

The Chain of Hope

by Ronald Kinyanjui



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Houston, Texas**

“The Wheat project is one step forward in assisting the field operation in Kenya in becoming self-sustaining”



Welcome once again friends and partners of OCM. Next month we begin our partner's campaign: The Chain of Hope. In Eccl. 4:9-12 it speaks about the power and the benefits of a team. Verse 12 ends saying that “...a threefold cord is not quickly broken.” From Genesis to Revelation the Scriptures are replete with examples of relationships and family. Our God is one and yet three Persons. He said it was not good for Adam to be alone and He created the first sacred institu-

tion: marriage. Jesus was born into a family...He didn't come solo. He picked a team of 12. Here at OCM we've always been undergirded by a firm base of dedicated and committed supporters. They are our family. The apostle Paul had a core group of supporters and churches, a family, that supported his ministry. OCM is devoted and passionate about sharing our Hope the “hope of Glory” (see Col.1:27) with our neighbors and the nations. As a ministry we are in need of

more supporters who can join us in our vision. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link. Our supporters are the chain that link us to the Lord and to our vision. They, YOU, are a vital part of our family. Would you consider joining us on a monthly basis? Please consider joining us in our campaign to strengthen our support base and pass the word if you believe in this ministry as we continue to declare the Good News of our Lord.

Partner's Perspective

I have always had a big burden for missions and those less fortunate around the world. In the Spring of 2007 my call to Africa was confirmed. When I met the founder's son in college and he told me about his father's vision, I was immediately captivated and moved to be a part of this mission. A concrete vision and strategic plan to help others is hard to come across. As I flipped through the pages of OCM's website, I felt in my heart that I wanted to be a part

of this work to transform Kenya through the power of the Holy Spirit.

I believe that it does not take an organization or a large mass of people to make the difference. I'm just a college student, broke as can be (can I get an amen?...especially in this economy) but I felt the burden in my heart and the love of Christ creating an impulse in me to get involved with the ministry and reach out and touch the life of a

Kenyan more than 5,000 miles away. I'm dedicated to continuing my support in the vision of this project not only through financial support, and advocacy but most importantly through prayer and supplication on behalf of the people who have yet to be reached and those in dire need. I am excited and enthusiastic to see what the Lord is going to do through OCM and it's partners. -Shirley Rios

Update on Wheat Project

Thank you once again to all of you who came together to support the wheat project on the field in Kenya. This is a big step forward for the ministry.

The wheat was planted a few months ago. We have reports from the field that it is

doing well. The wheat is just getting ripe and will soon be ready to be harvested. As of now, they are estimating it will be ready around September or as late as October. With all that in place, we now face the challenge of preventing the birds from getting to the crop.

The total investment was

an estimated \$3000. We are expecting to sell the wheat for around \$5,000 yielding approximately \$2,000 as profit (liberal projection). The funds from the wheat project will be used to partially fund the Jehovah Jireh feeding program.

Food for the Soul



READ Mark 4:35-41

The world, at large, is currently mired in an economic crisis. Elsewhere the pandemic known as AIDS continues to decimate and

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ravage nations. Contaminated water plagues Africa and new or mutated viruses such as the swine flu continue to afflict many. These are perilous times. In this passage in Mark we read about Jesus and His disciples after a day of ministry. Verse 35 Deals with every day life. They were about to make a journey. In verse 37 a fierce storm arose. Circumstances can change in an instant. This is a part of life. Some are already comparing our

times to the Great Depression. Others are predicting a “perfect storm” of the financial crisis, the housing market and health care. Suddenly the disciples were in danger of perishing! In their despair, they forgot about the Hope that lay there in their midst. Everyone has doubts, everyone has questions. The disciples questioned if the Lord, if God, really cared about them and their situation. Scripture clearly teaches us to “cast our cares upon the Lord” (1 Pet. 5:7).

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“This hope we have as an anchor for the soul, a hope both secure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil” Hebrews 6:19

However, in this situation the disciples were questioning IF God cared. Jesus, our Savior, calmly awoke and rebuked the storm with His Words “Peace, be still.” That, in itself, is a reminder to us to put our trust in the Word of God. It was by the words of His mouth that the universe was created (Ps. 33:6, Heb. 1:3)! Today, I would like to encourage you to remember the

“Hope of Glory” that lives within you (Col. 1:27). Jesus, our Hope, is the Anchor that keeps our souls rooted in the midst of the storm (Heb. 6:19). He is the God of Peace (2 Thess. 3:16) but it is up to US as to whether we are going to choose to let His Peace rule and reign in our lives (Col. 3:15, Phil. 4:6-7). Beloved, our Lord and Father cares for us (Matt. 6:25-34)! Let us re-

main grounded in Hope and rest in His care and by doing so you will be able to keep your boat afloat!

