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Dear Brethren and Sisters:

Greetings and love in the One Hope of Eternal Life

In our past reports to the Brotherhood regarding the state of our brethren and sisters in Kenya, we endeavoured to outline their needs and the necessity of us as their brethren and sisters to administer to both their physical and spiritual welfare.

Since our trip to Kenya I have been acting as treasurer of the Kenya Fund which was set up to look after those needs of our Kenyan brethren and sisters. We have not been able to do all that we would have liked to do but we have accomplished much and the work is always before us. The response of the brotherhood has been spontaneous and generous without any appeal for funds and our Kenyan brethren and sisters are most appreciative of your support. It is timely that we give you a report on how the funds have been spent and apologize for the delay in getting information to you. Perhaps it is better that more frequent and brief information be sent, rather than wait to accumulate the information which is more time consuming to prepare.

Sister Annetta Jones of the Richard Ecclesia spent some time with the Kenyan brethren and sisters in January and she has been most helpful in obtaining information that I could not obtain otherwise in order that a complete report could be issued.

One of the great problems in that part of the world is communication. Without telephones or electricity outside the cities, the only way to communicate between brethren is to walk, cycle or use the small buses that go between the "villages"; or use the post which is unreliable. To refresh your memories of life in Kenya we ask that you re-read the report of April 12, 1983. I will be happy to send you copies if you do not have a copy.

Conditions do not change but happily the change we see is the increase in the number of brethren and sisters who, through the efforts of the senior brethren, have come to a knowledge of the truth. Others have joined our association and fellowship being unsatisfied with their present position. A new list of brethren and sisters has been received and will be published in the new directory. This shows a count of 78 brethren and sisters. You can imagine the amount of work that has gone into contact with those who have showed interest in the Truth as it is in Jesus. Hours of travel, meetings, gatherings, letters; and our brethren are to be commended for their efforts in the service of the Lord. As we have said previously. "The harvest is plenteous but the labourers are few". Such brethren as Philip Wekati, Epaphras Wekati, Moses Masika, Arphaxad Wekati, Duncan Mululu and David Njoka have worked tirelessly in proclaiming the Truth to those "who have ears to hear". On this side of the Ocean we live in a dry parched land and men are dull of hearing for comforts have made them satisfied with their lot and they have no use for the word of life.

Travel in Kenya is difficult yet necessary to encourage the present brethren and sisters and in some cases help is needed to see that they meet around the table as often as possible. The distribution of welfare must be done personally where food and clothing and medicines need to be purchased and delivered.

The expenses of carrying out this work have been adequately covered by the donations received from personal and Ecclesial contributions and we thank our Heavenly Father that we have been prospered in order to make this work possible.

In the year 1983 we were able to send to Bro. Philip Wekati in Western Kenya and Bro. Epaphras Wekati in Eastern Kenya \$6500.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Bro. Philip Wekati reporting on how the money that he received was spent. A Kenya shilling is worth approx. .10¢ (Can.) so 3912 Ksh is about \$3900. Gatherings were held during the year which are very important even as they are to ourselves. This allowed a group to be taught and also it brought the fellowship closer together and give the opportunity that they all meet each other and know who they were in fellowship with. A sister's gathering was held in September where 15 attended at a cost of \$353.00. In many African countries the women are kept in an illiterate state but such is not the case in Kenya and woman's position as outlined in the scriptures must be encouraged and upheld. Otherwise who would the brethren have to marry? We are to marry "only in the Lord". 43 of our members are sisters, if I have counted correctly.

The balance of the money sent was used by Epaphras in the conducting of a gathering in Nairobi where 40 attended; travel to the different areas; the purchase of bibles, stationery, stamps and assistance in providing postal rental boxes (\$8. yr.) and hall rentals (\$10. mo.) Also the purchase of food, clothing and medicines for those in need and the distribution of them. We also provided money for a typewriter for Epaphras to assist him in issuing the quarterly newsletter (in conjunction with Bro. Ivan Jackson) and in the translation work of pamphlets etc.

