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URANGA - KENYA

The year 2023 began so well, but in between there were a lot of problems, at the beginning of the year, we lost Mama Anastasia who was the wife of Dixon Oloo who was the first client of Dr. Mama Bettie in Kenya. It was a trying moment for the Dixon family and the entire Samaritan family since we had just lost Dixon in two months.

The year 2023 was a year full of problems and regrets. Most families have been affected by famine. Crops dried due to too much sunshine, and finally, floods came towards the end of the year swept away crops, and killed people in most parts of the country, especially in Mombasa. There are no crops and the majority of families could not afford food on the table. The lack of employment and the increase of prices in commodities affected many people. It was this same year that taxes were doubled. Almost everything was being taxed. This has caused a lot of anxiety to the majority of people, thus much need for counseling.

We thank God that the GSM office international was able to support us with money to buy food for the hungry.

It was this same year that thieves broke into our GSM offices and stole money totaling \$1200 that Samaritans had collected for the 37th year GSM celebration. Still the majority of the young who were affected by the pandemic still flock to the villages and are still posing insecurity. Much work still needs to be done especially for the youths. Thuggery continues to rise and this has caused a lot of fear, especially in the villages.

In the Uranga area, a policeman was killed and a pistol was taken from him by the Alshabbab militia. We are now living in fear because we do not know where they will target next.

Since many lives had been lost due to the pandemic, we were involved so much in grief counseling and trauma counseling and life-giving hope to the victims.

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TELL US ABOUT THE MINISTRY

1. Please describe any leadership training held at the center (conferences, Workshops, classes, etc.
 - a. Weekly leaders training at Uranga GSM Centre where we train our GSM leaders
 - b. National GSM conference celebrating 37 years of service to humanity
2. it was attended by over 1200 Samaritans from all over Kenya including Centre Directors



Papa James Opiyo celebrating his 71st birthday during the GSM 37th year celebration!



Tom Okungu and his wife during the GSM celebration



A section of GSM Leaders during the 37th year's celebration at GSM Uranga

COUNSELOR TRAINING SERVICES

- We offer training services at Our GSM center in Migori
 - We offer both levels 1 and 2.
 - Each level takes 3 months and level 2 takes 3 years.
- Level 2 counseling trainees in Migori GSM Centre
 - Number of participants
 - Level 1 -10 trainees
 - Level 2 6 trainees
 - Number of Graduates – Not yet
 - Number of training meetings: 10

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level 2 at Migori GSM Center
- Papa James teaching



Papa James teaching level 2 Counseling
in Migori GSM Center



Level 2 Counselor Trainees in Migori Center



level 2 Counseling in Migori GSM Center

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COUNSELING SERVICES

- We offer general counseling to both children and adults, trauma counseling, and suicide prevention. We also offer peer counseling. We also do Group Therapy
 - Number of counselors: 10
 - Number of clients: 200 clients
 - Number of participants: 10



Counseling Service in my office with Modesta Ajiambo who is an orphan and had lost hope

PUBLIC GROUPS OFFERED

- We provide marriage counseling, to many people mostly in the churches
- We do anger management and Grief Recovery to some in prisons



Addictions Recovery Group at Namwela Center



Addictions Recovery Group at Namwela Center

Recovery drug addict who dropped out of university and visited GSM center for counseling.



His name is Brian Khaemba - student at Kitale Technical Training. Rev. Wakube walks with him on his recovery

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Rev. Wakube our Center Director in Bungoma - Kenya encouraging the children