Prayer Emphasis-Month of August

Continued prayer is requested for our field pastors:
 Humphrey Muchoki,
 Senior Pastor at Kaptembwo
 Maurice Mwangi
 Senior Pastor at Free Area
 Benson Kiarie
 Senior Pastor Mwariki church

Pray for increased wisdom and guidance for the pastors as they prepare to minister to the church.

Pray for the families of the pastors.

Pray for strength and encouragement for each of the pastors.

The church at Kaptembo is running attendance of over 100 people.

Pray for continued growth in Kaptembo, not only in numbers, but also spiritual growth and an increased sense of community amongst the members.

The Free Area Church’s attendance is over 150 people.

Once again, pray for growth in attendance, spiritual growth and growth in community. Pray for the financial resources for the church to complete the fencing of the property at the church.

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Fellow OCM Partner, Stephen Cozine, during a mission trip cleaning dishes at the Jehovah Jireh Feeding Program

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INTEREST:

- Find out how you can give financially
- See what a college student has to say about the work being done
- Get the latest update on our wheat project
- Volunteer your time in prayer

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Welcome Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

This year OCM (Organization of Christian Ministries) celebrates 33 years of ministry in Kenya and the United States. Praise God for his faithfulness! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our faithful friends and supporters for your prayers and financial support.

Throughout the years we have periodically sent updates as to the progress of the ministries and as urgent needs have arisen we have notified you as well. We have recently heard from past and present supporters that they would like to be updated more frequently as to the happenings of the ministry. This enhanced newsletter is in response to that request. We would like for you



Founder and President, James Kinyanjui pictured with his wife Esther.

not only to partner with the ministry, but to truly be a part of our OCM family.

Through this newsletter we hope to bring you monthly updates of what is happening on the field in Kenya and in North

Carolina.

As we continue to travail for the people of Kenya we put our faith in God knowing that he will provide us with the tools necessary to win this battle and finish the race victoriously. Moving forward in the calling which God has issued to us, we pray with the same sentiment as Jabez.

Thank you to all of you for responding to the cry of the people for help. We look forward to partnering with you in the years to come as we see God's calling for our life come to fruition.

Sincerely,

Rev. James Kinyanjui
President

Upcoming Events

It has often been said that it doesn't matter how you start the race but how you finish. With that in mind we want to highlight important upcoming events for OCM so that we can finish this year strong. Next month we will launch our Partner's Campaign: The Chain of Hope that will be a crucial base of support and partnership for the ministry. To fully maximize the potential for the campaign we are calling all part-

ners to send us your most recent contact information: your email address (primary means of contact) and residential address (for special mailings). Please email us at info@ocmmministries.org. In the future look to follow us on Twitter and Facebook. Please pass along the message of OCM by word of mouth to potential future partners. We also encourage you to join us for the OCM

designated week of fasting and prayer. We fast and pray for all facets of the OCM ministry (Open Hands Christian Fellowship in Monroe, NC, our churches in Kenya, the Jehovah Jireh Feeding program and our sister outreach I Heard the Cry) during the 3rd week of every month. Mark your calendars for August 17-22. Our fasting days are the 17-19th.



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"Go into all the world and preach the gospel" Mark 16:15

Online giving is available at:
www.ocministries.org/giving.htm

For more than 30 years Rev. James Kinyanjui has been passionately winning souls throughout the world! A Kenyan national, he founded OCM in 1976 as an evangelistic outreach based in Nairobi. Since then, the ministry has planted four churches in Kenya and has substantially broadened its donor base through a coalition of U.S. churches and individual partners. OCM headquarters is in Charlotte, NC with field operations in Nakuru, Kenya. Founder James Kinyanjui serves as president.

Visit our website: www.ocministries.org

If you are ever in the Charlotte area, please join us for service on Sunday at 10:30 am & Wednesday at 7:00 pm for

Bible Study at:

Open Hands Christian Fellowship

The Blair Place Building

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Prayer Emphasis (continued from page 3)

The Mwariki church is growing, attendance is up to about 50 people.

Pray for continued growth at this church as well and that souls may continue to be saved through the churches ministry.

Pray for the presence of the church in the community.

The church is planning on beginning the construction of the sanctuary and Sunday School classes.

Pray for finances and workers to carry out this project. Also pray for a swift completion of the project.

Five students are currently being sponsored through the OCM High School Scholarship Project.

Pray for continued financial sponsors for the children.

Pray for the children to do well in their studies.

Pray for the families of the children.

The Jehovah Jireh feeding program is still operating.

Pray for increased finances for the program as financially it is struggling to stay in operation.

Pray for the needs of the children to not only be met physically but also that we may connect them to the One that can meet their spiritual needs.



Children benefiting from the Jehovah Jireh Feeding Program.

Plans for the initiation of the construction of the guest house for the orphanage are underway.

Pray for the finances to not only begin the project, but also to complete the project. The total cost of the project is estimated around \$45,000.

Pray for missions teams to be called to the project to aid in the construction.

Don't Forget:

Monthly Prayer week

August 17-22

Monthly Fasting

August 17-19