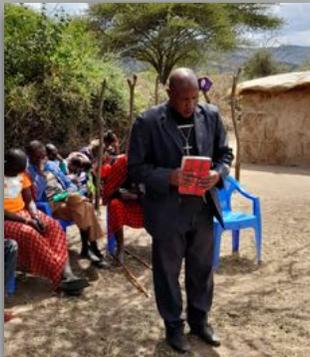




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Community living



Rev. Karino prays with the families

Prayers and Thanksgiving

With each sack of maize flour and each jerry can of cooking oil, the Word of God is also given to those within the Project 24 program. One of the spiritual leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya, whether it be a pastor, evangelist or deaconess shares a devotion and prayer with the recipients during the monthly food distribution. We are thankful for their partnership during this time.



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“We love because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

As the pandemic extends to the countryside of Kenya, the need for assistance continues to grow. With all of the children from our Project 24 children’s boarding facilities remaining at home until at least January, the LCMS and the ELCK continue to reach out to the children and their families through monthly food distribution.

The importance of this program cannot be overestimated. Here in Kenya, when you help one (the child) you are helping the whole family and community. Pictured in the photo along with a few children from the Project 24 site, Lenkishon, are numerous adults; their guardians, parent or other relatives who are there to also

receive the blessing of food. It is a communal event, allowing the church to share the basic necessities as well as the Gospel to those within the communities.

What a privilege it is to see how helping one, can help others. We pray that the Gospel is spread in this same manner.





Trisomy 21 Family Support Group



“properly”. They feel alone and powerless.

Due to the dedication of a few moms, a support group was formed to increase awareness and provide support for those who have a child with Down syndrome. The Trisomy 21 Family Support Group currently has almost 200 moms who have found each other through a social media group. They are now supporting each other in this joyous journey. Every Friday the group meets through Zoom meetings to learn more from selected therapists, doctors and specialists for special needs children. There have also been fun social events for the families to come together and celebrate our children on World Down Syndrome Day. Just recently an outside organization donated masks for the group, ensuring that our children and their families are safe during this pandemic.

I am grateful to be part of this group and to encourage other moms. We are able to openly pray for one another, support one another through tribulations, and celebrate milestones. God has created our wonderful children and together we have created a wonderful family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- God's word to continue to spread throughout Kenya

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- health and safety during this time
- providing our daily bread for our family and for the families and communities of the Project 24 program

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- all of our partner churches and individual supporters who make this ministry possible

Two moms deliver masks to all those who are in our district.

When Rael was diagnosed with Down syndrome, my world instantly changed. This was a highly emotional time for me and I was thankful that the diagnosis was made immediately after her birth. I also was thankful that I had a basic understanding of what Down syndrome is and what to look for.

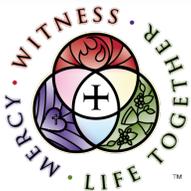
Imagine being a mother in Kenya who may get this diagnosis 6 months after birth and only after seeing that her child is not developing like other children. Or to have a doctor who finally makes the diagnosis but cannot provide helpful support and information. Due the general lack of knowledge about Down syndrome in Kenya, mothers often assume that their child will never develop

Thank you all for your support and prayers during this season. We pray that God continues to reveal Himself to you and to the world.

Love from Kenya,

The Odembas

Micah, Britt, Rael and Silas



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