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Dear Friends,

We are off to another year. I trust that you all had a wonderful holiday season. I would love to share some of our blessing with you, as they are actually your blessings, as well.

When I wrote the last newsletter in December, I mentioned that we needed just two more churches to reach our goal of 23 in '23. Well, at the end of it all, we will have raised funds for 24 churches in '23! Our builders took a holiday break back home with their families, but will be back to work soon. Our goal for 2024 is to build the much needed outdoor toilets for the new churches that are in need of them. This will take a bit longer to build as they dig the holes by hand in many places through rocky ground up to 30 feet deep. I watched these men tediously digging and pulling up buckets of dirt and rock in 5 gallon buckets, many times using a chisel to dig through the rock. These toilets will be made from stone for longer durability. I will send out more details and pictures in the near future.

The end of the year brought many baptisms as a show of their new found faith in Jesus. Patrick Muyia reported 37 baptisms in his station alone, from May—December 2023. Kajiado District reported 34 baptisms in December, and 24 in the Narok District. Thank you for bringing hope to each of these individuals through your contributions, enabling our Pastors to share the Word of God.

Three additional girls, Leinoi, Natanyia and Naisai were rescued in the last three weeks of December. All were being prepared for circumcision and marriage. All had just completed class 8. Nataniya, had already been circumcised, with her father preparing to take her across the border into Tanzania for marriage to a 45 year old man, (she is 14). Thankfully all three girls will be reporting to school next week and are safely in the custody of MDPEC.

Last month I mentioned that we were looking for a new matron for our primary student dormitory. What a surprise and joy when I was told that one of our former students (among our first), Christine Nglesh, had applied for the job and is now at work. I am told that she is a natural and doing a fantastic job. This is two our former students that have returned to MDPEC as staff. What a thrill to see our—once children and now adults—succeeding in life and giving back not only to their communities, but to MDPEC as well.


We look forward to the new blessings and challenges ahead as we enter 2024. Thank you for making 2023 truly a blessed year!

Until Next Month,,


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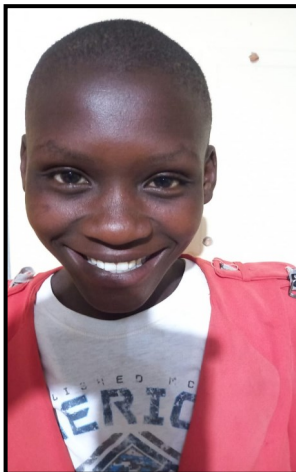


Our three newest girls:

Naisae Kiu



Leinoi Niangisa



Natanya Simatoi

Below: Pictures of MDP baptisms in three different areas of Maasailand.

