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GSSM LEADER UPDATE

FRANKLIN SHELIMBA

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I am so thrilled to share over the next few months about our GSSM Leaders. This month I wanted to share more about our Kenyan graduate and GSSM leader, Franklin Shelimba. We have posted a little bit of what he does on our social media outlets but I can't wait to give you an update and to hear more about what he does.

There have been some exciting developments over the last few months! While Franklin helps GSSM recruit and mentor Kenya-based students he has recently agreed to host 2 practicums a year for our Kenyan students and those in surrounding countries who are unable to attend our Ugandan practicums; the Christmas and Easter Outreaches. This just adds another opportunity for our students to receive hands-on-training. The distinctive difference about Franklin's practicum is that he will also train our students in a unique sustainability idea, mushroom farming. So over the next few pages I wanted to share from Franklin's words what he is doing and the areas in which students will have the opportunity to shadow him and learn from his expertise. How awesome right?! Continue on the next page to hear from Franklin...

GLOBAL SPORTS MINISTRY KENYA

Mission Statement

The fundamental purpose of Global School of Sports Ministry is to identify and train committed Christian leadership in the effective use and understanding of sports ministry.

Sports ministry, simply defined, is any program or strategy that uses sports as a vehicle to fulfill Christ's command to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. It is using sports to evangelize and disciple with the emphasis on making disciples

Brief Overview

GSSM is a training program that uses online instruction coupled with selected practicums to equip dedicated men and women to become sports ministry leaders.

In order to successfully complete the course, each student must initiate and maintain a sports outreach program through their local church for a period of three or more years. All programs must be self-sustaining.

GSSM will continue to monitor, encourage, consult and, when appropriate, send mission teams to assist and give credibility to the new programs initiated by the GSSM students.



Purpose

To train prospective sports ministry leaders in the effective use of sports as a tool of evangelism and discipleship with an emphasis on discipleship.

Goal

To initiate effective, viable sports ministry programs around the world in order to fulfill Christ's command to go and make disciples of all nations.

Objective

1. **Train** Christian leaders on sports Ministry as a tool to disciple and Evangelize
2. Use **sport as a means** to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ
3. Conduct **weekly children Bible studies** through short Christian movies
4. Organize **porridge feeding program** for school going children during school days under Sue Carr porridge feeding program
5. **Train and empower parents in the slum through mushroom farming** in the slum for economic empowerment and food security.
6. Organize a **Bible Studies fellowship** in the slums and other areas

ACTIVITIES

1. **GSSM TRAINING**
2. **SPORTS MINISTRY PROGRAM**
3. **SHORT MOVIES KIDS BIBLE STUDIES**
4. **MUSHROOM MINISTRY**
5. **FEEDING PROGRAM**

GSSM TRAINING:

I have continued talking with Church leaders and Christian sports men and women on the importance of joining the GSSM training that a student will be equipped with a tool that they can use to Disciple and Evangelize as they continue enjoying their sports and use it to win souls. Many have promise to Join this coming season and I have given them forms to fill and get them back to me. The coming month I will be traveling to Kakamega for a one day training on Sports Ministry (GSSM training) and how to use Mushroom to empower families.

SPORTS MINISTRY PROGRAM:

