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TRANSFORMING A CULTURE THROUGH EDUCATION

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THE IMPACT OF MISSION ELIMU IN HENYA

ince the inception of Missions in Kenya and in particular Abigail School, I have seen the school grow in terms of student population, as well as learning facilities. This is because of quality education provided at the school. The teacher turnover is also within acceptable limits which was not the case before Mission Elimu.

The pupils who could not afford the Secondary school fee, had a chance to go through High School and the pioneer students sat their Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) in March/April and all of them were able to score grades that will allow them to join University and or Tertiary colleges. As a result of the success stories, many more children desire to go to school now. In Kenya, initially, there was a culture of marrying off the girl child, even at the of age 13-16, with the intention of raising a dowry, to cover school fees.



On the other hand, the boy child would engage in illicit activities. Some of them would even be killed by the Police or the public. Thankfully, this trend is tremendously declining as there is more access to education.

Finally, because of this increased access to education, we believe that there will be a reduction in poverty and unwanted pregnancies will be avoided. At one time, a friend of mine said and I quote: "Investment in the education of a child is worth as compared to living, a heritage to a non-enlightened people, who eventually lose billions of investments and end up living a dejected life". Truly, Mission Elimu has opened the window for a bright future for the students and the community at large.

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Several times in the Bible the command to make disciples of all nations or preach the Gospel to all nations is given. We see it in Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-20, Luke 24:45-49, John **20:21**, and **Acts 1:8**. Yet still, over 40% of the world's population (3.29 billion) live among unreached people groups. This means these people will never meet a believer or hear the Gospel or the name Jesus in their lifetime unless someone intentionally goes to share the good news with them. Our ministry, Till All Hear, exists to reach these people. We have bases in two countries

in Asia, India and Myanmar and our headquarters are in Trinidad in the Caribbean. When the Covid-19 Pandemic hit, we had to cancel a trip to three countries in Asia, however we had been training

pastors since our first trip in 2015 and they rose to the challenge. Locally, we have started several initiatives: Food hamper distribution among both Trinidadians and Venezuelan nationals, meeting other physical needs (stoves,

mattresses, clothing) of the destitute and mask evangelism. We have seen people come to Christ and be healed while distributing food, however, I want to share a testimony from our mask evangelism initiative.

ne man was shot in hishand three years ago and was in almost constant pain. He had very little use of his arm and very limited motion. I noticed he was injured and asked if he wanted a free face mask to which he replied, "yes". I also asked if I could pray for him, and he agreed. While praying for him the power of the Holy Spirit came upon him and he felt a heat. I asked him to test his hand to see if he was healed and he could lift it. He said the last time he was able to

do that was before he was shot. I called him sometime after and he told me he was now able to earn funds by cutting grass which he could not do before because of the limited motion of his arm. Now, he was completely healed. (This occurred while churches were 'closed' in Trinidad).

In closing, the church is the people, and we are called to be salt and light of the earth. We need to be relevant and seek innovative ways to reach the lost but preach the unchanging Gospel message accompanied by the demonstration of the power and love of God. Prayer still works. Love is a verb. People are literally

dying and hurting and have both physical and spiritual needs. Christ is the answer, the church is supposed to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ here on earth.

International Founder of Till All Hear

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Indeed, we clearly see the importance of organizations such as Till All Hear and our very own, Mission Elimu. The work that organizations such as ours does is crucial to the spreading of the gospel and the transformation of lives. Your continued support, by way of giving and prayer, is therefore deeply appreciated.

WE ARE SO PROUD!

reetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. The 2021 academic year ended well with us at Abigail School with two graduations. Forty- one children of pre-primary two (PP2) graduated and are ready to join grade one. Additionally, 30 pupils of class eight, finished primary school after sitting for their KCPE exams; they did well. Their calling letters to join high schools are now ready.

The four who sat for their National exam in 2021 did well because you helped them settle in schools. Shekinah, Irene, Ian, Reven all have smiles on their faces seeing High school behind them and College ahead.

The six who sat for the national exam in 2022 also made us proud. Out of the six, four were directly merited to study a Bachelor's degree in the Universities. They are Braxides, Sunday, Lameck, and Griffin.

We give thanks to the Almighty God for enabling us. Thanks to sister Harper and the team for your tireless sacrifice, prayers and encouragement which makes us smile.

Thanks to Mission Elimu for the heart and love towards us at Abigail, you have brought hope where things seemed impossible.

This is a noble work you are indeed doing. Keep up the good work and continue being a blessing to others. You remain in our hearts. Your giving is not in vain, but it is touching lives, The young boys and girls still need your help as they transition to Universities and Colleges.

