



Your twinned update from
Nambeo Assembly

Greetings

Dear Friends

I am grateful for the opportunity that God has given to us to share with you again, knowing that you are praying for us is always a joy.

The church is constantly growing as members share the word of God with their neighbours. We have made it a priority to equip new converts with the word of God; so, together with other leaders, I have been running some discipleship courses for them.

We are also happy to report further on the impact of PEP in the life of the church, in the past most of the church members were selfish and only worked towards developing themselves. But now they are looking to the interests of others. When one widow's house was destroyed, the church rallied round to build her a new one. This has been very encouraging for many in the church.

Finally, on a personal note, I would be grateful for your prayers as I have not been well recently. In late January I was rushed to hospital at 4:00 am and the doctors diagnosed me with a stomach problem which I have been suffering from for a while now. Thankfully God is faithful, he has given me another opportunity to labour in his vineyard. Even as I write to you am still weak and in need of prayer. Please pray that God will grant permanent healing to these wounds.

In his mighty name

Pastor Elisha Okape

PEP Update

Namdeo is currently at the Church and Community description stage in the PEP training, where we use various tools to describe and understand our past and present. It has helped the church connect with their ancestors who played an important part in setting up Namdeo Assembly. The church is also looking at the present from a different place, seeing all the resources that God has given them and starting new projects with renewed energy.

Members are becoming more involved in all aspects of the spiritual life of the church; beyond evangelism, attendance is still rising both Sunday services and our mid-week programs. We are pressing forward with our project to build a larger building to accommodate the extra numbers. We would like to build it next to the current church building which will now be used by the school during the week and by children's church on Sunday. Fundraising continues to pay for the costs, while church members have also started donating building materials for the project.

The new community school has gone from strength to strength with new pupils starting every term. The teachers are committed and are doing a great job in equipping the pupils with knowledge and train the children in the way of the Lord.

Those who have embraced the PEP program busy with many income generating projects, growing vegetables and other crops or rearing animals like chickens and pigs which can be sold at local markets. Some have started growing trees as a cash crop, which they will sell for their wood. So far they have planted 2,000 eucalyptus and 1,000 pine tree which will reach maturity in about 7 years time. This shows how these men have changed, they are now planning for their future and the future of their children.

Prayer Points

- Please thank God for the growth in the church and the transformation that has taken place in Nambeo
- Please pray for the new building project which the church would like to finish by the end of next year
- Please keep Pastor Elisha in your prayers as he continues to recover from illness.

A life changed by PEP



Fred Wandera is 38 years old, he lives in Nambeo village with his wife and 6 children. Before PEP, life was hard for Fred, he struggled to support his family and provide for even their most basic needs like food, shelter, clothing, healthcare and education.

Their house was small and could barely accommodate the family who very often had to survive on only one meal a day. He could not afford to send his children to good schools and whenever anyone was

sick, they had to travel long distances to get free treatment. Fred was a desperate man but he did not know what to change.

It was into this situation, that PEP was introduced and Fred was chosen as a PEP disciple. He went to the training with the other disciples and together they began facilitating PEP in Nambeo. The Disciples' training course in January 2013 was a defining moment in Fred's life. It taught him that he had the resources and capacity to transform his life and provide a better life for his children.

When he got home, he began by raising chickens; he started with two hens and within a year he had earned enough from them to buy a goat. Along with the chickens, he planted a field of Cassava and with the profits from that, he bought two cows. But Fred didn't stop there; at the moment he is growing tomatoes and Sukuma Wiki, a vegetable similar to Kale, he has also planted 50 trees. He plans to use the money to buy a bigger piece of land so that he can grow more vegetables to sell in the bigger markets in Busia Town.