

2017 – Q2



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Quarterly Report

Birthing life, wherever we flow.



Flowing Rivers was founded in 2010 and has grown from a small team regularly gathering in an Essex living room, to a larger organisation to overseeing various projects locally, nationally, and internationally.

Our quarterly reports seek to provide an update on our projects and journey, as you are a part of it!

We are passionate about equipping young adults with the tools needed to develop great values in leadership and servant hood in their local, national, and international communities.

We believe the church is a representation of The Lord's hand extended to humanity in love, expressed through teachings, healing, humanitarian

support, economic empowerment, and leadership development for posterity.

Our mission is to preach Christ at all times and only if necessary, use words!

This quarter features a special guest interview and an exciting new announcement, read on to find out more!



Elderly People Project

The elderly project continues to be a fulfilling and a joyful project to be a part of, and the last few months have been extremely entertaining. However, we had a few of our residents go through some tough times.

One of our residents Christine who is paralysed from the waist down, fractured her leg, which took a few days before anyone realised as she has lost feeling in both her legs. Consequently, she had to go to the hospital and have a cast put on for 6 weeks, and is awaiting x-ray results to confirm the recovery period.

We are still waiting and praying for good news, and during our last visit Christine thankfully felt much better within herself, and as a team we are trusting God to perfect the work that he has started.

Food Bank

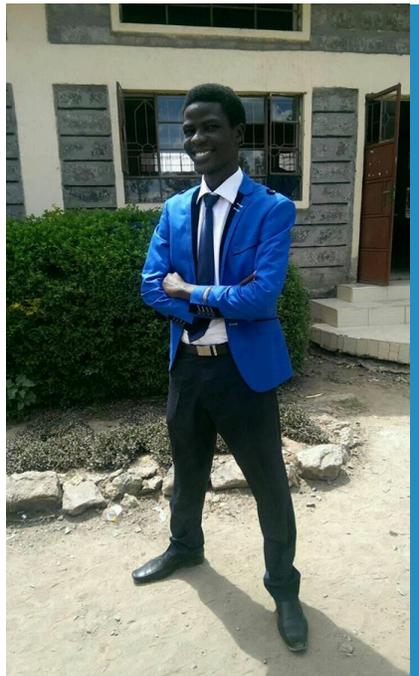


This quarter honed the importance of certain tasks such as quality

control. If the donor wouldn't eat it, why should others? It is extremely important that food is sealed, undamaged and within date in order to effectively help those in need.

We also had the opportunity to contribute in other sections of the food bank, namely the clothing bank, which was extremely eye opening. We realised that if people are struggling to put food on the table, it is likely they may also be struggling in other areas, so the clothing bank helps to provide a well-rounded service within the Food Bank.

“It gives me great joy to obey Jesus in serving my community”
– **Oreoluwa (Volunteer)**



Kenya meets London

Flowing Rivers interviewed James Ochuka (pictured above), a representative currently visiting the UK from the Sure24 Orphanage in Kenya.

So, James how has your trip been so far?

It's amazing, just being out of your comfort zone... studying, observing and learning.

How does it differ from Kenya?

You know our church service starts early in the morning and goes on for hours, but you guys have like a two-hour service, so it's different.

It's taught me that you should appreciate things; like in Kenya, we have our own church building so no one can tell you that you must leave at a certain time. But what I love so much here is that people are passionate about what they are doing so although you have a limited time but you make the most of it – it's just amazing.

How are the children doing back in Kenya?

They're doing well, just being able to see the kids grow from one thing to another is amazing, there is a lot that is happening down there.

How was it meeting the rest of the Flowing Rivers Team?

I felt a lot of warmth, to connect again with the people you've seen back at home, to see how they do things out of Nakuru and how they work.

To me it's like, oh, this is real. This is really them! I see the consistency and it has challenged me. To me, the impression I've got is that you guys are sacrificing a lot. It's like my perception has changed – for the better! I can't view anyone in Flowing Rivers the same way anymore.

It's also amazing to be able to see that despite everything that is going on there are still people who will call you every now and again, some check on you and others take you around. I don't take it for granted – that's a sacrifice and when I get back home I will ask myself how much more can I give back and spend more time with the people I value.

Have you gotten involved with anything since you've been here with Flowing Rivers?

Yes, there's a project that we are planning to do with Flowing Rivers' PR team on how to gain a social media presence.

We also want to set up a fundraising page. In a few weeks, our kids will be going to music festival in Nairobi and we need money to put everything together. We hope to raise £1,000 to cover transport, food, and logistics, etc.

