

# *CHEK - YEAR 2017 EVENTS*



# INTRODUCTION

## **Theme: God's visitation – Joel 2:12-29**

Our prayer and expectation in 2017 was that the Lord God Almighty would visit every aspect of our lives and families, the church, nation, continent, and the nations of the world – M A R A N A T H A!

God saw us through 2016 and enabled us to cross over to 2017; giving us further opportunity for service. It is with gratitude to Him that we look back for according us this honour.

In the Gregorian calendar last year was 2017, and in the Hebrew 5777 – both having the number 7 representing God's number of perfection or completion. It is our prayer that God will perfect that which concerns each one of us (Ps. 138:8) and complete the good work that He began in our lives (Phil. 1:6)

2017 was also an election year which saw us spending much time in prayer for peace throughout the whole process. Since the Ministry is in an area considered volatile, we thank God for His intervention in ending the political standoff and restoring peace to the locality and nation.

# ACTIVITIES

## 1. PRAYER

Every beginning of year, we start with a time of prayer to humble ourselves before God and to seek His face for the year ahead.

In 2017 January the prayer dates were from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> and the theme was: 'God's visitation'. Our desire was for God to visit us in our own individual lives and families, in the ministry and nation. Being an election year, we were trusting God for peaceful elections across the nation and His peace among the different people groups especially the bordering communities.

Our area of ministry is seen as a volatile place, so we are in constant prayer throughout the year. On a weekly basis, Thursday is the ministry prayer day and quarterly we have a seven day of prayer and fasting to keep us on the right track. These are great times of refreshing that we look forward to and God has truly touched each of our lives and of those that we minister to.

## 2. SATURDAY BIBLE CLUB

### I. CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SERVICE

The children's service is an important time, though it gets interfered with because of tuition in schools on Saturday mornings. It is humbling to see those that faithfully come week after week.



## II. CLASS TIME

Bible classes according to different ages continue although the numbers sometimes drop due to children required to attend school tuition.



Most of those teaching these days are 'CHEK alumni'. It is humbling indeed to see what God has done and continues to do in the lives of these young people.

It gives us hope that tomorrow is brighter and better for the nation.



### III. MEALTIMES

God has continued to provide through the giving of friends and partners of the Ministry so that the children can have a meal when they come.



## IV. GAMES

Games is always a highlight. On this day some children who are not regular make sure they come

We're thinking of having teams for some of the sporting games so that our children can also have organized sport and compete with others.



### *3. SCHOOL MINISTRY*

During the School term the Ministry reaches out to children in their schools for the Pastoral Instruction Programme (PPI). Here the children are taught God's word – each class going on for 20-45 minutes





## 4. DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Due to the political climate in the nation in 2017, the Daily Vacation Bible School was moved from the yearly norm in August to December.

The theme was, 'Enlarge your tent strengthen your stakes'



## 5. YOUTH

- i. Upper primary
- ii. High schoolers
- iii. Borders
- iv. Joseph Kang'ethe Rehabilitation centre
- v. Colleges/volunteers
- vi. Youth Seminar
- vii. Youth Camp



## *ü. YOUTH SEMINAR*

CHEK has a number of young people, in upper primary, high school and some in colleges

During the school holidays we hold seminars for them – In April 2017 the seminar was for three days from 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. The theme for the meetings 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you' drawn from Matt. 6:33 and the number of young people who attended was 89

On the 29<sup>th</sup> the young people went for an outing to the CBD and Uhuru park.



## *ii. YOUTH CAMP*

During the December 2017 school holidays, 15 young people accompanied by two teachers (Cleophas and Charity) joined the CITAM Woodley youth group for a camp at the Greensteds International School in Nakuru.

The camp was a totally different experience from what the CHEK young people are normally used to. Some found it a bit difficult to bond with the others and also to participate during the sessions.

Through the worship and Bible study sessions the young people's lives were greatly impacted. They rose up to the challenge of going to reach out to others back in their schools with the love of God.

The camp menu (which included ice cream!) and the recreation times were a great delight to the young people who have never been in an international school set up which enjoys even a swimming pool!

We give the glory to God and trust Him for more openings and exposure for our young people.



## 4. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

### ü. PASSOVER/FOOT WASHING

Foot washing is done during Passover and this year it was on

The Easter play was within the worship hour and afterwards there was a sumptuous meal of lamb followed by chocolate cake which the children thoroughly enjoyed.



## ii. CHILDREN'S PRAYER DAY

We had two prayer days this year - one was held within the Ministry and another one where the children joined other children in NPC Woodley for the Africa Children's prayer day.

These prayer times are very good for the children, teaching them that God delights to hear them pray.



### iii. CHRISTMAS

Christmas was great though one of our young boys injured his arm and had to be hospitalized!

The workers also had their end of year get – together which was also interfered with because Elizabeth's daughter got burnt in their house by hot tea.



## *iv. OUTING*

Outings are great highlights and very exciting for the children and young people. In 2017 enjoyed their outing after the youth week around town while the children went for a service to CITAM Buruburu where they thoroughly enjoyed themselves.





## *v. DONATIONS*

When the Ministry receives donations in kind we pass them on to different places where there are people in need. This year donations went to some of our children, MADOCEP children's home and to Kakuma refugee camp which had an influx of refugees from Southern Sudan.



## VU. PARTNER VISITS

From time to time we have different groups visiting and having fun with the children and also contributing to the Ministry needs. Last year the Ministry had a visit from some friends from Commercial Bank of Africa led by our sister and a volunteer of CHEK Lucy Osula.

Lucy is now a missionary in India, serving as a teacher and counsellor with 'Teach Beyond'.



## 5. STAFF/MANAGEMENT RETREAT

After the long year it was refreshing for the CHEK workers and management to meet away from the office and interact.

This was held at Biblica for the whole day – very meaningful and rewarding for everyone.



## 6. CONTINUITY/SUSTAINABILITY

### A. CHEK ALUMI

It is our prayer that the Ministry will continue and that it will outlive us since it is God's work.

We are grateful to God that some of the young people that we began with as children have gone through school and are now old enough to teach the younger ones who are coming up.

It is also our prayer that we can pass on the baton to those who are home grown and that they in turn can be the change agents that we've been praying for. We believe that through them these communities will truly be transformed by the grace of God as He uses them for His glory.

### B. FUTURE PROJECTIONS

1. THANKSGIVING AND CELEBRATING 10 YEARS SINCE LAUNCH - SEPTEMBER
2. FUNDRAISING - SEPTEMBER
3. DEVELOPMENT OF LAND IN SULTAN HAMUD