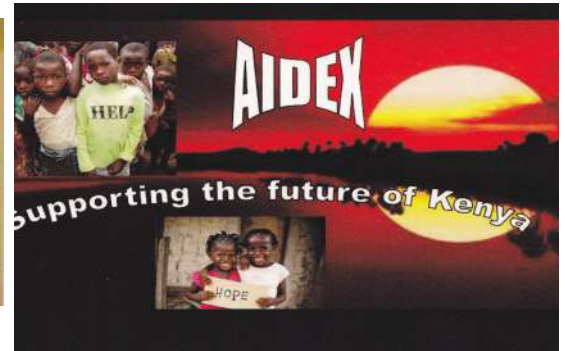




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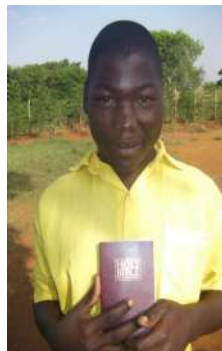
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I pray this Christmas season will be a special one for you all and those we support in Kenya. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" - Luke 2:11-14 It is my prayer that you will grow closer to Jesus: know His presence and comfort during this time and that He will permeate your heart and home and fill you with His love, joy and peace.

During the last few years, sadly we have had a number of sponsored loved ones die. It was one of the reasons we wanted to add a medical ministry in the hope of helping the sick. I share their photo's below in a way of remembering them. We try our best and even though it hurts to lose these ones, we believe & trust that God is now caring for them and we push on and help those that we can: while we can. AIDex is now around 25 years old and so I also share our late friend Barry Hughes' photo as a remembrance that he, led by God, started this ministry to the needy in Western Kenya. After his death, we continued his ministry, led by God.

Below are photos in memory of those sponsored who have died



Diana Anyango

Roseline Aoko

Elvis Makokha

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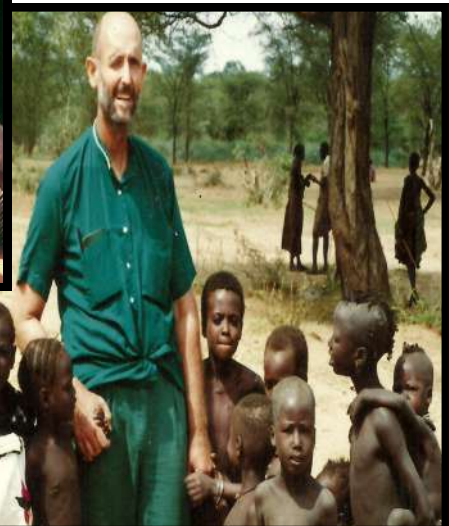
Jackline Brenda

Antony Adongo

Pastor Richard Ephraim
Barasa Baptist Church



The founder of AIDex the late
Barry Hughes 1993-94 to 2000-01



The 2018 team: consisted of Aussies Jeremy Rensford, his son Zach and mum Deenie, Dr Kenny, Josh Saprid, Jeff & Annette Hammond and Kenyans Ben, Justus, Dr Aloo, Jedidah, Herbert, Erina and a local nurse, lab technician and pharmacist. I'm so grateful for these willing helpers and all who help make this ministry possible...THANKS!

The team shared **Gods love, prayed** with and **encouraged** all they met..Sponsored students were also given uniforms, bibles and school fee's were payed. Widows were given gifts from Australia. Jeff & Annette who currently minister in an Indonesian church called Abba Love and have a local bible school in Kialla were our main teachers at the two conferences teaching Church leaders. Deenie ran a couple of worship workshops and Dr Kenny with his medical team performed some minor surgeries, helped medically and prayed with the sick.

Thankyou for your ongoing support of AIDex and its ministry in Kenya. The people we minister to in Kenya are very grateful for your support both financially and prayerfully. Below are some comments I have received from them and some testimony from our 2018 team visit to Kenya.

Praise be to Jesus our Saviour! Greetings to you and the brethren in Australia. We take this opportunity to give our heart felt gratitude to you for your great support both financial and spiritual in the past conference in July last month. It was wonderful with great spiritual revelation concerning the Islamic religion by Pastor Jeff Hammond and his wife Annette. We were richly blessed by their great teachings. They really unveiled our spiritual blindness and gave us insight and better understanding of Islam and how to reach out to Muslims in our community. May God bless you and the entire team in Jesus Name. We really appreciate for bringing us a great Man of God who did a good work of teaching and we also request for his coming again if possible next year 2019 God willing. We also thank Pastor Jeremy for working hand in hand with us tirelessly during the conference together with Dr. Kenny for helping God's people with medical issues, not forgetting Sister Deenie who also blessed our praise and worship team members with her great and wonderful teachings on praise and worship and the women. May God bless you so much. Greet the brethren in Australia. Samuel and the fellowship.

