

Githakas' Updates

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It's hard to believe we're already halfway through the year! The last six months have flown by, full of activity, challenges, and God's unmistakable faithfulness.

One of the most memorable moments came during a six-week internship in March with a team of church leaders from South Sudan. They arrived eager to learn about community engagement, and together we had deep, meaningful discussions. One afternoon, during a session, a pastor casually mentioned he was going home to get married. This surprised us—we knew he already had a wife! Curious, we asked for more details. It turned out his older brother had died young. In his culture, he was expected to marry on his brother's behalf so the family line could continue. Any children from that union would be considered his brother's. So technically, he was not yet "married" himself.

That moment left us quiet, reflecting on how culture and faith intersect. We asked ourselves: how can such a practice exist within Christian leadership? And then we were reminded—though his cultural lens may seem loud and unfamiliar, we all carry biases of our own, often quiet and hidden. As my community says, "don't just go through the Bible, -let the Bible go through you."

Please pray with us for wisdom as we continue walking with diverse communities—guiding, challenging, and loving them toward a Biblical worldview.



CHE Interns at a field visit

Prayer Items

1. Please thank God with us for over ten Programs started in Ethiopia in the last 15 months, 12 programs in South Sudan in the last 2 years with new programs being initiated by the just graduated team, 2 in the HOA, 4 in Kenya, and 1 in Uganda.
2. Pray that God's power will truly be manifested through the trainers as they engage the communities.
3. Pray for the Pastoral Empowerment program, that is empowering pastors to not only disciple their congregants, but to also be role models and self-sustaining.
4. Pray for the upcoming internship, and TOT trainings in Nairobi starting 30th June through August 8th.
5. Pray for God's provision in the construction of the training center. We have made significant milestones, but we still have a lot more to do.

In May, we hosted a gathering of missionary member-care providers—those supporting mission workers in hard-to-reach, unreached places. The theme was ‘Serving from an overflow’. As more mission workers—especially professionals—move across borders, the need for strong, contextually relevant support systems continues to grow. We’re now updating our member-care curriculum and building new partnerships across countries. With participants from five nations, this initiative is already gaining momentum.

While some of the leaders were in-country for the conference, we also held our regional leaders’ meeting. It was encouraging to hear stories of faith and transformation from different areas. Please pray for these leaders, who serve with great dedication—even in difficult circumstances.

We have made great progress in the construction of the CHE training center. We have added an accommodation cottage to the Hall. God has been faithful in His provision, and we continue to trust Him for what is remaining. May He use it to develop leaders, for the advancement of His Kingdom.

It’s been a full season. As you may recall, we lost a key team member last year. His absence left a significant gap, and we’ve had to take on additional responsibilities. Thankfully, others on the team have stepped in to share the load, allowing us to focus on the ministry’s long-term strategy. We plan to take some time off in August for rest and personal projects.

Thank you so much for journeying with us, for your love, prayers, and support keep us going. As God’s work in East Africa continues to grow, we are honored to be part of it—with you.

With love and gratitude,

Tirus, Winnie, Toria & Tugi Githaka



News from Homefront

Back home, Toria is doing well. His school didn’t relocate as planned, but it’s now building a vocational workshop to provide hands-on skills for the students. We’re hopeful it will begin soon. We’re grateful for this clarity and stability after months of uncertainty.

Tugi, who completed high school last year, has been actively building skills. He’s now certified as a driver, lifeguard, and first-aider, and he’s been helping with office logistics. However, college plans have been delayed due to visa challenges. He hopes to pursue a mix of business and practical mechanical training or development. Please pray for open doors and guidance as we explore next steps.



Accommodation Cottage & Training Hall.



“... and if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.” – Isaiah 58:10