

Agristewards - Kenya 2017

MOHI farms gaining momentum!

Joska has a special place in my heart. It was the first project we, as Agristewards, were invited to go look at and see if we could help. We have experienced several ups and downs over the last six years. This past year the farm experienced challenges from a drought and challenges with the well to provide irrigation. However, through the challenges, the workers persevered. They saw bumper crops of spinach, kale, tomatoes, watermelon, and onions! Cosmas, John, and Elihud fully grasp the techniques of Farming God's Way and saw the benefit of God's blanket (mulch) by the protection it provided when water was scarce.

This trip we saw the students getting more involved in the farm work, a desire I have had since the beginning. We put on a three day FGW training for 80 of the 2,200

students. We had 40 girls and 40 boys who are members of the agriculture clubs at their schools in attendance. It was pure joy to watch Cosmas, John, and Elihud lead in the vast majority of the teaching. We are looking at ways to employ some of these students when they graduate to produce food at the 24 acre property.

Another bit of information I learned that was a huge encouragement to me was to learn the Director of Health for the MOHI schools is asking for more production from the farm. They currently produce enough food to fully feed three of the fifteen centers in the Nairobi area. The Director of Health claims there is a significant improvement in the health of the students at these three schools compared to all of the others. We also learned that the students can tell when they

have to purchase food from outside the farm because it is tougher and not as flavorful.

We are working on implementing a plan to get more land into production and have a much more dependable water supply for irrigation. We will be sending out an appeal letter soon to ask for help to continue to grow and increase our production.

We praise God for all the success and give Him all the glory!



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Making Ephesians 6 more real....

When I first started teaching Farming God's Way, I have to admit, I was way too focused on the technology section. Sadly, I almost overlooked the spiritual lessons at times. However, a radical shift in my thinking and method has occurred over the last year and a half. I have to credit the change to what I have witnessed in Liberia. First, I see a major parallel between the physical and spiritual. If there is major spiritual darkness, there is also major physical hardship as well. In order to bring people out of their physical hardship you must equally combat the spiritual darkness.

The first three days of my trip to Kenya were spent in a spiritual warfare training seminar as a student. I went to learn more about "setting the captives free". There are many communities in Africa that, to this day, have a greater fear of Satan than they do of God. In Liberia, through Pastor Miaway and the tearing down of the evil tree, his community has been able to experience first hand that the power of God is greater than the evil one. People who have lived their entire

lives in fear and as captives are being set free and walking in a new power and light like they have never experienced before.

It blows me away when I sit and think how God has used me and a farm from central Indiana to bring about revival and change in Liberia. All praise and glory to God!

Once again, we are planning to take six or seven Kenyans to lead a conference in Liberia. We met together to begin planning. Each agreed to pray and fast one day a week from now until the end of May to ask God to continue to turn the tide in Liberia. We plan to expand our focus from Nimba county to the entire country. Our goal is to have at least two representatives from every county in Liberia at the training to start small fires of revival to bring a nation to God.

Please join us in prayer and ask God to lead, guide, and direct our

steps. The training is May 30th to June 3rd, with the plan to have a city wide church service June 4th in Ganta, Liberia.



Back to Lodwar



We wrapped up our trip to Kenya at Lodwar. It is in northern Kenya and is very near sea level. I often refer to it as the hottest place I've ever visited. My dad and I were invited there four and a half years ago by

Gene Morden. We planted a small seed of what Farming God's Way is and how it works. Gene watered our efforts and now Haron Jackson is reaping the harvest.

Gene has a program in this very arid region. It tells communities that if they come together to clear land and put up a fence to prevent goats from eating their crops that he will come install a well with a solar pump to provide drinking water and irrigation.

Haron took us to see two of the sixty farms he and his associates have taught Farming God's Way to. Originally, they were only able to produce sorghum and cow peas. With the FGW methods, they produce about any crop they want.

Watermelon is one of their favorites.

What a blessing to witness what God can do through such a small contribution. Never hesitate to allow God to work through you. You never know where something with such humble beginnings may lead.