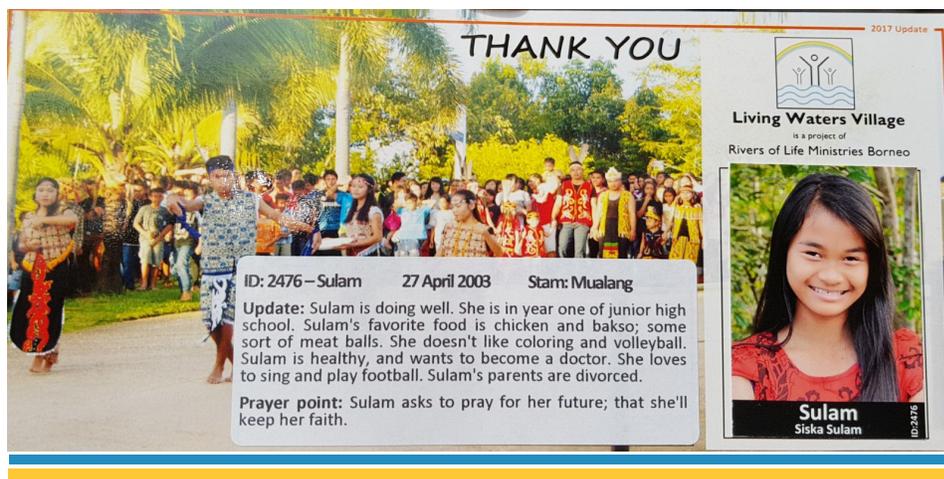
What's the one thing you will miss about the UK when you go?

Music! You know, what I like is the standard. What I enjoy most is just being in an atmosphere where everyone is musically developed. If I were to go home now, one thing I'd take away is a clearer understanding of the value of worship.

What will you miss most about Flowing Rivers when you go back?

I'll miss the community and the family, and just bonding with people that you haven't known for long but what has drawn you together is ministry, and the love of God.

So just being here with my friends, having people you can laugh



with, people who care and value you, that's what I'll really miss when I go back – I'll really miss the company.

Will you be back?

Definitely, I'll be back – I'm sure of that. Just praying to God that He'll open our eyes to see the beauty of the land, the opportunities and things that we have not yet tapped into.

Any final words?

I love the passion you guys have for God! My prayer to God is that He will continue to strengthen you all and open new doors for you, enhance and expand your territory to be able to reach out to the unreachable. (Amen)

Child Sponsorship

We thank God for the Child Sponsorship project so far this quarter. Everybody is doing well and flourishing by the grace of God. As testament to God's greatness we have inserted one of our updates above. Another exciting thing that has happened this quarter is that our child sponsorship family has suddenly grown significantly with the addition of **44 new children from South Africa!**

We now collectively sponsor over 60 children in 3 different countries. Our scope is definitely expanding and we thank God for the opportunity to birth life in another country.

We look forward to interacting with our new children and continue to pray for them to grow under the love and protection of God.

International Missions Alert!

We are proud to announce that we will be travelling to Kenya towards the end of 2017, more details to come in the next issue of streams.



International Missions

This quarter, the river flowed into new land, specifically, Marble Hall, South Africa.

This trip was made possible through recommendation by the orphanage we support in Nakuru, Kenya, due to the work that your contributions have made possible.

It was my personal joy that this mission trip was in collaboration with the new charity (Six:Ten), which was birthed by one of the daughters of the house (Fiona Sowole). This brought particular pleasure since part of my vision for Flowing Rivers is to inspire others to take up the challenge of serving their generation. Here is what she had to say:

“At the beginning of August I was privileged enough to go to South Africa (SA) with Flowing Rivers as well as for my new organisation Six:Ten. Before I made my journey to SA I asked for God to reveal my potential to me. I asked that he would show me who I am in Ministry and in business.

We didn't have an itinerary for the trip but we knew that there would be a men's conference on Saturday and a Sunday Church Service. I didn't expect to do much on the trip except for Media, as I currently head the media team.

Some of the things that I was asked to do during this trip highlighted to me that I have the ability within me to do so much more. I was given the opportunity to minister and to pray for the people and I saw how God moved through me! I saw how God can and does want to use me.

Aside from the ministry aspect of the trip, I saw an opportunity for my business to be put into motion. I learnt on this trip that when you are obedient and sow into the kingdom you will never lack.

This trip was an amazing experience and I am privileged to have gone on this trip. I have learnt that I can do so much more and to do that I must be bold and step out of my comfort zone!”
Fiona (Volunteer)

To summarise the mission, we committed to sponsoring the nursery education of 44 South African children, which was made possible by the generosity of some of our partners.

We also saw over 75 men saved at the Real Men Conference and many more delivered at the Sunday Service the next day.

I am grateful to all those who have made this a possibility. As part of the harvest of our trip, a new church has opened in Downtown, South Africa, and we are in the process of setting up another nursery for the locals.

We will of course keep you posted. As I always say, **the greatest investment in life remains the investment in a life.**

To get involved in any capacity, please email us at info@flowingriversfoundation.org where our team will be able to provide further information or respond to your queries.

To contribute financially towards any of our projects, please feel free to use our online donating system, which can be found on our Giving Page: www.flowingriversfoundation.org/giving

We hope you've had a great year so far, and we look forward to your continued support throughout the year.

God bless you.

Pastor Samson Baptist

Founder of Flowing Rivers Foundation

