turkanan Pastors and I **baptized 42 souls!** It was the very first baptismal service for the people in this remote village. There were **27 professions of faith** as well! PRAISE BE TO GOD!!



Pastors Steven, Michael, David, Peter, and me baptizing 42!

Kalokol-Guest Pastor Chad was invited by Pastor Steven to **baptize 1 man** in Lake Turkana. Also, as a result of the VBS/Sunday School Crusade, **3 teenagers were saved!**

2 CHURCHES ORGANIZED

Nakechichok-Over 2 years ago, one of the preachers (David) from Napetet church wanted to go to this village where his sister lives and teach the Word of God. 3 months after we began our work, a rumor surfaced that I was a devil worshipper and death would come to their children if they allowed me to continue among them. 7 months later, a young boy died. The folks were told that I drank his blood and I would want to drink more and other children would die...they must run me out of their village! I pleaded with the elders to not receive these lies. Through all this, David has been faithful to go, teach, preach, and evangelize. A few months ago, the village chief, Paul, stood in front of the elders, welcomed us, gave us a plot of land to build a building, and invited us to

start a church. I delayed baptizing and organizing them until the Thompsons came. I wanted to share this victory with them. We met under the same tree that we have been for the past 2 years, and Chad taught another lesson on baptism. At the conclusion of the service, we walked a Turkanan half kilometer (about a mile and a half) to the Turkwel River. I had invited our other churches to come for this special day and for each pastor to help with all the baptisms. When it was all done, 76 were baptized. We then trekked back the mile and a half...but not to the old tree. We gathered in their new building. My heart spilled over as God gently reminded me why I am here...why I live a world away from my children and family. Because from the darkness of this ancient culture that has held the Turkanan people in such bondage, they made a covenant together and God birthed a Lighthouse in this village, a New Testament church. They are Nakechichok Landmark Baptist Church. *To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Acts 26:18*

Nangolipus-Almost 2 years ago, Nanyangakipi sent some of their men to this village to work as an evangelist. The work there has been slow but consistent. Nangolipus is the most remote in the 6 villages I am currently working. However, these folks want nothing more than to have God live with them. On the appointed day, we met under a typical Turkanan structure (made of cut palm trees and topped with thatch). Chad taught again on baptism. 42 gave solid salvation testimonies. We trekked another Turkanan half kilometer, and with the help of the 4 Pastors, we baptized all 42. We then made our way back for another organizational service. They made a covenant together and another New Testament church was started. They are called Nangolipus Landmark Baptist Church.

VBS

Kalokol-For the past 3 years, Heather has come to help teach a VBS...or as it is called here, a Sunday School crusade. We reached our church and found a full house. She taught 3 lessons: making sure your heart is right with God, overcoming the impossible, and having a family that serves God. Heather ended her lessons by presenting the Gospel. Pastor Steven reports that **3 were saved** from this effort. To quote him, "We are still benefiting from the fruit of that day!" Each child that came, heard the Word, received coloring sheets & crayons, and was given gifts of a t-shirt (**THANK YOU MISS-BAMA YOUTH CAMP!**) and a VBS cowboy hat (**THANK YOU JOEY MEREDITH!**).



A boy from Kalokol

New Hope Baptist Church – 361 Bear Creek Road East – Tuscaloosa, AL 35405

Pastor Joseph Witcher Phone-205-758-4588 Email-newhopeinchrist@bellsouth.net

VBS (continued)

Nakechichok-After our Sunday services, Heather taught the children under our worship tree. This was the smallest group partly because while she was working with the youth, the adults began constructing and setting the posts in cement for the new building. Each of those who attended received coloring sheets & crayons (**THANK YOU REBECCA PADUONE!**) along with a t-shirt (**THANKS AGAIN JOEY MEREDITH...THOSE T-SHIRTS WERE A HIT!**).



Nakechichok Sunday School Crusade and Heather Napetet-The youth from this village filled the church building to hear the teachings, color the lesson pages, and to receive their gifts. Over a hundred were in attendance...that is just the kids!



THANK YOU TO JAYNA MCKINNON FOR THE CRAYONS AND JOEY FOR THE T-SHIRTS!

-boys from Napetet

Nanyangakipi-Between all the youth, the mamas, and the men...the building was overflowing with folks! In addition to everything mentioned above, all 4 churches were presented with a variety of sports toys (soccer balls, footballs, Frisbees, hula-hoops, and jump ropes) to use in youth ministry and for outreach.

THANK YOU JENNY MITCHELL FOR THESE! CABLEONE IN TEXARKANA, YOU ROCK!!