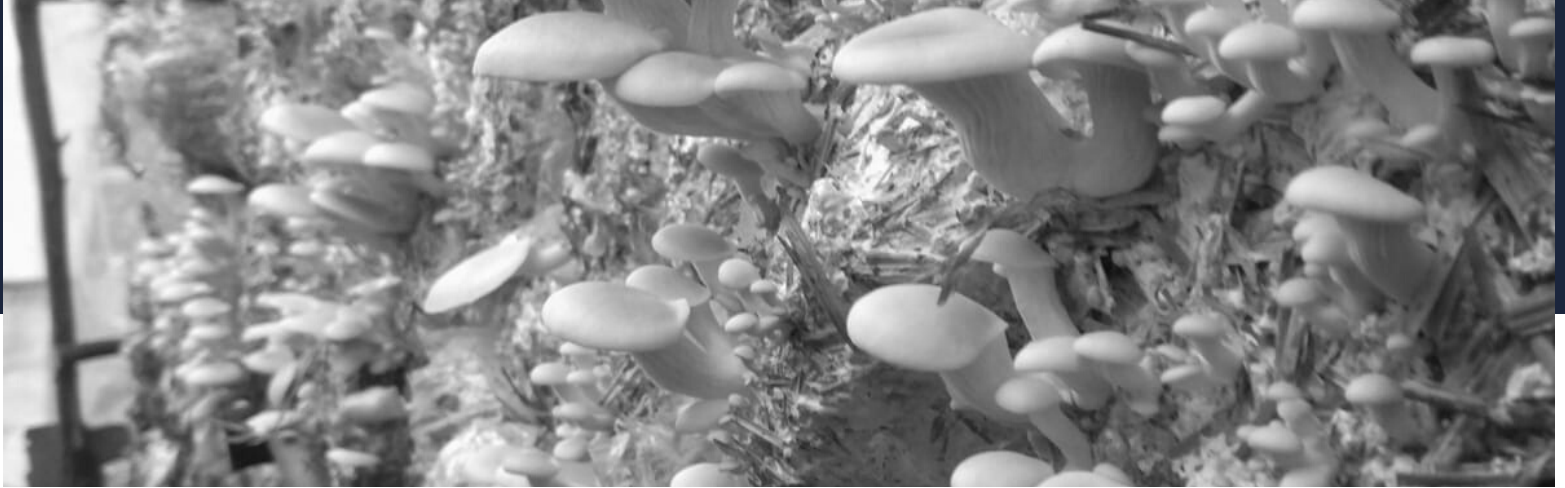
We have continue using sports (Volleyball and soccer) to train many young boys and girls and share with them the love of Christ. And training them to say the LORD Prayers and growing through the New Testament. Due to lack of Bibles I have been printing small papers that have Bible verses and a very brief message so that to help the children understand and think more on the word of God. And at the same time using their own words to share that with their friends and families.

KIDS BIBLE STUDIES:

Every Saturday we have been having short Christian movies to children between the ages of 10 to 17 years. And every week we have a different movies and after that we ask the pupils what they have learned from the movie and how they can use that on their daily lives. Since the introduction of this program in Raini primary school the pupils in grade 7 and grade 8 have improved in Christian Education. And the teacher who is teaching this subject they are very happy. Saying that the pupils are sharing what they have learned making other pupils who failed to come for Saturdays program not to miss. I was using a borrowed projector and when the owner knew that am using it to share the word of God and using it to show Christian movies. They refused to lend us and asked us to hire and the amount they are charging it's about \$50. Per week and I found that to be very expensive. I bout one that costed me \$70 but it is of bad quality and I have to cover all the windows and close the doors so that the room can be dark for the pupils to enjoy and learn. This has not gone so well forcing me to use my small laptop and divide the pupils in to groups so that they can seat around the laptop and watch.



MUSHROOM MINISTRY:



Since the support from Harizona this Ministry has grown tremendously. We have seen many families have continue having daily meals and many are saying that with availability of capital it will change their lives completely. Over 120 families have gone through a training and how to use small space to grow mushroom that will be enough for them to take care of their families and at the same time enjoy financial freedom. Their kids will not fail to go to school or sleep with a empty stomach. We have two young mothers who both of them have three children between the age of 3 years and 9 years. They got married and the fathers of the children ran way leaving them to raise children by themselves. They went and got a job in a flower farms. Where they have to work a minimum of 8 hours and they have to leave their houses very early and walk more than 10km. To arrive there before 8am and leave work at 5pm and they arrive back home between 6.30 and 7.30pm. This have really stressed them to a point they had to quiet work. And what they were getting was not enough for the children, house rent and food. And when they miss work on any particular day they were forced to work on a Saturday or to recover the hours lost. And to make it worse they were given very short contract that they could plan their finances.

