

The McClerkkin Messenger

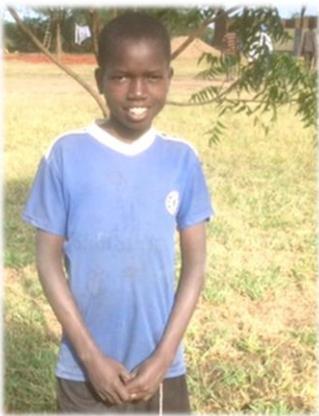
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Dear Friends,

Seven (former) street boys have been living with us on the compound for several months now. Up until recently they were living in a small mud house. It was cramped quarters for the group, but it started shrinking even more when a colony of termites moved in and made a feast out of the walls. Last month we began construction on a larger, more permanent home for the boys – one that will allow us to accommodate almost twice the number of children. Once the building is complete, we plan to rescue five more boys off the streets.

Meet Our Boys Featuring Titus Lopir

Titus is 12, going on 30. He has never known his father, and his mother died when he was still very young. By age 8, he was working full-time at a restaurant in



exchange for food and shelter. He was in and out of school. Often, he would run away and try to make money by selling stolen phones or secondhand clothes. In 2016, Titus became one of the first street boys to move onto the Hope4Sudan compound.

We have faced many challenges together but have seen so many wonderful changes taking place in his life. He now loves church and is involved in the village Sunday School. Instead of looking for opportunities to run away, he's decided to stay put and continue his education. Titus dreams of becoming a doctor one day.

A Treasure Worth Sharing

In the U.S., especially in the South, you can find Bibles almost anywhere. They're readily available, affordable, and come in many different versions and designs. Not so here. You may come across one in the shops now and then, but if you want to find a good number of them to distribute, you'll have to travel far. The rarity of Bibles in Kapoeta makes them an even greater treasure for Believers and for those who are exploring the faith.



Thanks to the generous donation of Word of Life in Winchester, VA and the Appalachian Conference, we were able to purchase 100 Bibles, as well as several audio Bibles, from Kenya recently. The Bibles we purchased are in simple English (NIV) and are being distributed to those (mostly high school students) who can read and write in English. The audio Bibles are in the Toposa language and are being given to villagers who cannot read or write. These tools are perfect for nonliterate individuals, enabling them to learn and share the Scriptures orally.

A Concert & New Discoveries

The Compass Ministry Concert was a weekend church event designed to give young men and women the chance to operate in and discover their spiritual gifts and talents. There were actors participating in drama, singers and praise dancers, as well as people taking part in basic church duties for the first time – ushering, greeting, etc. Four countries were represented in the gathering and over 120 were in attendance. Both the numbers and the impact were greater than our expectations. Glory to God, Who does abundantly more than we could think or imagine!

Some of our boys had feared taking on a church role in Kenya, so getting involved in this concert was a big step for them. Seeing God bless their efforts and reveal new gifts in them (like Bosco's talent for playing the keyboard!) was truly rewarding. The Lord also used this event to solidify the call He's been placing on my heart to work with young people in Kenya, as well as in S. Sudan.

Ethan & Colton's Corner

Adjusting to a new school is never easy. As he makes the transition from kindergarten to first grade, **Ethan** is learning the pros and cons of growing older. Gulab Lochab Academy is a different world than Busy Bumbles Nursery School. Even the name sounds more serious. The other day, Ethan called me and said, "Dad, can I tell you something? This school is not joking." 😊



Colton and Ethan are playing with each other more and more. We have to get on to Ethan for playing too rough at times, but he usually means well...or at least we think so. What amazes me is that Colton can't talk yet, but he and Ethan have already started yelling at each other. ...Ethan enjoys the sibling life so much that he's already begging for a sister. We won't talk about that now, though. 😊



"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us."

Ephesians 3:20