

CHELASHAW NEWS, FEB 2023

"MAY HIS WORD PRODUCE A RICH HARVEST IN NAIROBI"

DEAR FRIENDS

Over the last two months we have been privileged to celebrate the baptism of 7, then 4 more young people in our church. This

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" Romans 1:16a

has sparked more requests for baptism and Kip' is now beginning a class for mostly younger teenagers who will be baptised around Easter, God-willing. Many of them come from difficult home backgrounds in the slum, and some have never met their biological father. As they grow up, the temptations to fall into drunkenness, gambling, immorality and even prostitution abound. Yet we remain convinced that the most

important thing we all need is the gospel, because it has the power to bring salvation. Please pray that our community would be transformed as children and adults turn to Christ and learn the Word of God.

One young man, who has been coming to our church since last March, recently shared his story. As a child, he was taken to church by his mother but witnessed horrible anger and violence in his neighbourhood. He fell into gang culture and missed much of his schooling. He was saved when a friend invited him



At another church (*Gracepoint Waiyaki Way*) doing a relationships seminar with their young people and ours

to her church. A short while later, another friend invited him to our youth Bible study. He began coming regularly to our church, comes every week to help set up and has now become a Sunday school helper. Praise God for the transformation in his life, and his willingness to serve. Pray too that he might find a job.

Kenyan schools have their long holidays from December to January, and Kip' used this time to arrange some seminars for teenagers and young adults on the subject of



One of the 11 recent baptisms! God is truly good.



The ladies gathering for Bible study after a walk in the nearby forest.

relationships. We used a partner church's venue and were blessed to have their young people also attend. Please pray that these young people would seek God's grace and wisdom in relationships and marriage.

A number of our Sunday school leaders were recently blessed by 3 days of training in Bible exposition, organised by *iServe Africa*. Kip' continues to serve as Chairman of the *iServe* Board, and the partnership has been a great encouragement. We ask for prayer for continued wisdom in the various leadership and teaching roles and that our Sunday school team continues to grow, and to become better equipped.

Over the last year, the men in our church have been able to get to know

each other through walks, discussions and team-building activities. The ladies' work has been a bit slower, with few women attending our monthly Bible study. However, we recently organised an outing for the ladies, and were amazed at how many came. We're seeking to build on this over the coming year, and ask prayer that the ladies in our church would grow in fellowship, prayer for one another, and the desire to study the Bible. The socio-economic differences, differences in age and stage of life and the fear of gossip are all barriers to this. Yet we trust in the power of the gospel and are grateful for one or two who are great examples of reaching out to others.

PRAY

Please continue to pray for a church venue. And pray for on-going provision and wisdom for us as a family as our children's educational needs grow and as we

live in a world of steep inflation. We are seeking more support this year as we have a budget deficit of about 35%. As we look back over 5 years here, we are thankful for the Lord's wonderful provision and trust that He will continue to supply all that is needed.

Richest blessings in Christ

Kip', Rachel, Elijah, Ezra,
Susanna & Bethany

For more information about our work see
<http://www.ufm.org.uk/member/kip-and-rachel-chelashaw/>

For more regular updates by WhatsApp, contact Kip' on Tel +254 722 772 700

To unsubscribe from this newsletter, just ask!



The Sunday school children performing the nativity at our evangelistic Christmas event.