When I brought them to the program it was as God has answered their prayers. And they have done a great job planting oyster mushroom and I have also helped them to open a food shop. Where they sell mushroom soup and mushroom stew and ugali (made from maize flour). This way they get extra income and have a place to sell there mushroom. And most importantly all their children are in school and the young one they can afford a daycare while they are out selling mushroom. Another group of women have taken the project and they have team up to do it in the small rooms that they have rented in the slum. Another group in Kibera slum where given a small space behind the school class room and I helped them build a low cost house that they can grow mushroom and they are growing a lot of mushroom and feeding many in that slum. This has promote a lot of Bible studies and fellowship between the groups. And many are saying this Ministry has changed their lives spiritually, given them good health and brought them together to pray for one another. One woman said that she had problem with blood sugar, and her pressure was very high. After eating mushroom for a month she said that she is feeling better and was encouraging others to do eat more mushroom. Another one said that since she started feeding the kids with mushroom in the morning. The children don't come home during the day to look for something to eat. They say that they are not hungry anymore. And they are not getting sick like the way they use too. They didn't know that mushroom has a lot of benefit and most importantly they are paying their house rent in good time. The landlord are not coming to remove the door or the roof to force them to pay their rents.

Although anything good has also a lot of challenges. When we were starting to grow oyster mushroom many bags got infected with green mold. Making them loose a lot of bags and a lot of money since once they are infected chances to recover was very minimal. This made me to invest more on hygiene as they are planting. Used this also to share the gospel and 34 souls came to Christ. They said they don't want to have green mold in their lives that the Lord will through them away like the way I did to the bags. But to be a bag that have good mycelium that produce healthy mushroom and feeding them with healthy food which is the word of God.

FEEDING PROGRAM:

Sue Carr Porridge Feeding Program is continuing to improve the health of the pupils in the school. Good report is that number of children has continue increasing nowadays kids are not missing school. Because if they stay at home they don't have any breakfast. So they have to wear their uniform and come to school. We started serving the healthy porridge early in the morning around 8am and this keeps them till 1pm. And the teacher are saying by the time it gets to that time they make sure that the learner has learned a lot. While they have energy and concentration is high, because after 1pm many either run away from school to go get something to eat at home which most of the time there is nothing. Ending up looking for manual work so that they can be paid something small or a plate of food. Coming month am planning to introduce mushroom soup for the Saturday Ministry in the school. This will cost me between \$ 100 and \$150 per month because the mushroom I will be buying them from the women.



Prayer

1. Please pray for the Ministry as God continue to use us to reach out to many by giving them the love of God.
2. Praying for a projector that will help us continue using Christian movies in school as a means to share the Gospel and bring the good news home.
3. Praying for the funds in Mushroom Ministry so that we can reach many and continue changing lives for God. And fix the old car that we have since it is continue breaking down forcing us to hire pick-ups when it comes to carry drums, firewood and any materials that needed to be transported to the slums.
4. Praying for Bibles to make the Gospel reach and feed His people with the word of God.

Future Events

- Continue with Sue Carr porridge and Saturday soup feeding program
- Weekly Film Bible studies continue in school
- Continue fellowshiping with the women and men in the Mushroom ministry
- Meeting Church leaders on the GSSM training
- Organize Sports (soccer and Volleyball) as we continue sharing the gospel

hope you loved hearing from Franklin and reading his outline for his many ministries.

I am beyond excited to see how our students and graduates will benefit from additional training through Franklin's practicums. What a cool opportunity! Also Franklin is working on creating a graduate study to offer our students after graduation. This study will be specifically on mushroom farming and how to use this business to sustain their families and ministry. Please be praying for Franklin as he continues to be faithful in his calling to GO and MAKE disciples of all nations.

WAYS TO HELP

• PRAYER

First and foremost this is the most important thing! We need to cover Franklin and those he ministers to in prayer. The Devil is real and he wants nothing more than to see him fail.

• STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

We have a program that allows you to sponsor a student and what is included in this sponsorship is enabling that student to participate in one or more practicums. **If you would like more information on this amazing program please make a note on the response card or feel free to e-mail me at contact@globalssm.org.**

• Personal Support/Ministry Support for FRANKLIN

I would love nothing more than to bring Franklin on as a full-time staff member and take care of all GSSM related ministry expenses. He is planning on doing so much with GSSM and making this a part of his already thriving ministries. He has so much to offer our students and graduates as a trainer and mentor. This would only require **\$400 a month** for personal support. **We would fundraise for the individual practicums via student sponsorship and designated donations.**

Please pray with me as we begin the process of getting GSSM Kenya off the ground. My goal is to offer these practicums beginning in 2024 if the Lord allows! Thank you too for your continued love, support and most importantly your prayers. We are at a loss for words for your continued support in what God is doing ALL OVER THE WORLD!



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Glenn Cauc Mahone