

Garments of Praise to Africa with Love

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Exchanging "the spirit of despair with the Garments of Praise"

- Help for the helpless, the
- Oil of joy to those who mourn, to
- Preach the Gospel to the poor and to
- Exchange the "spirit of despair with the Garments of Praise", to the end that God would be Glorified; as described in Isaiah 61:1-3

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Fanning into Flame the Gift of God

"Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction." 2 Timothy 4:2 NIV

The Timothy-Paul Project is a United African Evangelical Ministries (UAEM) program designed to address the need for solid biblically trained pastors in areas far from the mission base in Kangundo, Kenya. There is a great hunger to know the Word of God and people beg regularly for the mission to open a church near them. A dozen new UAEM churches have been started



Pastor Simon Mwangangi (center) and Pastor Samuel Kioo (right) with another pastor seated beneath a tree, the site of the newest church

far from the mission base in response to these pleas, but some of these pastors are serving with little training. It is important that these pastors be well grounded in the Bible. Although their love for the Lord and their desire to serve Him is sincere, there is danger of them being misled through their lack of knowledge.

Pastors Simon Mwangangi and Samuel Kioo traveled to Bungoma in northwestern Kenya, near the border of Uganda, to serve as "Pauls" to the 12 to 14 "Timothys" who attended the two-week training session. It was a great blessing for these pastors to receive sound instruction and encouragement. They implored Simon and Samuel to teach **all** day long rather than the scheduled 4 to 5 hours, even as they sat on hard backless benches in the "church" which is a structure made from sticks and mud.

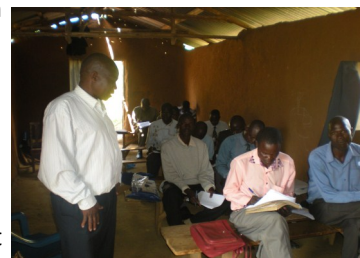


Some of the pastors who attended the two-week training session

Pastor Simon had the opportunity to preach at the newest church while in Bungoma. They had 50 people in attendance underneath a tree, as there is no building.

Because so few of the people have Bibles, they rely on the pastors to teach biblical truths. Garments of Praise provides

scholarships to Pastors Simon and Samuel to attend an on-line Bible college to earn their advanced degrees and to be better qualified to lead these training sessions. By better training these leaders to teach the outlying pastors, the integrity of the Bible will be upheld and many more souls can be reached with the Gospel.



Receiving training at a church in Bungoma

Tailoring Skills At Work



Sewing new school uniforms

It is such a thrill to witness God working to fulfill the vision he gave to Garments of Praise! Seven current tailoring students and recent graduates have taken on the task of completing new school uniforms for the children of Shalom Learning Center.

This “mini-manufacturing” group have produced 39 dresses, 39 shirts and will soon complete 39 sets of shorts for the children. The room has been a flurry of activity with some ironing, some cutting fabric, and some sewing on buttons.

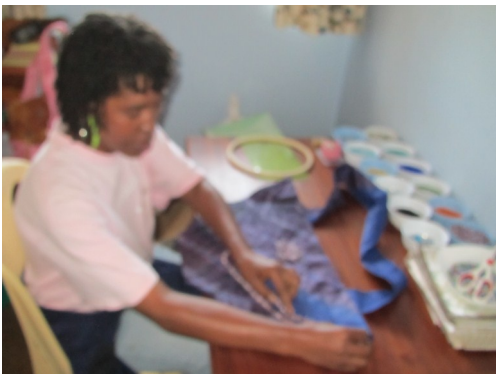
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How exciting it has been to see the symbiotic relationship developing between the Garments of Praise Tailoring Institute and Shalom Learning Center. Both groups are blessed as the tailoring students gain practical experience, as well as a fair wage for their work, and the children receive much needed school uniforms. Our God is simply amazing in how He works!



Some of the “mini-manufacturing” group members

She Works With Eager Hands



Rachel busily creating beads and bags

Rachel is a talented visionary who is also an overcomer. Once desperate and destitute, Rachel came to Garments of Praise to learn new skills and seek a better life. She found that and a whole lot more. Becoming an expert artisan in the art of bead making, she now shares her skills with a whole new group of students.

