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Light of the World Foundation
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Dear Friends,

Warm greetings from sunny Kenya!

We hope you are all doing well and that this season of life is filled with God's presence and blessing.

The past few weeks have flown by — almost as quickly as an ambulance racing by with its siren on! As I sit here reflecting on everything that has happened in such a short time, I am amazed by how much God has done. And the wonderful thing is that so much of it has been unexpected and beautiful.

There is so much to share, and I am trying to put it all into words without either leaving out the important things or sending you a newsletter so long that you need a whole afternoon to read it!

Above all, we want to thank God for His grace, protection, and faithfulness. Looking back over these past weeks, we can once again see how many things He had prepared in advance and how faithfully He led us, one step at a time.

"The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;

the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." -Psalm 121:7–8

<u>Volunteers Who Came to Serve</u>



At the beginning of July, Agata joined us once again. Every time she comes to Kenya, she gives up part of her holiday to serve alongside us. One of the main things she helped with was preparing for our August holiday camps. In addition to helping with preparations, Agata spent time with the children, helped wherever she was needed, and even taught classes when necessary.



Two more familiar faces also returned in July — Caitlin and Klaudia.

Caitlin focused mainly on working with the younger children, while Klaudia taught business and religious education to our older students.





Later, Ania joined us as well. She became involved in working with a group of girls in our sewing workshop and with some of the older students. She taught them sewing, as well as how to prepare a popular Kenyan snack called samosas.

Of course, while teaching the girls, Ania also had the opportunity to discover some new Kenyan flavors and culinary experiences herself!



Ania also led a workshop for our teachers, encouraging them to think beyond familiar ways of doing things and to be open to new ideas and approaches. Klaudia and Caitlin joined her and contributed their own ideas and experience.



On days when school was not in session, the volunteers organized different sports and activities for the children. Teamwork was an important part of these activities, but our greatest desire was that everything we did would ultimately point the children toward Jesus and help them discover God's Word.

A Dental Camp — Another Door God Opened



During this period, God also opened the door for us to organize a dental camp.

With the help of Sparkle Tooth Studio from Mombasa, more than 70 children were able to have their teeth examined.

Several children also received treatment, including having teeth removed that unfortunately could no longer be saved.

For many of these children, this was their very first visit to a dentist. Until now, they simply had not had the opportunity or the means to visit a dental clinic.

We are so grateful for this opportunity.

God is truly good. He opens doors and brings the right people into our lives at exactly the right time.

A Conference for Pastors and Leaders

In July, we also completed the finishing work on our auditorium.



During this time, Pastor Paweł came to visit us in Kenya for several days. His presence was a real blessing, as he led a three-day conference for local pastors and church leaders.

This year, we focused on a very important subject: marriage from a biblical perspective.

Pastor Benson was also one of the speakers. He focused particularly on Christian leadership and the importance of protecting our own relationship with God in the midst of the many responsibilities that come with ministry.



The conference lasted three days, and for the first time, attendance reached 40 pastors and leaders.

We are very thankful to God for every person who made time to come and take part.

August Holiday Camps

August was an incredibly busy month!

During the first two weeks, we welcomed a group of 14 volunteers from Poland, who once again helped us lead holiday camps for the children.







Our greatest goal was to turn the children's attention toward Jesus and sow seeds of faith in their hearts. We may not see the fruit immediately, but we believe that God will bring growth in His time.

This year, we also invited children from outside our school community, which meant that the camps were larger than in previous years.



Around 180 children took part!

At the end of the camps, we also invited the parents, giving them an opportunity to hear the Gospel.

Each child received a food package containing ugali, beans, sugar, tea, washing powder, and petroleum jelly.

It was truly a special time — filled with laughter, games, friendship, and lots of activity. But more importantly, it gave us the opportunity to show these children that they are loved and that Jesus loves them.

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow." -1 Corinthians 3:6

More Than Work

Our time with the volunteers was about much more than working at the school and running the holiday camps.



Together, we also visited local communities and had the opportunity to see more of what everyday life looks like for the people living around us. We spent time with them, listened to their stories, and simply shared life together.



Some of our volunteers also had the opportunity to visit one of Kenya's national parks.

For them, it was an unforgettable experience to see wild animals in their natural environment — elephants, giraffes, zebras, and many other inhabitants of the Kenyan savannah.

We are grateful that their time in Kenya was not only about serving and working, but also about getting to know the people, culture, and incredible beauty of the country God has allowed us to call home.

New Volunteers, New Experiences

This time, several new volunteers joined us — people whose hearts God had stirred and who felt called to come and serve.We believe that many of them returned home with much more than memories and experiences from Kenya. We pray that they also returned with a deeper and more personal experience of God.

