



"You give them something to eat" Mark 6 vr 37

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Dear Friends

Is 5000Plus now a movement? You decide!

One of our partners in his yearly report says ***'Every day people are joining in the groups*** (self help groups) ***and attending seminar*** (income generation project training). ***5000Plus*** (has) ***become a movement in India'***.

The Oxford Reference defines a movement as ***'An organized effort by a significant number of people to change some major aspect'***.

Below is some key data extracted from our partner activity reports for 2022 in two countries where we have a major footprint.

	Kenya	India
Number of income generation project trainings held in 2022	341	172
Number of people attending the trainings in 2022	19,096	5,340
Number of Savings & Loan Groups started in 2022	466	283
Number of Income Generation Projects started in 2022	5,686	2,639

Surely God has done this thing!

Psalm 66:5 *'Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind'*.



Numbers are great but what is truly great is a changed life.

In April 2022 one of our volunteer trainers held a **5000Plus** training in Cairo Egypt.



There are a number of testimonies resulting from then.

Veronica, a single mother of 3 children from South Sudan was there. She said she had learned that God's purpose for our life is to succeed. She was encouraged to start her livelihood project, and in May Veronica started a small grocery shop selling Sudanese items in her neighbourhood. The income has covered food, rent and the children's school fees.

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Exciting New Programme in Kenya to Prisons!

In **Kenya** our partner Kennedy (after long delays caused by Covid) was able to complete a pilot scheme bringing the **5000Plus** teaching to 176 'soon to be released' prisoners in 4 local prisons and also to 262 families whose breadwinners are in prison. As a result 432 income generation projects have been started. Now the Governors of 8 other prisons want the **5000Plus** programme.

Congratulations Dr Kennedy!

After completing a 4 year online BA in Theology, Kennedy has also been awarded a well deserved Honorary Doctorate in recognition for the services of Grace Development Foundation to the poor.

Rob and Jane on the Road Again!



After a break from travelling of 31 months because of the Covid 19 pandemic, we held our first ever in-person training in **Latin America**. We had a great time in the **Central Dominican Republic** hosted by Breath of Life International. This was followed by a stay in **Louisville Kentucky USA** hosted by Teach To Transform.

There we held another seminar with people from 10 different nations.

Also we attended the 2022 Global Missions Health Conference (several thousand attendees) which was hosted by Southeast Christian Centre. As a result we have many more invitations to spread the **5000Plus** vision to the poor in many new countries.

This has all happened because during the Covid pandemic we focused on embedding our economic empowerment model into other mission agencies using platforms such as Zoom.



We are so blessed to have your continued support in this ministry of bringing God's love to the poor and marginalized.

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ as you celebrate the most wondrous gift of all.

With love

Rob and Jane and the rest of the 5000Plus team

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