

# NEEMA NEWS,

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During these uncertain times, it is important, actually not just important but imperative that we continue to acknowledge Jesus as our everlasting portion. Times are perilous, full of problems, uncertainties, disappointments, discouragements and destitution, if it were not for the faith that there is a better tomorrow hearts would faint. The Almighty God is truly our hiding place, a shelter in the time of storm. Application of the words of an old hymn, *"Thou, my everlasting portion, more than friend or life to me, all along my pilgrim journey, savior, let me walk with thee..."* shade some light to otherwise dark path of life. As C-19 continues to be a menace to the entire world, we at Neema thank God for God's loving and protective arms around us and we pray and believe that you all are protected and are in good health.

The Bible, in the book of Nahum 1:7 (The Amplified Bible) we read, *"The Lord is good, a strength and stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows (recognizes, has knowledge of, and understands) those who take refuge and trust in Him."* It is encouraging to be reminded that God is able, even during these trying times. Trouble times may linger, Covid-19 may threaten livelihoods and good health but there is hope. Psalm 30:5 says *"... weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning."* We have strength to face each day as it comes.

The grace of God has been sufficient in every way and to us all. This is not to suggest that there has not been challenges or low moments, life is balanced by both here on earth. We so sincerely thank you all for your prayers and interest in this ministry, you are so precious to us all, bless you.

As mentioned in another newsletter, this year, seven (7) of our children sat for their Primary certificate course and will be joining Form 1 in July this year. Please pray that they find good schools and that they will settle in their respective schools.

As we thank you all for your concern, prayers and support, we do also thank God for the neighbors, friends, church members and other faiths who come to our doorsteps

with donations, much or little or with kind words, words of encouragement or even prayer.

*Below, Neema family was invited for lunch by a businessman in town. We had a great time with him. I (Joshua) am to the extreme right, the businessman who welcomed us is to my immediate right.*



Neema Children's Home had three



(3) who sat for Form 4 examination. Given that they have been through very difficult experiences during their formative years, we give God the glory and praise for their results, thank you for praying for them. The best was Kennedy who scored a B! The other two managed to pass and they will be joining tertiary Colleges for certificate courses. Kennedy wishes to do medicine, we wait to see whether he will be admitted

to that degree. For them all, their results are impressive and makes us feel very proud that we have Kennedy who is focused and determined to face life positively. The two others seem to have been shocked by the results and they have assured us that they will now take studies seriously. Thanks be to God for His care and blessings upon our children, you are all part of the success, bless you. *The above photo was taken when Women's League visited Neema and presented a cheque. Second from right is Sharon! God has done wonders in her life. She was one of those who sat for Kenya Certificate of Primary Education.*

*The Womens' League representatives presenting a cheque to Miriam and I.*



*To the left, Moses, who came to us when he was two (2 weeks old) in waters of baptism! He is now in Form 1.*

*Miriam, Jerida to the right helping Abigail cut her birthday cake. The cake was donated by a business lady in town.*

Eldoret is raining quite heavily now though the rains delayed, we were expecting the rains sometime in March but it could drizzle not rain much. We have our garden not as we would expect but as we have the water well, we do water our garden. Hopefully now it will continue to rain. We are praying for a good harvest.



*Agnes, below, the best Kenya Certificate of Primary candidate (2020) in our School addressing the parents, teachers and her classmates during our thanksgiving ceremony. She had a moving speech, God is good indeed.*



Please continue to pray for us, we ask for God's wisdom as we serve, guidance, strength and good health.

The joy of the Lord be your strength, may you find favor in the eyes of our God, may God shine His face upon you we pray. Thank you once again for being our Barnabas.

Every blessing,

Joshua and Miriam