Sis. Annetta Jones confirms in her correspondence with me that she was impressed with the carefulness that the funds have been used. She has in co-operation with the Richard ecclesia arranged to provide flannel graphs for distribution to the Sunday Schools to assist in the education of the children. A library has been set up in the Bungoma area and Sister Katherine Wekati has taken charge as she is familiar with library work at the school she attends.

At the present time there is a drought in Africa which is creating some hardship in some areas. The newspapers spoke of the effect of the drought in Africa but did not mention Kenya. I sent some money to Bro. Philip Wekati requesting specifically that such should be used for relief and not to schedule any more gatherings for the present as the priority was for the welfare of those in need. I am enclosing copies of letters received both from Bro Philip and Epaphras which indicate that the effect of the drought is felt and they are grateful for the help we are sending. This year our remittances to the brethren are: Feb 1. Philip 600, Epa 400. Mar. 15 \$400. to each. April 24 \$800. to be divided as required. May 22 \$700. to Epa as in this area there appears to be the greatest need. It is better that money be sent in such amounts regularly to be distributed as the need arises. Our brethren who have taken the overseeing of the affairs are responsible and we must trust their good judgement. Donations should be channelled through them as individual donations to separate brethren and sisters can only create unhappiness in some who feel they are less favoured.

Beyond the immediate needs for the future we should list a few of the items that we are aware of.

Battery operated tape recorders \$60 up.

A phone at Bro. Philip Wekati's compound so that he can be contacted.

Books, bibles (Swahili and English) King James and Revised.

Transportation for Bro. Philip Wekati. (motorcycle or moped).

Funds for a visitation again by brethren.

A great need is for brethren and sisters to communicate with them all and maintain such correspondence, sending individual pamphlets with words of encouragement. I can only do so much as you can well appreciate and am endeavouring to organize a group of brethren from each country to assist in the work. Bro. Epaphras, Godwilling will be attending the Hye gathering and the cost of the trip has been looked after privately aside from the fund. He will be travelling to Richard, Denver, London and Burlington as well and it will be good to have him here to describe life in Kenya and answer all the questions. In the meantime I will be happy to hear from you and give you any further information. Your brother in the One Hope.

Del. Philip.

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| | Shs | Cts | | SRS | Cts | Shs | | | | |
| 21.1.83 | From bro Bob | 5108 | 05 | 3800/= | Car Hire | 2200/= | Food (for Gattering) | 6000 = | 891 | |
| 9.3.83 |))) | 6201 | 95 | 3800/= | Car Hire | 2200/= | 7000 | 201/95 | accommodation | |
| 27.4.83 |))) | 5161 | 30 | 3500/= | Traveling | 2000 | 1661/30 | 6 | Sis in need | |
| 11.7.83 |))) | 6394 | 25 | 2000/= | Traveling | 4394/25 | Welfare of | 6394 | 25 | |
| 25.10.83 |))) | 8626 | 30 | 3530/= | Sis transportation | 7 | Welfare of | 8626 | 30 | |
| 8.12.83 | From bro Bob | 6528 | 70 | 2200/= | Car | 4328/70 | 6 | 6528 | 70 | |
| | Total Ksh | 38020 | 55 | | | | | Total Ksh | 38912 | 50 |

28/12/83
Philip Wekati

Dear bro Bob

Extra Expenditure Ksh 891

Greetings in the hope of Eternal Life.

FROM BRO

PHILIP WEKATI

This is my time of expressing many thanks to you and to all brethren and Sisters who donated their money to Kenya fund in order that the work of the Lord be kept up in Kenya. I shall be very grateful if you will take our thanks to them in our one faith of hope; that let them keep up and close to our hearts until the Lord Comes.

Report of Baptism. On 18th Dec 1983

I interviewed three Candidates at CHENJE Ecclesia and baptised them in the name of our Loving Master as:

- ① MARGERET WAFULA MANGALA - 30 Old
5 children Prev-Religion P.A.G.
P.O. Box 7 Kimiliti.
- ② MOSES WAFULA MAKALI - 23 Old
Unmarried Prev-Religion Quaker
P.O. Box 192 CHWELE VIA BUNGOMA
- ③ EMILY KHAKASA KONG'ANI - 24 Old
4 children - Prev-Religion P.A.G.
P.O. Box 7 Kimiliti