

“And those who are peacemakers
will plant seeds of peace and reap a
harvest of righteousness.”

James 3:18

COPE Ministry

May 2021 Newsletter

Hope Matters International Clinic at Pokot

Hope Matters International has recently connected with COPE Ministry through Dr. Kottemann. He went and visited their mission for about a week before visiting Pokot this month. On May 13th Dr. Steve Kottemann held a medical clinic with Hope Matters International, hosted by the COPE Mission to serve the Pokot people. A team of medical professionals traveled to our mission from their mission in Eldoret. They came with 3 clinicians, 1 pharmacist, 1 public health officer, 1 pastor, and 3 support members. People in the Pokot community came from far and wide. The team ended up seeing and treating just under 300 patients in just one day. A few people were referred on for further care in Eldoret. One small child had recently lost the use of his legs inexplicably. The medical team from Hope Matters International did a great job starting his care and

To honor the team that came to serve the Pokot community our Admin team and Good Samaritan parents worked together to get trees for the visiting team to plant at COPE and wove beautiful baskets to hold them in. To learn more about Hope Matters International check out their webpage, hopemattersintl.org



arranging for him to receive treatment in Eldoret. He and his mother were transported to the hospital and Hope Matters will continue to oversee their care. Please keep them in your prayers. We hugely appreciate Dr. Kottemann's efforts and all the help Hope Matters International has offered. They were very blessed by their interactions with the Pokot people and we hope to continue working with them.



Relief Food Efforts



This month the Admin team has started giving out loaves of bread with relief food. Now every family gets corn flour, salt, oil, and a loaf of bread. This is a solution the Admin team came up with when they saw many people were very tired and hungry arriving to receive Relief Food. Giving them a loaf of bread supplied them with immediate sustenance after their long day of traveling. This works because our bakery has not been as busy since COVID-19 restrictions. The employees in the bakery are working extremely hard to make enough bread for everyone on the Relief Food list. We are still able to feed around 600 people every week. The more funding we get for Relief Food, the more people we can add. There are still several hundred people on a waiting list.

Flooding in Pokot

Many people from the community came to the mission asking for help. There has been flooding this spring and it has reached their shambas (gardens) many of their seeds have been washed away. They have come to us asking for help purchasing new seeds. We are still trying to assess how many people need seeds. Having seeds washed away creates serious food insecurity. Many families spent all their money on preparing their shambas



and buying seeds. Now that their seeds are washed away, they have no more money and no food growing for their families. This is one of the harsh realities of the sub-Saharan climate of West Pokot. They are constantly facing flooding or draught.. If you are willing to help us replace these seeds so these families will have a harvest in the fall, please reach out to us or go to the donate tab on our webpage and put “relief food” in the comments. Please pray for the Pokot people. Pray for their crops to be successful and the flooding to not destroy all their hard work.

School Returns

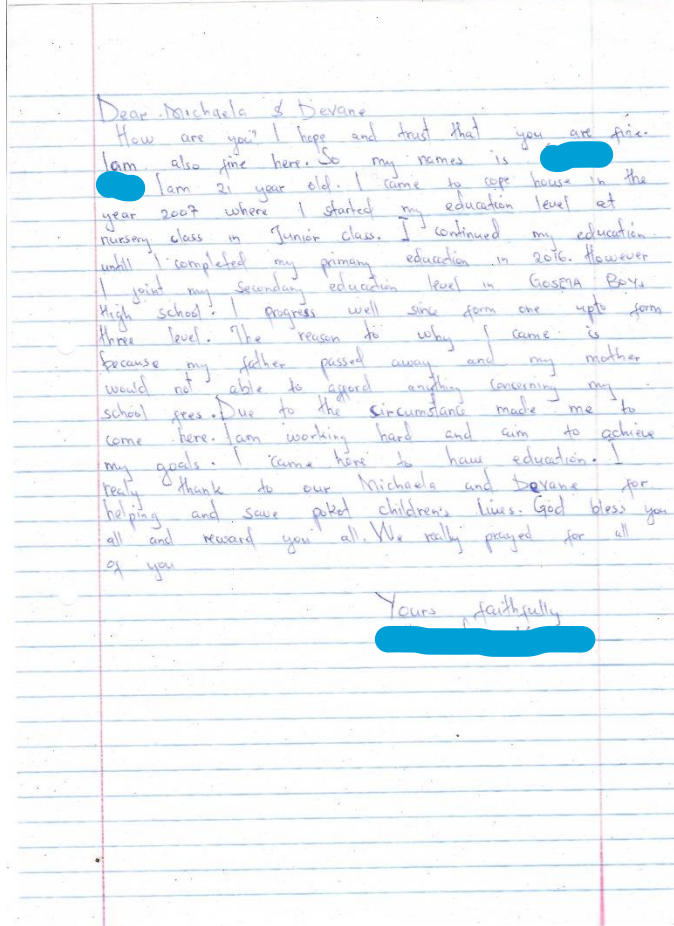
On the Kenyan Labor Day (April 30th) the Kenyan government announced that schools, travel, and restaurants would open for business. This means our students were able to return to school this term the first week of May.

