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# NEWSLETTER

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## Winfree Memorial Baptist Church

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Greetings from Mark! Africa Exchange is grateful for our long standing partnership with Winfree Memorial which has enabled ministry to marginalized children in Kenya. Your faithful participation is now part of a new work in the ASAL (Arid and Semi Arid Lands) regions of Kenya where accessing resources and services is exceedingly challenging.



## HIGHLIGHTS!

### AFEX Advisory Group

We hosted the AFEX Advisory Group Retreat in May, strengthening our partnerships and strategies. 6 participants were in attendance including Africa Exchange staff. This group serves as advisors to our Board in the U.S., sharing information and guidance from their experience on the ground.



### AFEX Scholars

Our scholars participated in a retreat in Nairobi under the theme, "Breaking Poverty Cycles" focusing on the power of an evolved mindset, a desire for action, and career positioning. 23 students attended and learned a great deal, in addition to enjoying fellowship with the other students, living similar lives to their own.



### Graduation!

Congratulations to our scholars who have graduated! We're proud of their accomplishments.

**Elias Kakimon** - employed in January by Teachers service Commission (TSC),  
**Stellah Cheptiyos** - given a paid internship by Public Service Commission,  
**Sheila Cheruto** - given a paid internship with Ayok Radio.

**Eric Otieno** - consulting for various clients in Mombasa as he awaits graduation.

# Training and Capacity Building

Africa Exchange facilitated several trainings for Mark Okello (Kenya Programs Manager) and Simon Lokurchana (Change for Children Coordinator) during this quarter.

These included:

Dovetail training through Mighty Ally  
Tree nursery management training  
Climate Reality training  
ECD training  
WASH training



## 3 New ICDC Units



We are grateful to have opened 3 new Integrated Child Development Centers in the Chalbi Desert of Northern Kenya: Ola Rangi ICDC, Olom ICDC and Ola Boji. These centers serve the communities of the Gabra people who live near the Ethiopian border. Having access to these centers allows the youngest ones consistent feeding and nutrition, basic kindergarten education according to the Kenyan curriculum, clean water, treated mosquito net distribution, as well as a safe place to grow and thrive.

## Ongoing Projects

### CLEAN WATER

Providing clean water is foundational at all of our projects. While this can be one of the most financially challenging endeavors, we are committed to our communities having access to clean water.

### NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT

Making sure the children in our centers receive a nutritionally balanced meal each day ensures they get their best chance at a strong start to their education.

### SURVEYING NEW SITES

We continue to survey new sites to expand the work of Africa Exchange, especially in marginalized areas where children may not have the resources they need to thrive.