Maize at our farm in Uranga GSM Agricultural project



offering counseling and training to one of our schools in Kenya



vegetables at the GSM project



widows meet at the GSM hall

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2023 ACTIVE CENTERS

- centre: Robbert Hill
 - Director: Costa Asanda
- Centre: Sirinde
 - Director: Valentine Onyango
- Centre Oboch
 - Director: Helen Onyango
- Centre: Waliera
 - Director: Gringer Oluoch
- Centre Uranga
 - Director: Clement Warindi
- Centre Joan Baker
 - Director: Tom Anyango
- Centre: Kayombi
 - Director: Steven Mangira
- Centre: Nairobi
 - Director John Ayonga
- Centre: Nakuru
 - Director : Jocinta
- Centre: Malindi
 - Director Vilex Onyango
- Centre : Nyaodrera
 - Director : George Juma
- Centre: Busia
 - Director : Ernest Owino
- Centre: Hawinga
 - Director: Osborn Otieno
- Centre: Mwer
 - Director : Kevin Onyango
- Centre: Laurie Alex
 - Director: Claris Ochieng
- Centre : Ligega
 - Director : Monica Asanda
- Centre: Uyoma Ragengni
 - Director : James Osewe
- Centre: Uwasi
 - Director: Charles Obonyo
- Centre: Bondo
 - Director : Leo Ogol
- Centre: Uhembo
 - Director: Michael Odhiambo
- Centre: Nyawita
 - Director : Charles Owino
- Centre: Naivasha
 - Director: Lucas Auma
- Centre: Buhoba
 - Director : Mark Odinga
- Centre: Orengo
 - Director: Lawrence Atinga
- Centre: Mageta Island
 - Director: William Siguda
- Centre: Minya GSM
 - Director: Leo Ogol
- Centre: Utanda
 - Director: Christopher
- Centre: Joram Wanjala
 - Director: Wakube Lawrence
- Centre: Umina
 - Director: Mangira
- Centre: Buyuku
 - Director: Philister Oduho
- Centre: Sifuyo
 - Director: Margret Auma
- Centre: Namuduru
 - Director: Oduho
- Centre: Orieyo
 - Director: Michael Odhiambo
- Centre: Uchanji
 - Director: Philip Mbewa
- Centre: Vipingo
 - Director: Grace Odipo
- Centre: Magongo
 - Director: Philex Onyango
- Centre: Uradi
 - Director: Tom Okungu
- Centre: Migori
 - Director: Grace Okeyo

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2023 SATELLITE UPDATES

- We never opened any center in the year 2023. May be if we get chance this year 2024 we can open new one
 - MIGORI GSM CENTRE

2023 STAFF MEMBERS

- **Vivian Asanda**, Secretary
- **Jack Agrey Owino**, Visitation Coordinator
- **Steven Ogola**, Caretaker
- **Hezron Odhiambo**, Project Caretaker
- **Rose Odongo**, Water Project Manager & Sales Volunteer

2023 BOARD MEMBERS

- **Jerusa Okendo**, Board Chairman
- **Reverend James Opiyo**, Continental Director
- **Corretty Amollo**, National Director
- **Kevin Asanda**, Secretary
- **Javan Owino**, Member
- **Judith Awuor Awuor Nayawade**, Member
- **Aloys Lumutu**, Member
- **Lawrence Owiyo**, Member
- **Hezron Opiyo**, Member
- **Jane Otieno**, Member
- **Theresa Atieno Opiyo**, Member

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS OR EVENTS

- We did not hold any fundraising but we just did collections and donations for our GSM 37 annual conference

2023 NATIONAL CHALLENGES

- We had many students who were to join university, but we had no money since our country was faced with major challenges on taxes and other issues that was affecting us as a nation.

2024 PLANS

- We plan to train young Samaritans who will help us in future
- We plan to improve Joan Baker school in order to continue helping the community
- We plan to improve on the agricultural projects by planting more vegetables and nappier grass to sell to the community
- We plan to improve the rehabilitation centre to continue helping many addicts

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PRAYER REQUESTS NEEDED

- We need prayers for the health of all our GSM workers
- We need prayers on more support on school, due to the fact that last this year 2023, many of our students were admitted to join university, but there were no funds to help them
- Pray for the security of Uranga as it has marked as a security concern for the Alshabbab militia
- We still need prayer for relief food due to the elnino rains that came and destroyed our crops and also, this time there has been no harvest
- Pray for my health. I continue on medication for my heart. Pray for Vonda who has stood with my medication
- Also pray for the health of both Papa James and Mama Theresa Opiyo.
- Pray for the increase in number for our satellite members so we can continue getting enough help for our people
- Pray for students who need help like Modesta, Teresa and Charles

MODESTA TESTIMONIAL



My name is Modesta Ajiambo. I am 29 years old. I was born in a family of the late James Onyango and Catherine Aor. My father died when I was in grade 3 and since then life has never been the same. In our family I am the first born and my going to school was just through struggling. We could not even get food. I had to do manual jobs so that we could eat.

I sat for my grade 8 examinations and passed so well. My mother struggled to take me to join grade 9 in a nearby day school. There was no school fee. I struggled so much and in the process I became a victim of teenage pregnancy due to too much struggle.

I finally did my Grade 12 examination in the year 2014 and passed. My mother could not even complete my high school fees. In the process, I met a Samaritan who works at A GSM center near our home. I got to join the GSM Uwasi center and through God, I managed to come to Uranga GSM headquarters and met Pastor Gorretty Amollo who is the National Director of GSM Kenya. Through counseling and support of GSM, I managed to join a diploma Teachers Training center. Through this help, my life has changed and there is hope in my face compared to how I was earlier. I appreciate so much the efforts that the GSM has made to secure me a chance at a Diploma college. It was not easy for me to manage that.

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