

Chogoria Partnership: Growing Connections, Growing Impact

The Chogoria Partnership Ministry Team continues to nurture relationships between our Presbytery of the Northern Plains and our partners in Chogoria, Kenya. This work is grounded in shared faith, mutual respect, and a commitment to walking alongside one another.

This past October, Sharon Secor, Carrie Lauber, and I traveled to Chogoria to spend time with church leaders and community partners. Our visit was centered on listening, learning, and strengthening relationships. These face-to-face connections continue to shape how we engage in this partnership—with humility and care.

One area of shared work is the development of a **Youth-Friendly Center**, envisioned by leaders in Chogoria as a space to support young people in their spiritual, emotional, and social well-being. We are grateful to be in conversation and partnership as this vision takes shape.

We also learned more about the hopes of the leadership at **Mpangua Primary School**. The school's board has a vision of expanding into a secondary and boarding school, increasing access to education for students in their community. Our role is not to direct this vision, but to listen, encourage, and discern together how we might support their goals.

Looking ahead, another trip to Chogoria is being planned. Ginger Dietz, Carrie Lauber, and I will be traveling, and we are hoping to invite a small number of others to join us. This would be an opportunity to build relationships, learn from our partners, and experience the partnership firsthand.

As this ministry continues to grow, we are seeking others who feel called to be part of this shared work:

- Individuals interested in joining the Chogoria Partnership Ministry Team
- Congregations interested in building relationships with sister churches in Chogoria
- Those interested in participating in future trips to Kenya

We also invite support for the **Chogoria Hunger Fund**, which provides direct assistance to individuals and families experiencing food insecurity.

This partnership is not about one side helping another—it is about relationship, mutual transformation, and recognizing Christ in one another. If you feel drawn to this work, we would love to connect with you.

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