

THE OVERCOMING FAITH SCHOOLS

NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2020

Keeping my foot on the Pedal

As we came to the end of 2019, I started preparing to walk our three Overcoming Faith Schools into the year 2020. I had the confidence knowing that we had the support of our sponsoring organization Tucklets and their partners. Some of the things that needed focus included;



Grade 1 students of Kakamega School using their new furniture

- ❑ Transition of the students and staff, emotionally, physically etc. into the 2020 year.
- ❑ Review of the schools' programs and budgets and adjustments where necessary.
- ❑ concentration of efforts on the new system. - the Competency Based Curriculum
- ❑ Construction and improvement on the infrastructural facilities including desks, classes, toilets, etc. Today I am happy to report we have achieved a huge milestone.
- ❑ Working on getting all our graduated students from our school to high school . Fee range between USD 2000 – 500. Fee depends on the level of the school.

By Pastor Alice/ Director for the Schools

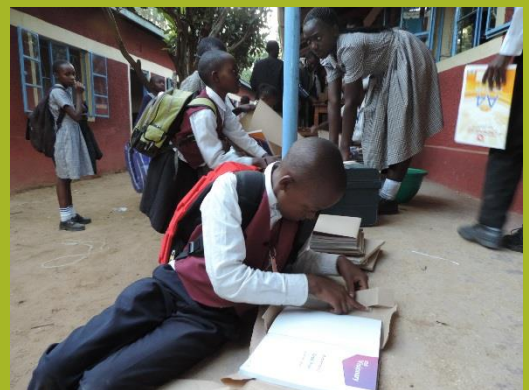
Happy to be in School again

The school opening day was on 6th January 2020. This is after we schools been closed for holidays two months. We lucky for our school we still came to school for our meals, music and drama and other school programs,

In our school we organized for all students and staff to open officially on 27th December to participate in cleaning, admission of new students and develop school programs for 2020.



Ibrahim 64 years old arriving with his grandson Gravo for admission. Gravo's mother disappeared more than a year ago



Students assisting in covering newly purchased textbooks

We developed our theme of the year. Students had been put in groups to work on it. The group led by the grade five governor won with their motto ' Aim for excellence "' we also participated in cleanliness and arranging our learning requirements. we were happy the school had bought text books and we helped in covering them .

The teachers worked with the Director and student leaders in counselling and orienting the new students who were in a very desperate situation. The Director Madam Alice and some staff were in school by 5.30 am and leave as late as 10 p.m.

Written by; Rose Loyce - Grade 8

Preparation for Music and Drama Competitions

It is a new year, with new things. Our school music and drama members have started to practice for their competition which was started as soon as possible. They are preparing for a modern dance, traditional dance and a play. The teachers are restless trying to find the trainers who can train them. Our ECD children are also preparing for their singing game.

The whole of our staff are always supportive in any co-curricular activities. We are looking forward to get support from our director madam Alice who has always been so supportive to us. In fact without her there could be no drama/music or any other co-curricular activity in the school.

Last year our music and drama team went for a competition and emerged position one in the region. We qualified for the national. Our teachers Mr. Wycliffe, Mr. Sindani and Madam Salome were so supportive to us and they really helped us a lot.

We pray that this year we will go beyond national level. We wish all the drama and music members all the best.

*Written by; Gill Hagai
Grade 6*

Challenges/ Financial Needs

- Placing the children with no homes within families. We have a bulging number not yet placed. Our hostels should accommodate maximum 70 students but now we have 102
- Communicable diseases like cold, coughs and water born diseases
- Inadequate clothing like blankets, uniforms, shoes and learning supplies
- Power surges caused by heavy rains
- Inadequate infrastructural facilities
- The Government ordered demolition of our mudroom class in our school



Demolition of our mudroom classes



Church turned into classes as construction continues in Bunyore

Achievements

Massive improvement on infrastructural facilities:



Old mudroom classes at Bunyore school that were demolished by the order from the Government



Construction of new classes in progress

- New text books and furniture
- Improvement on school programs
- Big improvement on academics. The school was position 3 in a Sub County of more than 400 schools.

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