



Newsletter

Psalms 119:105



SUK Staff facilitate Class 8 Thanksgiving at ACK Cathedral
Nakuru

Message from the National Director

Times and Seasons



Always ticking...never stopping...God has given us time as a resource to facilitate us become the persons he created us for...mirror His image and likeness (Gen. 2:26); to be fruitful, increase, fill the earth, subdue (Gen. 1:27-28); to propagate the Gospel message in partnership with himself and others (Mat. 28:16-20).

Time ticks for each of us...for me, I now stand at the threshold of my exit as team leader for SUK, an organization I have loved and served with energy and passion for the last 11 years. Ecclesiastes 3:1-3 reminds us that there is a time for every season under the heavens. I am eternally grateful for the opportunity accorded me to serve the children and the body of Christ, an experience that has left an indelible mark in my life. Allow me to share three things that have made my serve possible;

Upcoming Events

- VBS across the regions in Dec and part of January.
- Training of volunteers.
- Rites of passage for both girls and boys in different regions.
- Camps for different ages across the regions.
- Bible club teachers fellowship

For more information on the regional activities click on the region you would wish to contact for their emails

Enabled by His Spirit: SUK has stretched my faith, my leadership capacity, and elicited all manner of emotions; from extreme joy when we realized certain victories, to extreme sadness and pain when we had to fight battles and at times lost some; challenges of rising finances to keep the ministry going to the joy of seeing God's providence in miraculous ways. In all, I would say that the Lord has led me well. Every day, anointing us by His Spirit, encouraging us through His word, sending "angels" in form of Christians or organizations to minister to us. God has led us well, and I am forever grateful.

Supported by His people: SUK is both a membership and Volunteer supported organization. The ministry is serviced by a committed team of staff teams, Trustees, National Governing Council and SUCBC members, Regional and County Committees, Editors and Writers of our devotionals, Patrons of our Bible Clubs, Children Ministry workers who support our staff teams to facilitate children Bible Clubs, VBSs and Holiday Camps, financial supporters, prayer supporters, donors and partners, among others. This has, for me, been a living example of the Body of Christ at work, each person playing their role and to ensure the health of the whole. My serve would not have been possible without the input of each one of you. I am eternally grateful for your support and commitment to service. You have supported me well.

Energized by Service: My greatest joy during my term of serve has been to hear testimonies of children supported and transformed through our various engagements; encouragement from Christians who have been reading our devotionals for years; great pleasure in knowing that some of our Sunday/Church Schools and PPI classes are being facilitated by knowledgeable, skilled Christians; great satisfaction in knowing that we have goodwill and support from the Ministry of Education and Church leadership under the umbrella bodies of NCKC and EAK to fulfill our mandate; joyous that by God's help, a child, a young person, an adult is living a fulfilled and victorious Christian life, preparing for eternity, because we served through SUK. I am grateful for this ministry of legacy and posterity.

There is still more ground to cover, and I urge all of us not to drop the ball. Every child in Kenya needs us. We must be vigilant and aggressive in securing their future, for this life and for eternity.

I Thank you for allowing me the privilege and joy of serving among you.

Nancy Kahuthia and
a few kids, during
the 50th
anniversary for SUK



SUK OVERVIEW

Scripture Union of Kenya (SUK) is a Christian organization that was first introduced in Kenya in the 1930's and formally registered in 1967 under the Societies' Act. We are an affiliate of the Scripture Union Global family which has been in existence for 150 years serving 130 countries



Causes and triggers class in one of the regions



Mental health day in Kisumu 2022

ABOUT US

Our Mission is to Nurture children, strengthen family life and help people engage with God through the Bible, follow Jesus Christ and be instrumental in transforming society

Core Values:

- Partnership and Collaboration
- Bible Centered
- Accountability
- Excellence
- Integrity

Children's Ministry

We reach to children wherever they are and provide spiritual nurture for children (SNC) programmes through evangelism, Leadership development, missions experiences and advocacy. We also build capacity for children workers, Bible club teachers and patrons, among others, by running training programmes

Family Ministry

We recognize and appreciate the challenges that families are facing in modern times whether we are talking about dysfunctional families, growing cases of separation and divorce, single-parenthood, financial challenges, changing gender-based roles, etc. We offer interventions by designing programmes that target two broad areas: marital relationships and parental skills and responsibilities

SEMD

We encourage people of all ages to meet God daily through reading the Bible and prayer by publishing dated devotional materials every year. We also have very good and Bible based materials for Mental Health, life skills, VBS workbooks, Pastoral Programme for Instructions, Sunday Schools guides among many others.

