

Free Presbyterian Youth Council



'Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth' - Ecclesiastes 12:1

UPDATE ON FORMER BCFC PRE-SCHOOLS PROJECT

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Kenyan's Daily Nation reported this week that 72 children under the age of five die per day in Kenya of malaria. When you consider that this is just malaria and not some of the other diseases which are prevalent in this land that is a lot. Six weeks ago I attended the funeral of a little boy, who was only two years of age when he died of malaria. There is nothing as sad as watching a small coffin being lowered into a grave. The need to reach the little ones with the message of our Lord is imperative!

The Pre-School Schools (or as they are known in Kenya - Early Childhood Development Centres) of the Bible Christian Faith Church came into being in 1998. The leadership of the church had a burden to reach their own young children, and those who lived near to their churches, with the good news that Jesus saves and to give them the ability to read, write and count. This ministry commenced with one teacher, Mrs. Judith Nyakundi, who is now one of the co-ordinators of the work amongst the little ones. Today there are fourteen Nursery Schools, seventeen teachers and 530 children who did the end of term exams in April of this year.

Thank you so much for your support of this ministry of the Bible Christian Faith Church. I was astounded by the amount which was gathered by the youth of our denomination! May the lord richly bless you for your liberality – Ruth 2:12.

The money you sent has been used for the translation and copying of scripture lesson books. We were given permission from CEF Ireland to do this as long as it was only used by our Nursery Schools and not for selling. These books are being used each day with the children, teaching them the fundamentals of the faith and showing them their need to seek the Lord while He may be found. Six books were translated in total to cover the two years of the Pre-School curriculum. Though the books are being used, a revision will have to be done of each book in the not too distant future.

Money from the Youth Council has been used to pay for the transport of Mrs. Nyakundi as she goes around and visits the various Pre-Schools. As one of the Coordinators her job is to visit the schools to make sure everything is going along smoothly and to offer any help if a problem arises. With fourteen schools, some in remote areas, she does a lot of travelling! Pray for her safety as she goes from place to place each week and that the Lord would bless her in her labours amongst the teachers and little ones alike.

A new building was put up in Emboghat to help facilitate all the children who attended the local BCFC Pre-School. A kitchen was also built so that the children could have uji (porridge) for break each day. The school day commences at 8am and everyone heads for home at 12 noon, so a cup of uji (porridge) is always welcome at around 10am. Funds from the Youth Council were used to put these buildings up. Pray that the Lord would use this simple building to the saving of many precious little children.

A video projector was also purchased. The previous projector had stopped working and a new one was required. The projector has travelled to Ortum, Moisi Bridge and even down to

the church in Nyaporo, Mumias. Camps have made full use of it causing laughter and tears, and there have been times when the message portrayed on the screen has caused many to think about where they will spend eternity.

Two six foot metal cupboards are now found at the Christian Academy where Mrs. Nyakundi's office is. The Youth Council money was used to purchase and transport them from Eldoret to the Academy. This has made life so much easier for Mrs. Nyakundi. If a teacher comes and says they have run out of something she is able to go to the store cupboards and meet their need. Most of these things were previously kept in my home in Kapenguria.

As many of our young people will be aware, I am no longer involved in the daily running and co-ordinating of the work in the Pre-Schools of BCFC. I still have the responsibility of seeing to the scripture syllabus of the schools, but everything else has fallen upon the very capable shoulders of Mrs. Nyakundi and Miss McAfee. Do remember them in this special ministry to the little ones who attend the Pre-Schools of the Bible Christian Faith Church.

I have now moved to Kakamega in the Western District of Kenya. My work now revolves around the little congregation who meet in the village of Nyaporo near to Mumias town. Pray for this new door of opportunity which the Lord has opened up. The need for sound biblically based teaching is great in this area. There are many churches near to the little congregation of BCFC, yet most of them preach another gospel. Pray for this new ministry that God has given to me, and pray that we will see many souls swept into the kingdom and the elect of God built up in their most holy faith. The apostle John says, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

Thank you so very much for your giving to the work of the Pre-Schools of the Bible Christian Faith Church!

From the inception of this Youth Council Project in September 2006 to its close in September 2008 a grand total of £9,590.58 has been raised for the work of the BCFC Pre-Schools. The Free Presbyterian Youth Council would like to express its sincere gratitude to all those who generously contributed to this project.