

DECEMBER 2014 - JULY 2015

# REPORT

## A PINT-SIZED SURPRISE

*So slight you may wonder how she stays standing in the winds Turkana is famous for, Christine Napeyok blew us away. From the small Turkana town of Kakuma – and a graduate (2013) of our LBI there – she felt the call to serve in even more remote places after listening to L2L’s translation of Helen Roseveare’s Stir Me. Roseveare, an English doctor who served (and suffered) in Congo for years – said, ‘Stir Me to Pray, Stir Me to Give, Stir Me to Go’. **So she went.***



Christine travels among the isolated bomas or villages in the interior of this pastoralist tribe. She says, “I have been going deep as far as I can in the interior areas, as far as to a place called Namarian (Kapua Primary School) where there is no church, very deep! Sometimes I am held in those areas to even Sundays. So to utilize the Sundays I will use a drum for praise and worship to gather people to preach to them. I usually take the opportunity to preach ... and have seen that mostly in group of ten or five one or two will get saved, I recently did a follow up to get the number of those who received Christ, the number is about one hundred and thirty nine.... My heart is in these interior areas. I want to teach until the people are ready to stand firm and continue to grow well.”

Christine had no means of support, so she looked around these villages and felt there could be a simple photography business – pictures of children, weddings, funerals. Somewhere she found an old camera – with real film, no less – and has been building her business. She has to ship the film down to central Kenya for processing, so she’s not making much money yet. “But,” she says, “already I’m known as the photo lady. Someday God will provide a digital camera and then I’ll make enough money for my ministry.”

Obviously, we’re taking a digital camera with us when we visit in late November.

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# NEWS & NEXT

*Thrilled to tell you that on December 3 we'll be launching an LBI in Tabora, Tanzania. This has been almost 3 years in the planning, and it's our deepest foray southwards in TZ. Please remember it in your prayers.*

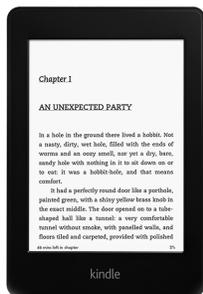


## NEW KIKUYU TRANSLATORS

A husband-and-wife team, Simon and Veronica Gituro, are our new **Kikuyu Translators**. They are pastors in Kitale, a town a little north of Eldoret in Rift Valley Province, but hail from Central Province, the Kikuyu heartland. The Kikuyu are the largest and most influential tribal group in Kenya, and we're so glad to start translating. We like having both male and female voices in our translation team too! They're both L2L graduates – Simon from 2012 and Veronica from 2014.

## OUR NEW KINDLE PROJECT!

Staff members, translators and Local Captains who are proficient enough to read English are given a Kindle Paperwhite to study from. We purchase a few valuable titles (including several Bible translations), but the core of the



program is our transcripts of the L2L curriculum they've already listened to. Now the eye can reinforce the ear, they can search the content, etc. We have about 10% of our curriculum Kindle-ready now with the rest under way, and while we have to ration distribution we already have 15 in leaders' hands. They LOVE them.

## L2L BENEVOLENT FUND

One year ago we lost our Turkana Regional Captain, **Pastor Moses Lokorodi**, to HIV. Several of you gave some \$\$ to help his family. We've stayed closely involved. His widow Elizabeth runs a tiny food kiosk to support her 6 children, and we've tried to stay helpful without undercutting her personal initiative or creating dependency. We brought her family south to Eldoret where they could get full medical exams without prying eyes. She is HIV positive, not surprisingly, but all the children are free of it, praise God! She is on a program of fully subsidized ARV's and – we check – is sticking to it.

Listen to Learn Kenya has made a commitment that we'll cover ongoing medical expenses for her family. (The youngest, Caleb, two months old when his dad died, almost died from diarrhea this year.) Next year her oldest starts high school, involving new expense. Should we get involved...?

To keep us in a position to help such pressing needs, you can visit [listentolearninternational.org](http://listentolearninternational.org), click on 'Give', selecting the **Benevolent Fund**.

## ANOTHER SORROW

One of our key students in the new Sioport LBI, **Alfonse Mwakulomba**, passed away last week. We had been thinking of him as an effective leader for the future. Remember in prayer his wife and four children (oldest 1st year university, youngest primary school). His wife was a homemaker – his was the sole salary, he was a dentist in employ of the government. We'll be watching for ways we can help.



## HEALTH INSURANCE

At last we've found a **Health Insurance Package** we can afford to offer our staff in Kenya – a new program from the telecom giant Safaricom. We've been looking for two years! Just never seemed right that we in Canada, who enjoy relief from the stress of health charges, should see our co-workers at the mercy of an unexpected health emergency. One of our African staff described it as 'the giant lurking behind every door'. Starts January, with L2L paying half. Thank you Lord!