SCRIPTURE ENGAGEMENT & MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT

Scripture Union joined other Bible agencies (FOBA) to promote public Bible reading. The Bible Reading Marathon started at 9am of Tuesday 22nd Nov running without a stop to Saturday of 26th at 10pm. In the history of BRM we were able to gather 129 children by God's grace who joined to read virtually from different schools across the country. It was a great experience for the children, parents, SU members, our devotional writers and editors to have an opportunity to come together virtually and join other partners to read the word of God for Romans 10;17 *says faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*



SUCBC

We have received the 2023 devotionals and they are available in all our bookshops across the country. The devotional will be available in soft copy on the SUK App on Playstore & SUCBC Online shop. The Board will be having a strategy retreat during the month of December to reflect on 2022 and plan for 2023.



ISINYA CAMP SITE

We continue to that God for his provision, especially in regards, to Isinya Camp site. This year we had a bountiful harvest of herbs, (thyme Basil, Rosemary. We were also able to plant Cauliflower and Broccoli as well. As we continue to grow and expand, it's been a great joy to work with local herb producers who would wish to export their produce and branch into the international market.



NEW STAFF



TRANSITION OF THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR

The National Governing Council has appointed Mr. Ezekiel Baraza as the next National Director for Scripture Union of Kenya. Ezekiel, a specialist in governance for the not-for-profits joins SUK from the Fellowship of Christian Unions (FOCUS) Kenya. We welcome Baraza with open arms!

Baraza takes over from Mrs. Nancy N. Kahuthia who has served SUK with passion, commitment, diligence, stamina and distinction. Her legacy, spanning 11 solid years has seen SUK transition from heavy reliance on donor funding to locally funded program work. Key among this was the breaking ground of the Children's resource Centre in Isinya and growing the SUK publishing arm. This has positioned SUK on a financially sustainable trajectory. Nancy initiated and oversaw the take-off and revamping of the Program for Pastoral Instructions (PPI) as well as the Mental Health & Wellness program. She has been a strong voice for discipling children to become disciple makers and consequently championed the Creative Resources partnership with Logosdor, an organization specializing in global curriculum to equip Kenya and other Eastern Africa players to spearhead discipling of children as disciple makers. In addition, she has been a strong advocate for the Chaplaincy work in primary and high schools and has championed this at the corridors of the Ministry of Education, an initiative that has seen the government collaborate with the Church to establish a policy framework for chaplaincy in schools. As Nancy leaves, we wish her God's blessings, health and fruitfulness in her next assignment. Adieu Nancy!

COMMUNICATION & ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

To enhance our corporate brand and internal efficiency, the communication and administration office has been created and combines the front office services, administrative secretary roles and social media functions. Rev. Josphine Kavete Mutia joined the staff team in September 2022 as the Communication & Admin officer. Rev. Kavete, or Jossie as she loves being called, is a holder of Communication & Public Relations degree from St. Paul's University, an MBA from University of Nairobi, and recently graduated with a Bachelor degree in Divinity from St. Paul's University. She brings a wealth of experience that integrates theology, communication and business administration. Karibu Jossie!



FAMILY MINISTRY

Jacinta Kimani-Njogu is the National Coordinator for Family Ministry. A pastor of the Deliverance Church at Kahawa West, Jacinta is passionate about family wellbeing and progress that is anchored in the Word of God. She holds an M.A. in Marriage and Family Therapy from the Pan-Africa Christian University (PACU) and a BSc in Agriculture and Human Ecology from Egerton University. She is also a Certified Professional Mediator (CPM) and has a Post-Graduate Diploma in Theology from Jos, Nigeria. We look forward to a vibrant family ministry. Karibu Jacinta!



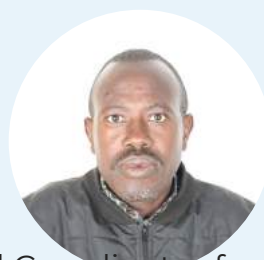
NEW STAFF

REGIONAL COORDINATORS



EASTERN REGION

Esther Kaumo is newly appointed Regional Coordinator for the Eastern Region, covering the counties of Machakos, Makueni, Kitui, Isiolo and Garissa. A former children pastor at the Nairobi Baptist Church, Esther is passionate about children ministry and in particular discipleship and holistic wellbeing of children. She is a holder of Diploma in Bible & Theology from Moffat Bible College, BTh from Scott Christian University, and is currently pursuing an MA in Child Development at Daystar University. Karibu Esther!