But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 19:14

CONSTRUCTION

Nakechichok-My favorite fundi (builder) came back to build another church building! On previous trips, Josh Thompson has put a roof on an outhouse, built pews, and added on 21 feet to our building in Nanyangakipi. This time, the village of Nakechichok was in need of a building. I planned a full three and a half days from start to finish for this project. But I did not take into consideration that the energizer bunny (Josh) would be here! We set posts Sunday afternoon while Heather taught a VBS. Nothing is easy here. To mix the concrete: the mamas had to carry the water a mile and a half (on their heads), we filled the back of my truck with ballast (shoveling it by hand), and then filled the back of my truck 4 times with sand from the dried river bed (again by hand!). Once the holes were dug, the concrete mixed, and the post set, we headed home to rest and load the truck again for the next day. Top-plates were installed and

trusses assembled very quickly. With the use of my truck, 1 American ladder, 1 Turkanan ladder, and many hands, all the trusses were set in place before noon! I had to head back to Lodwar to pick up a friend (Ed Compeon) flying in from Nairobi and to load the truck with more lumber and tin. By the time I returned to the village, Josh & Chad had one entire side of tin nailed up. We unloaded the truck and headed home. We loaded the remaining supplies and were off again bright and early the next day. I had to go to Nanyangakipi to transport Pastor Peter and some of his members to Nakechichok for their organizational service. All the other churches were able to reach by hired truck. By the time I returned, all of the tin was on the roof! I was not the only one surprised...my guys could not believe Josh worked so fast...less than 2 days and his part of the building was done!! Josh is a special young man who has come for the past 3 years to give his talents to the work God is doing in Turkana. All of us here say, **EJOK ENOI JOSH!**



Josh



Chad



Pastor Michael & HT



The new building...we will close the sides with palm grass.

GRADUATION

LBBI-In January 2007, we started a Bible institute here in Turkana for the purpose of better equipping and training the men God is raising up. I did not fully understand what such an undertaking would require...not only of me, but also of the men. There are 4 levels in the school and to complete any level requires 2 years of study in seminars. 3 faithful men finished the first level, Basic Bible Studies. Over 200 people packed into our building including the Thompsons from America, Ed Compeon and fellow missionary Ernie Hopper from Nairobi. Guest Pastor Chad powerfully preached the commencement. Five animals were slaughtered in celebration. I could not hold back the tears of joy! To see God moving so freely in the lives of these men, to see this class in their robes as a testimony to their commitment to the Lord...GLORY! That is all I can say, it was a glorious day!



Head Teacher Michael, Me & Students Josephat, Paul, & David

RECEIVED DECEMBER 2008:

New Hope BC	Tuscaloosa, AL	\$400.00
Arloa Gerdes	Bend, OR	500.00
Gulf Ridge Park BC	Brooksville, FL	85.00
Victory BC	Madison, MS	80.00
Wayne Planthaber	Bushnell, FL	50.00
Heather Thompson	Texarkana, AR	100.00
Landmark MBC	Pensacola, FL	100.00
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Raymond Brannen	Bushnell, FL	50.00
Pleasant Grove BC	Milton, FL	75.00
The Baptist Chapel	Grand Bay, AL	100.00
1 st BC of Indian River City	Titusville, FL	100.00
Gant Lake BC	Webster, FL	50.00
Skyline MBC	Madison, AL	125.00
Calvary MBC	Baytown, TX	984.00
Faith MBC	Arkadelphia, AR	260.00
Emmanuel BC	Wiggins, MS	34.10
South Union BC	Daingerfield, TX	125.00
Calvary BC	Pensacola, FL	50.00
Columbus BC	Columbus, IN	100.00
Faith MBC	Arkadelphia, AR	100.00
Ft. Cooper BC	Inverness, FL	200.00
East Somerset BC	Somerset, KY	225.00
Mt. Hebron BC	Lancaster, KY	200.00
Ora MBC	Huntington, TX	55.00
Amanda Olney	Floral City, FL	50.00
Pearl Hickory BC	Pearl River, LA	142.65
Victory BC	Madison, MS	80.00
Gulf Ridge Park BC	Brooksville, FL	217.50
WIR LLC	Monticello, KY	100.00
Ebenezer BC	Wiggins, MS	100.00
Istachatta BC	Istachatta, FL	50.00
Arundel MBC	Gambrills, MD	50.00
Ruth Ammons	Bryson City, NC	50.00
1 st BC of Indian River City	Titusville, FL	100.00
Calvary MBC	Baytown, TX	150.00
1 st BC of East Bay	Riverview, FL	100.00
East Somerset BC	Somerset, KY	100.00
Gant Lake BC	Webster, FL	50.00
Skyline MBC	Madison, AL	125.00
Arundel BC	Gambrills, MS	50.00
The Baptist Chapel	Grand Bay, AL	100.00
Wayne Planthaber	Bushnell, FL	50.00
Victory BC	Beebe, AR	4400.00
Baumhauer Rd BC	Theodore, AL	72.16
Jayna McKinnon	Texarkana, TX	1000.00
Adamsville BC	Wildwood, FL	180.00
Ebenezer BC	Wiggins, MS	200.00

PAID OUT DECEMBER 2008:

Salary	\$2600.00
Seminar LBBI-Turkana	250.00
Graduation LBBI-Turkana	350.00
Construction-Nakechichok	700.00

2008 in Review:

January-June in America on furlough...

...July-December in Turkana, Kenya...& back to work!

112 salvations

139 baptisms

2 churches organized

4 seminars

1 graduation LBBI-Turkana

3 buildings built (2 churches & 1 kitchen/library)

3 medical clinics