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Rachel exemplifies what it means to be a leader and proudly carries on the Garments of Praise mission to teach others, bringing hope into their otherwise destitute lives. Unique beads and matching bags are sold in the local market place to the delight of her customers. Rachel is also a bold evangelist, street witnessing weekly in her Eastleigh neighborhood. She knows first hand the power of the living God and His loving care that she has seen through His people.



Distinctive matching beads and bags created by Rachel and her students

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights"

James 1:17 NIV



Gathering to see the optometrist

We know that God provides for His children in ways that we cannot even comprehend. Pastor Stephen reported that several of the Shalom Learning Center children were having trouble seeing the chalk board, having to stand inches from it to see their lessons. The Lions Club was contacted to see if there was anything they could do to help.



Waiting in line for the eye clinic

Much to our delight, they not only were willing to help with eye glasses, but came to Shalom to hold an eye clinic for the school children and adults within the Tala community. Mrs. Flora Mitisa works with a group of ladies to organize the clinics. She was instrumental in making this clinic an abounding success. These people have never seen an optometrist in their lives. One of the boys has weak eyes and by alternating an eye patch several hours per day,



Participants of the Lions Club Eye Clinic

his eye sight is improving. Another man was taken to the Lions main clinic for cataract surgery. All of this was done free of charge! The Shalom Learning Center would also like to thank you, our generous ministry partners, in providing funds to have

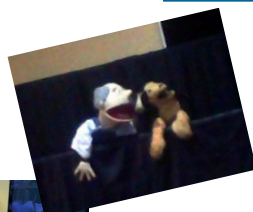


Painting the new book shelves

book shelves built for the school. Now the students will be able to access their school books easily, as they will no longer be sitting in piles on tables or on the floor. Your support has made a world of difference for these children.



Book shelves makes accessing school books much easier



October mission trip team prepares for Africa

Praises and Prayer Requests

Praises

- Provision of an eye clinic at the Shalom Learning Center through the Lions Club
- Witnessing the "first fruits" God has produced through these ministry efforts

Prayers

- Mission team coming to Africa in October
- Wisdom in overseeing present and developing projects in all ministry areas
- 3-year work permit application for Will and Ilwee

We cannot say "adequate" thanks for the prayers that you offer faithfully for the Garments of Praise work. Your prayers allow us to move forward and accomplish what God desires for us to do.



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Opportunities to Sponsor a Student

You have the opportunity to minister to those in Kenya Africa through the Garments of Praise sponsorship and scholarship programs. As part of the mission team, you can sponsor a child at the Shalom Learning Center, a student enrolled in the Tailoring Institute or Bible college, or provide a scholarship for a pastor to be further equipped in biblical studies.

*"Without education they
have very little hope in
this life, and without
salvation they have no
hope for eternal life"*



Instructing students
Garments of Praise Tailoring Institute



Shalom Learning Center
students
Thankful for this meal!



Pastors eager to share the
Good News of Jesus

Your sponsorship provides education, uniforms, supplies, exams, basic meals and a commitment of love in action to help them thrive spiritually, socially and economically. We not only provide for them financially, but in prayer and correspondence with our sponsored student. Make a life long difference today in the lives of the extremely impoverished people of Kenya Africa and send the message of Jesus' love. Contact Lisa at lisa@garmentsofpraisefoundation.com for more information.

Invite a Speaker

Consider hosting a speaker. We would be happy to share our ministry with your church or group. If interested, please contact us at 520-329-9255 or at hope@garmentsofpraisefoundation.com.

Donations Online or By Mail

We greatly appreciate any donation that you can make toward the work being done in Africa on behalf of these precious people. Donations can be made online at

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Garments of Praise does not promote dependency, but rather enables individuals to become self-sustaining through education, job skills training and the teaching and preaching of the Word of God.

Thank you for being faithful in prayer for us!!! We fully realize that it is the major reason God works on our behalf to accomplish everything He has blessed us with. *The Garments of Praise Team*

Isaiah 26:12 "LORD..... all that we have accomplished you have done for us..." NIV