NORTH RIFT REGION

Rev. Wilson Kipturu Moru is the Regional Coordinator for the North Rift Region, covering the counties of Nandi, Uasin Gishu, Elgeyo Marakwet, Trans Nzoia, West Pokot and Turkana. A former chairman of the AIC Baringo Area, Rev. Moru is an accomplished minister of the Gospel especially for and among children in hardship areas. He has spearheaded the Chakula kwa Jamii program in Baringo and West Pokot counties as well as spiritual nurture programs for children as a lead trainer for the World Vision Kenya in Lokis and Bartabwa APs. He holds a Diploma in Bible and Theology from Moffat Bible College and a BTh from the Africa International University (AIU). Karibu Wilson!

METROPOLITAN REGION

John Mwangi is the Regional Coordinator for the Metropolitan Region, covering the counties of Murang'a, Kiambu, Nairobi and Kajiado. John is a passionate and experienced children worker and is also serving as the Pastor for Children and Youth at the AIC Limuru Township Church. An electrician by training, John is currently finalizing his Diploma in Bible and Theology at the Nairobi Bible College. He previously served SUK as a Volunteer staff, Project Coordinator for Healthy Choices and Families Matter Programme, and County Coordinator for Kiambu. John brings on board passion, energy, vigor, networks and diligence. Karibu John!



CENTRAL REGION

Ken Mwenda is the Regional Coordinator for Central Region, covering the counties of Nyeri, Kirinyaga, Embu, Tharaka Nithi, Meru and Laikipia. A commissioned Sunday School Teacher by the PCEA Church, Ken is passionate about spiritual nurture and formation of children, with a keen interest on teens. He is a holder of Diploma in Management from Kenya Institute of Management and is currently pursuing his BTh at St. Paul's University. He previously served SUK as a Volunteer staff, Project Coordinator for Healthy Choices and Families Matter Programme and County Coordinator for Embu and Nyeri. Karibu Ken!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY- LEAD ARTICLE

Bullying impedes the academic and spiritual development of children.

Bullies target children in schools, churches, and even their neighborhoods. Children who are bullied may experience fear, be made to feel unimportant, have their playtime disrupted, suffer physical harm, or develop long-term mental health problems. Some children, to avoid a bully, may decide not to attend school, church, or play with other children. They are afraid of being physically hurt or of having to give up some of their most prized possessions. Our children need safety and a sense of well-being to grow spiritually and get the best from school and church. Parents and caretakers must act quickly whenever they suspect there is a problem.

Strangely, some parents choose not to intervene when their children are bullied. They mistakenly believe that the child should learn how to handle these situations on their own, or they are afraid that if they intervene, the child will be embarrassed. Parents must be involved because they do not want their child's well-being to suffer. Children should be able to attend church and school in a safe loving environment.

Interventions in bullying situations can vary depending on the facts and circumstances of the situation. Some of the interventions are highlighted here but remember that the information provided is not intended to replace medical treatment when required or advice from your family counsellors, educators, or physicians.

- A bully takes pleasure in frightening others and frequently attempts to make his or her victim cry or become visibly upset in other ways. Tell your child not to react to the bully or give in to his or her demands. Your child should remain calm and simply walk away. Then, your child should notify a trusted adult of the situation as soon as possible.
- If your child is unable to ignore a bully's taunts, the he/she should confront the bully and make a clear and loud "no to being bullied" statement. If your child is not used to speaking firmly, help him or her practice what to say if bullied. A strong statement can sometimes improve the situation and cause the bully to leave your child alone.
- Speaking with a counsellor is beneficial to your child. The counsellor determines whether your child has mental health issues as a result of bullying. This helps determine whether your child should be referred to a preferred health provider for additional assessment and treatment.
- If the bullying situation does not change, talk to your child's teacher, the school counsellor, the head teacher, or the church leaders. Encourage your child to find trustworthy friends because a child who has caring friends is less likely to experience bullying.
- Bullying harms both the victim and the bully, and both require assistance. challenge church and school leadership when they notice inappropriate behaviors on the church or school grounds to assist in confronting such behaviors. This is more effective than having the parents of the victimized child confront the child who is bullying your child.

