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Kenya—Okiek Distribution



Walter Okelo shares with church leaders the GRN material.

“... today God has spoken to GRN to come and open up our eyes as pastors and evangelists in this our poor community. Now we shall be able to reach out easily to the people who cannot read and write. They can now hear the gospel in their language. What a miracle, who knew this would happen to us?”

This was the reaction that Walter Okelo received following the distribution of 32 sets of the *Look, Listen & Live and the Good News* audio and picture books. Walter also taught the church leaders how to access the material on the 5 fish app. GRN missionary, James Shikuku, had previously worked with the language helpers in translating and recording the Bible stories.

The goal was to equip the pastors and church leaders with material that will enhance and expand their ministries. Over 60% of the pastors who attended the seminar were from neighbouring language groups who had a call to minister to the Okiek people.

Okiek Facts

Okiek People: number approximately 80,000 with 55,000 in Kenya

Livelihood: They are traditionally honey-gatherers who survive mainly on wild fruits and roots, game hunting and traditional beekeeping. They live in the Mau Forest, as a result they are closely tied to its rich biodiversity and natural resources.

Root meaning: The term ‘Okiek’ literally means ‘caretaker of all plants and wild animals’.

Spiritually: The Okiek people believe in a beneficent god (Torooret or Asiista) and ancestor spirits who can bring misfortune if they are forgotten or if wrongs are committed.

Literacy: There are very few schools, which are poorly equipped. Their traditional beliefs has affected their unwillingness to attend school.

Church: The percentage of evangelicals is 1.4% .

Philippines Outreach

The Atta people of Pamplona are a small language group of 1,000 people. They have never had a chance to settle in a place to call home or a place to gather for worship and pray unto GOD. The only chance they have in listening to the Word of God is when Christian workers visit their place.

Three years ago, God moved in the heart of the Chieftain to take part in the translation and recordings of the Story of Jesus in their language. GRN Philippines has recorded four of the *Look, Listen & Live* series in their language. They are now able to listen to the audio recordings to hear the story of Jesus in their very own language.



On a recent visit by GRN missionaries, they were encouraged to know that a piece of land was donated for their worship center. The son of the chieftain was challenged and determined to study in the Bible School to become a messenger of the WORD to his tribe.



Directors Desk—David Elliott

I would like to introduce **Walter Okelo**, the director of GRN Kenya. He is pictured here with his wife **Pauline** and their three children **Arieller, Edith and Hope**. I have known Walter for many years now. He started with the mission doing basic office duties and then became their financial assistant. A few years ago when the director was about to retire, I recommended Walter for the position. Walter has done a great job in leading the ministry in Kenya. Pauline is a supportive spouse who has helped and enabled Walter to devote his time to the ministry of GRN Kenya. Please uphold this family in your prayers as they raise their family and faithfully serve the Lord.

In the next issue I will introduce his co-worker, James. GRN Canada has supported the ministry in Kenya since it's inception, enabling the recording of hundreds of hours of Bible messages. Changes are taking place in the near future that will enable our office to expand it's impact in recording and distributing more materials in East Africa, through the Kenya office.



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