Thanks for the team that you sent this year. They worked tirelessly and for your information left a mark in our lives. God did WHAT HE ONLY COULD DO. Jeff and Annette gave a wonderful training. MEDICAL CAMP Thanks for this years camp that was well organized. All who went through their hands bare witness. WORSHIP WORKSHOP This workshop under Deenie was wonderful. FINANCIAL SUPPORT We highly appreciate your support towards Bible School, Conference and widows group. Kind regards to all. Yours in Christ, Alfayo, secretary BUSIA WEST.

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REF: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER

Praise God, as family of the above mentioned college wish to send our appreciation and acknowledgement to the Aidex Austrial for standing with us both financially and spiritually to enable us run our day to day activities in the college effectively.

This year 2018 we received 70,000/= for B.A program (3) 24,000 for the two years travelling allowance, 392,000/= for sponsored students in addition on students from both Funyula and port victoria received travelling allowance during the conference time.

We have seen tremendous blessing from you AIDEX and hoping that God has connected us with a purpose. We have seen expansion and multiplication of students enrolling for theological studies this year 2018.

We have seen our yearly budget being covered partly. We have seen smooth and peaceful running of the college. Our prayer is that may God who connected us with you AIDEX continue to maintain our relationship in Christ Jesus.

Pray for us as we continue with this scared work of God.

Thanks in Christ

**SAMIA BIBLE COLLEGE
FIN. DEPARTMENT**

Ochola Patrick (principal)

Dr Aloo: My experience with the group was blissful. I got a lot of help from Jedidah and Ben and the in charge of the local clinic, Mr Owen. I found the event to have been well organised such that the patients had an easy time, didn't have to queue for long and the test results requested didn't take long either.

Patient turnout was relatively fine in relation to the catchment population. Most of the patients were elderly, with chronic illnesses and were afraid to seek medical help because of issues like cost and the distances they had to cover to reach the hospitals as they were alone. We were able to help with the medications that we had and advice accordingly. We had patients we were diagnosing hypertension for the first time, and I was glad because they will not have to come to the hospital when they have already complicated lives as is always the case.

Jeff & Annette: It was a joy and an honour to be a part of the team in Kenya and both Annette and I were amazed to see all that AIDex is doing in the Sioport-Busia region. There certainly are a lot of physical and spiritual needs there.



Uni students with Jeremy

Jeremy Rensford: It was great to spend a morning with the AIDex students that are now all grown up and in tertiary education. Some of them had travelled up to half a day in overnight buses to be there. Such commitment. It was great to see the richness of fellowship between these older students; they clearly enjoyed this opportunity to renew acquaintances and tell yarns to each other of campus life. It was a vivid reminder to me of the importance of AIDex's partnering with these young people from the commencement of primary school all the way through to completion of high school and even into university years. The AIDex motto of "love God, help others" rang true as several of these older students reporting back to me their strong desire to go back and make a difference in communities as educated adults. I was also impressed with some of them being so clear in their proclamation of their love for Jesus and desire to serve him. Some of them clearly had real leadership gifting and I can see these young people are the calibre of godly human beings that can help turn the great country of Kenya around.

A worthy investment indeed, for those who are contributing to AIDex, thanks so much – it makes a difference and to those that will in the future – thank you! What a blessing these young people were.