Our children and staff are still taking precautions and are doing a great job putting safety first so we can stay open. Please be praying that our students and staff stay healthy and have a successful term at school over the next few months.



COPE House Child Spotlight

There are over 70 children living in the COPE House now. There are a variety of reasons why children come to live with us in COPE House. Every month for the next several months we will be featuring a child so you can get to know the children who are living with us.



Church Visits

We have really enjoyed visiting with churches these last few months. These visits are a chance for us to give updates on what COPE is doing now, meet and develop relationships with congregations, and bring things that the women from Kenya have made to sell to support their families. If you think your church would like a visit this summer from Michaela and Devane, please let us know!

Thankful Good Samaritan Parents

Many of the Good Samaritan parents have expressed gratitude recently as their children have done quite well in school. One mother brought us a chicken to show her appreciation! We are so blessed to be able to work with these families!



Prayer Requests

Concerns:

Flooding and crop damage throughout West Pokot

Safety for our students and teachers

Dr. Kottemann's safe travels returning to the US

New sponsors for children and partners for COPE

Praises:

Success of the medical clinic

US Donor for Posho Mill building

Being able to add bread to Relief Food

How You Can Get Involved Today

Angel Catalog

The Angel Catalog is our online store where you can shop through some of our regular expenses and fund the costs of those things. You can buy a teacher's weekly salary, breakfast and lunch for a child for a week, medical supplies, school supplies, the costs of showing the Jesus Film, and more. This is a great way to get your children involved in giving or to give things in honor of a loved one's birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion.

Check out our Angel Catalog today!

www.childrenofpokot.org/online-store

Amazon Smile

AmazonSmile is an option on Amazon that allows you to choose a nonprofit that Amazon will donate to when you shop online. All you have to do is add our AmazonSmile information onto your amazon account and it will automatically make contributions to our mission while you do your routine, online shopping!

Use this link to set up Children of Pokot as your charity of choice on AmazonSmile!

smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1367560

Connect

Learn more about Children of Pokot and connect with us on our webpage or on social media!

www.childrenofpokot.org

Facebook: COPE Ministry

Write us a note at:

childrenofpokot@gmail.com or

PO Box 903 Lincoln, IL 62656

Good Samaritan Sponsorship

Sponsor a child for \$40 a month. You will cover the child's school expenses, meals, medical costs, and uniforms. You also get to create a personal relationship with a child in the Pokot community! To learn more about sponsorship or request to become a sponsor check out our webpage or send us an email!

www.childrenofpokot.org

email: childrenofpokot@gmail.com

Monthly Giving

Monthly giving can be conveniently set up to automatically withdraw from your checking account. You can easily start and stop your monthly giving from the donate page on our webpage.

Planned Giving

Are you aware that you may help COPE through your will or estate planning? Your generosity would bring God's blessings to you and to COPE. To include COPE as a beneficiary, the correct address is Children of Pokot Educational Fund, P.O. Box 903, Lincoln IL 62656.

Prayer

We need prayer partners that can be prayer warriors on behalf of Children of Pokot Educational Fund Ministry. Almost every newsletter has points of need in them that we would love for you to take up and cover in prayer for us. This is one of the best ways to support us from anywhere at any time.

Share

Please tell others about COPE Ministry. Tell your church, family, friends, coworkers, and businesses about COPE and how they can help make a difference in the Pokot community today! It is hard for us to spread what COPE Ministry is doing by ourselves. We need your help!

