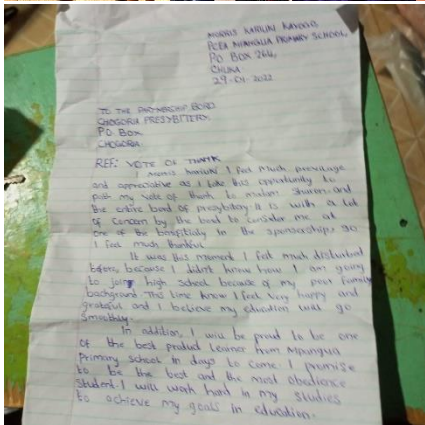


Chogoria Partnership Ministry Team
Report to Presbytery - April 22, 2023

Greetings from the Chogoria Presbyteries, North, South, West and Central. It was with great excitement that we anticipated hosting a group from Chogoria this spring and they would have brought these greetings to Presbytery in person. Unfortunately, they were denied visas by the US Embassy and were not able to make the trip. We are in the process of working through Mr. Hoeven's office and the Presbyterian Church of East Africa's leadership to help intervene on behalf of the group and maybe they will succeed in getting visas so they can join Northern Plains Presbytery this fall. Please keep this process in your prayers.

Sharon Secor went to Kenya the end of January to visit Chogoria and to attend the International Kenya Mission Partnership meetings in Nairobi. It was a good time to meet with the teachers at Mpungua Primary School, meet the new scholarship recipients and represent Presbytery of the Northern Plains at the meetings in Nairobi.

Sharon was met at the school by the scholarship recipients for 2023 and their mothers. Left to right: Sharon Mukami, Morris Kariuki, Brian Muraoko, Abigail Muthoni, Jackline Mwendu (not pictured)



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I Morris Kariuki I feel much privilege and appreciative as I take this opportunity to pass my vote of thanks to madam Sharon and the entire board of presbytery. It is with a lot of concern by the board to consider me as one of the beneficiary in the sponsorships so I feel much thankful.

It was this moment I felt much disturbed before, because I didn't know how I am going to join high school because of my poor family background. This time now I feel very happy and grateful and I believe my education will go smoothly.

In addition, I will be proud to be one of the best product learners from Mpungua Primary School in days to come. I promise to be the best and the most obedient student. I will work hard in my studies to achieve my goals in education

Our three secondary school graduates are now on to their pursuit of higher education, thanks to the continuing support of their sponsors. Kelvin is pursuing a degree in teaching, Dennis in Film and Video Production, Pamela in Fashion Design (tailoring), and Festus in Mechanics and Driving School. None of these students would have advanced this far without the sponsorship of the Presbytery of the Northern

Plains scholarship fund. Thank you so much to those who have contributed and to the Bill and Carolyn Hunter Scholarship Fund.

The parents of Mpangua Primary School shared that they are continuing collecting money from each family in order to pay for the survey for the laying of the water pipes. They hope to have the money soon and once the survey is complete, they will begin the digging of the ditch for the pipes. It will be a great day when this project is finished. The mothers are especially anxious for it as they fear for their children's safety as they walk to and from the river each day to fetch water for the school.

The parents have also raised the funds to purchase a printer for the school. This is a great addition for the teachers and the parents are very proud.

The biggest problem facing the school continues to be hunger. We are so grateful for those in the Presbytery who have donated to the hunger fund. The amount needed to subsidize the lunch program for Term 1 is \$1237. This is for 188 students and the 10 teachers. The CPMT has sent \$1500 for Term one. The Headmaster will send the budget for Term 2 before we send the next installment. THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed to this fund. In addition to feeding the school children of Mpangua, the money has been used to provide desperately hungry families within each Presbytery.

At the end of the visit, Sharon was able to attend the teacher appreciation luncheon held by the Chogoria Partnership Board. This was made possible because of a donation by a member of the PNP! It was wonderful to take time to appreciate these dedicated teachers who do so much with so little. They really enjoyed going out for lunch in the nearby village. Our partners also presented them with a globe and each one received a thank you of 1000 KSH which is slightly less than \$10. The great news is that the academic test scores for this first Term are showing improvement over last year. Each step forward is worth celebrating!

The International Kenya Mission Partnership meetings in Nairobi were attended by mission personnel and partners from Ireland, the US and Kenya. It was a time to gather together to share visions of cross-cultural partnerships and mission work and to hear reports from those in the mission field. It was two days of recognizing with great thanksgiving God's work in the world. Sharon was interviewed by Rev. Johnson Kinyua, a Kenyan pastor who serves a church in Los Ranchos Presbytery, California. He has a YouTube ministry called Kariaku Waves Radio. You can listen to "A Journey of Faith in Mission Partnership: Interview with Sharon Secor" by going to <https://www.youtube.com/live/JQ8RltxYMzw?feature=share>

Thank you very much for your interest in and your prayers for our partners in Kenya. If you would like to donate to the Hunger Relief Fund, please send your check to the Presbytery and indicate clearly that it is for the Chogoria Hunger Fund. We also appreciate support to the Chogoria Ministries General Fund. It is from this fund that we are able to support the teacher appreciation events and other miscellaneous needs that face our partners. Thank you!

If you have questions or would like a member of our team to visit your church and share what is happening in Kenya, please contact Sharon Secor, (701) 388-4699 or sjssecor1@aol.com.