Deenie: The widows' ministry went well especially with the expert assistance of Erina who is a fantastic liaising person, helping to connect in so many ways. I would estimate the number of widows as over one hundred in the two locations. As usual, we had clothes to distribute as well as Bibles. This year we also had the added bonus of reading glasses. Most of the widows could demonstrate their ability to read and were so excited to be able to see the words clearly. We were blessed to have enough to give the glasses to everyone in need of them. The women in Sioport were given cards of encouragement by women from the Williams' church in Sydney. I had a few left-overs which I gave to one of the women's prayer groups. In Busia we had enough of the hygiene products left to give to widows under 50. In both areas I shared from the scriptures how the great Apostle Paul learned to be content in all circumstances by depending on God's presence and His grace. In Busia, about 8 people responded to a call to become Christians. I doubt all of them were first time decisions, but they were encouraged to be in fellowship and discipleship. They were referred to local churches. In both locations we prayed with the widows for the Lord's protection and provision. It was great to catch up with several widows that I have become familiar with over my four visits. I had a fantastic time with the people involved in the worship ministry – probably up to 120 or more in the two locations. The main thing I hope was left with them is that worship is a lifestyle and worship in the context of the local church should include Body ministry which depends on giving room for the Holy Spirit to speak. At the second conference, there was an immediate positive response. Those involved with the volume of sound began to actually understand that if the focus is inside, not outside, the volume can be turned down. I noticed that sometimes the music is in a different key to the voices and encouraged the musicians to either set the key ahead of time, or if the key is not easily found, just to sing unaccompanied. All this leads to a greater sense of the presence of the Lord and His anointing. We had some good times of worship after our sessions. Erina and I encouraged different leaders to take part in leading the rest of us. Kenya is an incredible place to visit, as it gives a much broader understanding and appreciation of how others live who have not the same resources and opportunities as we. It is perhaps therefore not surprising that they have such an openness to the Gospel and the hunger amongst Christians for more of the Lord and his teaching is so encouraging. We have many ongoing opportunities of sharing in ever increasing areas – with health being one of the most recent. For those with a sense of adventure and a desire to share the Gospel and impact the lives of others (and indeed, be impacted yourself), I can highly recommend a missions trip to Kenya.



Widows



Website & Blog: We have a website & blog (the blog shares our yearly team experiences) (see link addresses above).

We really do appreciate each of you for supporting AIDex. We would not be able to do what we do without your prayers and donations. In the last two years, we have introduced the medical ministry and medications are not cheap so please continue to support us financially as there is so much more to be done. We also have been able to provide bibles to all the widows and continue to give bibles to our year 8 students as they graduate from primary to secondary school. Also donated reading glasses and girls sanitary kits. Despite things improving over time, there are still many needy people, poor, sick and suffering in this area of Western Kenya. God's blessings, **Russell Marke**.

Vision: We desire to obey God's word and to grow His kingdom in partnership with brothers and sisters in Christ in Western Kenya.

We desire to continue the calling we believe God gave us in 2001 and that is: that while He provides the finances, we will do everything we can to support the neediest of the needy in the Samia and Busia West areas as God enables us with the help of others. The four ministry areas we cover are students, widows, medical and Churches..Our support will be both physical and spiritual. It's our desire that those we sponsor would give their lives to God, be discipled and serve Him. To be educated and empowered to help themselves and others as they have been helped. It is our hope that one day the folk living in the areas where we work will rise up out of poverty, their health would improve, their relationship with God would grow to the point of not needing our ongoing support.



AIDex GIFT CARDS

Need a gift for someone this Christmas but don't want the hassle of shopping, fighting the crowds, finding a car park and supporting our materialistic world? We have three gift cards available that will provide a gift for you to give family and friends and meets the needs of a child much less fortunate than ourselves!

\$10 Bible Gift Card Provides a bible for a student in Western Kenya.

\$20 School Uniform Gift Card Provides a school uniform for a student.

\$50 Medical Gift Card Provides medicines to help many sick people in Western Kenya.

\$100 School Fees Gift Card Provides school fees for a secondary student in Western Kenya.

Please order through Russell Marke Email: markefamily@bigpond.com Phone: 0428 548 432

AIDEX is a growing christian organisation that reaches out to those most in need in the remote areas of Western Kenya. We aim to help in the education of children, so as they grow, they gain the means to help others.

Each child that is supported by AIDEX is provided with school fees, a new school uniform each year and spiritual encouragement - The Word of the Living God. AIDEX also reaches out to widows within their communities - loving them, encouraging them and assisting them in many of their needs. With your help and assistance we pray that this sponsorship will continue to grow to help many more children throughout their school years.

Our promise is every dollar you give goes to Kenya. (None of the money raised goes to administration costs in Australia.)

Donations can be made directly into the AIDEX G.M.C.U. account through electronic transfer

ACCOUNT NAME: AIDEX

BSB: 803-078

Account No: 18119

For those who would like to make a regular contribution this can be set up via your internet banking system or through your bank.

Alternatively cheques can be made out to AIDEX and sent to:

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Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Over 2000 years ago, God gave us the gift of His Son. Through your assistance you continue to share God's love.