It is a joy to serve together, learn from one another, and watch how God uses different people, gifts, and stories for His glory.



Marek, one of our volunteers, shared:

"My trip to Kenya was a unique and challenging experience, but above all, it was a beautiful time of serving God. I had the opportunity to spend wonderful time with the children, giving them some joy, attention, and care, and above all, sharing God's love with them.

I realized that sometimes you don't need much to give someone joy, hope, and the feeling that they are important.

I returned from Kenya with enormous gratitude in my heart and the conviction that God had placed wonderful people on my path. This experience will stay with me forever and, if God allows, I hope to return."

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." - Matthew 25:40



Ewa - My time in Kenya was a truly extraordinary experience of God's guidance, presence, and protection. The days I spent with the children, their families, and the people of Hademu village touched my heart deeply. It was a beautiful lesson that showed me, in a very personal way, how diverse, powerful, and often unexpected God's work can be.

I am deeply grateful to God for the opportunity to meet such wonderful and special people – Mirka's family and her coworkers. We shared moments of laughter and tears, encouraged one another, and prayed for each other. These relationships and memories will remain in my heart long after my return to Poland.

I believe that the school in Hademu is a truly special place. I see it as a work entrusted to people by God – people who continue to carry faith, hope, love, and the strength to serve the children and their community. At the same time, I have seen how much they need our prayers, encouragement, and financial support to continue this beautiful mission and give the children the opportunities they deserve.

The words from **Psalm 25:4**, which I learned together with the children, have stayed with me: ***"Show me your ways, Lord, teach me to walk in your paths."*** These words became more than just a verse I memorized. Since returning to Poland, they have become my daily prayer – a prayer asking God to continue guiding my steps, just as He guided me to Kenya.

Thank You for the Interactive Whiteboard!

We also want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped us purchase an interactive whiteboard.

Special thanks go to the students and staff of **the Primary School in Sobolew, Primary School No. 14, and Private School No. 8 in Białystok**, as well as to our **brothers and sisters from the Baptist Christian Church in Białystok.**



Your generosity made the holiday camps even more engaging and made our work with such a large group of children much easier. The interactive board has already proved to be an incredibly useful tool. We can display song lyrics, teaching materials, and other resources without having to copy everything

onto paper beforehand. It may seem like a small thing, but when you are working with a large group of children every day, it makes a huge difference!

We are especially grateful that we will be able to continue using the board long after the holiday camps are over, as we work with our students throughout the school year.

Thank you for helping us create a place where children can learn, grow, laugh, play, and most importantly, discover who Jesus is.

The Seed That Was Sown — and the First Harvest

This season has also reminded us of something very simple, yet very important.

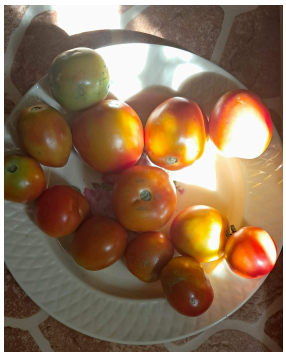
It is harvest time here.



What we planted several weeks ago has grown and is now ready to be harvested.

It brings us so much joy to see the fruit of our work — tomatoes, corn, and spinach ready to eat.

As we look at these crops, we are reminded of another kind of seed.



We are also sowing seeds in the hearts of children.

We may not always see immediately what is happening in someone's heart. But we trust that God is faithful and that His Word will accomplish what He sends it to do.

"So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty,

but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." - Isaiah 55:11

We pray that the children who are hearing about Jesus today will one day become people who carry the Gospel even further — perhaps to places where it has not yet been heard.

And we pray that their own lives will become testimonies of God's work to the people around them.

A New Semester



Just a few days ago, we began a new semester of the academic year.

We are entrusting all of our children, staff, teachers, volunteers, and ourselves into God's hands.

Please pray with us for God's protection, wisdom, strength, and provision for each new day.

As we close this newsletter, we want to encourage you — and ourselves — with these words:

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” - Galatians 6:9

Thank You for Being Part of this. Thank you for praying. Thank you for your support.

Thank you for caring about what is happening here and thank you for being part of what God is doing here.

Although you may be thousands of kilometers away, you are part of this story. Every prayer, every word of encouragement, and every act of support helps us continue serving the children, families, teachers, and communities around us.

We remember you and your families in our prayers, and we ask God to bless you richly.

May He guide you, protect you, strengthen you, and continue to use you wherever He has placed you.

With warm greetings from Kenya,

Henry & Mirka Kalume