REV. DANIEL MUSIYA (Director, Abigail School & Mission Elimu Liaison)





MISSION ELIMU- Good ground to sow into



reetings in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and life-giver.

This is the fourth edition of Mission Elimu newsletter. What a privilege we have to contribute to the lives of boys and girls of Kenya who, some parents have no means of educating because of the cost. The best practise of the Kingdom of God is to give. Paul in Acts 20:35 quoted Jesus "it's more blessed to give than to receive"

The highest form of love is giving, John 3:16. God blessed Abram to be a blessing to other nations (Gen 12:2). The Elimu Project is stemmed from an initiative of Rev. Lilleth Harper when she visited Kenya on a Missions trip, and saw the need for the children to be educated through sponsorship.

The PAWI/NETD have been committed to this expression of God's love, and over four (4) years ago the Holy Spirit has tagged Rev. Lilleth Harper and her team to extend what God has started, and today Mission Elimu is a blessing to the parents and their children, who

have been selected to receive sponsorship for their education.

Please note that Mission Elimu is fully supported by PAWI/NETD Executive and Pastors and their congregations. Giving to this project is sowing in very good soil that has the potential to bring forth a hundredfold.

I therefore encourage you to support this project by giving:

- A one-time contribution; To fully sponsor a student for 1,2,3, or 4 years.
- Give what you can weekly, fortnightly or monthly for a period you determine.

Your gift of love will not go unrewarded.

MISSION ELIMU- God Inspired



n unwavering God is eternally deserving of adoration and reverence. It was a God- idea, originating from the heart of the One whose heart is toward the nations. In 2017, I had the privilege of participating in a short-term missions trip to Kenya, led by Rev. Trevor Campbell. As part of our itinerary, we visited and toured the Abigail school (supported by NETD) where I engaged conversations with Pastor Daniel Musiya, the school's director about his aspirations for his students.

He spoke passionately about his desire to uplift and educate those living in impoverished conditions but expressed uncertainty as to how he could help his people. My heart sank as I conversed with him and also with the Class 8 students (similar to those sitting SEA exams), who were preparing for their firstever examination in the history of that institution. question lingered within me: How could we (as representatives from

Trinidad) offer assistance?

By divine intervention, God presented me with a clear-cut plan - an opportunity to provide education for underprivileged students who were unable to

afford the high cost of attending secondary school. Upon my return home, I shared this vision with two team members - Viva Romeo and Jacqueline Chase - along with Ria Rajkumar; together guidelines crafted that included criteria for student selection alongside core values and accountability measures. Over time, our Mission Elimu team expanded beyond its initial members (which began in 2018) inclusive of two Kenyan liaisons-Pators Musamali & Musiya ('Elimu' means 'education' in Swahili).

Over six years since inception, we have provided support for twenty-three students thus far (including an additional two added as at January 2024). Some of our students are currently pursuing Bachelor degrees at various universities across Kenya. All glory be unto our Sovereign God whose faithfulness towards us has been unrelenting! We acknowledge North East District's unwavering support starting initially through Rev. Raymond Boca (District Bishop during our establishment period) up until now Missions Director. We remain grateful to all supporters both past and present without whom none of these life-changing transformations would have been possible!

Letters written by the current and past students expressing gratitude serve as a testimony attesting to Mission Elimu's impact on providing opportunities towards brighter futures! The Elimu team hopes that you will continue supporting the students while encouraging other churches and individuals within the churches to support the students fully or partially through our adoption arthroughout rangements their four- year secondary school tenure.

Our goal remains focused on assisting many more students, however, this hinges largely on your willingness and involvement alongside our dedicated team. Our hardworking and brilliant students have proven they too can make significant strides to rewrite their narratives and make a difference within their families, communities and nation.

Donors opting to sponsor a student will receive background information and a photo. Please contact us via information provided in this newsletter and through the promotional videos updated and circulated to

account for our steward-ship. Thank you.

Anticipating His Return, work while it is day (Jn.9:4) For the Cause of Christ, **Rev. Lilleth Harper**

MISSION ELIMU REPORT



There are eleven students currently receiving funding from Mission Elimu. The Mission Elimu project started in

2018, after a NETD missions' trip to Kenya.

In 2018, four students were assisted. Then in 2019 six students were added to the programme, bringing the total 10 students.

By 2020, eleven students were financially assisted. In 2021, three students were added to the programme bringing to fourteen the students supported. All were financially assisted.

In 2022, no new students were added; however, four students graduated in April, five in December, and one had to repeat. The year ended with four students supported.

In 2023, seven students were added in January, bringing us to the current eleven students now being supported by Mission Elimu.

Students support range from TT\$225.00 (75% support) to TT\$300.00 (100% support) monthly.

Thank you for your support thus far!

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