SUK has a comprehensive Child Protection and Safety (CP&S) Policy. All the staff members and volunteers who interact with children are required to sign the policy adherence. If you church or school would like training in CP&S, please reach us on the numbers provided below.

STOP BULLYING!

Don't just stand still,
Stand up!

Make our society
a bullying-free
country



VERBAL

PHYSICAL

SOCIAL

CYBER

MINISTRY ACROSS THE REGIONS

LAKE REGION

We thank God for a successful quarter, where we have facilitated VBS across Siaya, Kisumu and Kakamega.

We participate in this years' Kisumu County mental health day which was held at Kodiaga Maximum Prison. The day was characterized by song, dance and poems as stakeholders some among them mental health patients took to the stage to create awareness and entertain the participants during the colorful event.



VBS in Kisumu County

Staff bonding, debrief and reflection program in Vanessa Grant Girls school.



SOUTH RIFT REGION

We thank God for the opening of schools which enabled us to facilitate Bible Clubs in Nakuru County. Over 25 schools have vibrant bible club facilitated by our volunteers in Nakuru town, Kabarak and Njoro area.

Our theme for this season was *“Something good can come from your story”* based on John 1:46. In the midst of a lot of challenges and pressure, our focus has been reminding children and young people that their story matters to God and that something good will come from their story regardless of their background, performance or physical challenges.

The SUK Mental Health and wellness Programme has been extremely well received. We have facilitated sessions on “Causes and Triggers of Mental Health” in a number of schools with the hope of providing awareness and helping students learn different coping mechanisms on how to deal with stress and anxiety, loss and grief, trauma among others.

We have also been privilege to hold parental talks on Mental health towards reminding parents to provide safe spaces for their children. These seasons provide us the opportunity to bring parents to speed on some of the mental health cases affecting their children



MINISTRY ACROSS THE REGIONS

CENTRAL REGION

Head teachers and Bible club teachers were delighted to see us back in school for spiritual nurture and life skills program as they said this

is helping in teaching values to the children. Teenage pregnancy and drug abuse is on the Increase and SUK programmes are much needed.

We had moments of happiness as we experienced change of guard in our committee as the Regional chair Rev. Jonah Muchiri handed over Nyeri County leadership to new, Mr. David Kinuthia.

We had moments of sadness as our bid to preach the Gospel to children in certain localities hit a snag due to inability of the kids to concentrate because of hunger, not having fed for several days.

In one instance, we had to give an extra loaf of bread and packet of milk to a small girl who had refused to take hers because she wanted to go share with her sibling brother at home.



Outreach program in Nyeri



EASTERN REGION



Regional Committee Members Eastern Province

SUK Eastern Region Comeback!

We are glad to announce that after a time of silence and less activity in the Eastern Region, we are back, stronger and more enthusiastic.

Our office premises will be located within the AIC Bomani, Machakos compound.

Teachers and children, be ready for vibrant Bible clubs, PPI and much more.

This is a photo of our meeting with the AIC Machakos Area Bishop and the treasurer.

COASTAL REGION

Our desire has been having the ability to envision what the family of God looks like and working towards it in such a way that we touch people's lives.

We thank God for his favor in the implementation of our Programme pillars namely Children, Families and Bible engagement. It's been encouraging to see the enthusiasm of children; teens; teachers and parents openly engage in discussions on mental health and Wellness and go through sessions on "causes and triggers of mental health".

We thank God for using us as vessels of help, hope and healing.



Mental health; causes and triggers lessons



Dare To Discover Session – Witu Lamu World Vision Adp



VBS in a local church

PICTURE MOMENTS



Become an SU Member

Registration: Group & Paybill Code:
Bible Clubs (BC) & Sunday Schools (SS) KShs. 1,000
Corporates and Churches KShs. 2,500
KShs. 5,000
KShs. 10,000

Individuals:
Life KShs. 10,000
Annual KShs. 2,400
Junior KShs. 50 - 100

Renewal (Annually) Group & Paybill Code:
Bible Clubs (BC) & Sunday Schools (SS)
KShs. 1,000
Corporates and Churches
KShs. 2,500

KShs. 5,000
KShs. 10,000
Individuals:
Life KShs. 10,000 Annual KShs. 2,400 Junior
KShs. 100



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