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- MANDATE -** To share the good news of Jesus Christ by translating, producing, distributing and encouraging use of the Holy Scriptures.
- VISION -** “A People transformed by use of Holy Scriptures”
- MISSION -** “To make available the Holy Scriptures in affordable and innovative formats for holistic transformation of people’s lives through translation, production, distribution and advocacy”.

### CORE VALUES

- Christ-centeredness
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- Inclusiveness
- Innovation
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### BSK PROGRAMMES

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## From The General Secretary

Dear Members,

We are thankful to God for enabling us to complete the third quarter. We have witnessed transformation of people's lives as we continually work towards reaching out to many more through the use of Holy Scriptures. It is our prayer that the Lord will keep renewing our strength as we avail the word of God in languages that people understand best and as we strive to positively impact lives through our various programmes.

We recently launched the Revised Kalenjin Bible in Eldoret on July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017. This is the second Bible to be revised after the Kiswahili Bible. It was a time of celebration for the Kalenjin community as they received this Bible. My desire is that this Bible will reach many people both young and old so that they may receive hope and direction as they go through their daily lives.

Our Trauma healing programme has been airing on Hope FM, Radio Jambo and Kass FM. Through this programme we have offered hope to people who are going through challenging situations in life. We have also conducted trainings to equip facilitators with knowledge of handling trauma related issues and encouraging the use of God's word to quicken and receive healing of the wounds of trauma.

The Society has also reached out to children and youth through the Programme for Pastoral Instruction (PPI) programme and the Bible Trivia Show. We acknowledge that the youth are tomorrow's leaders hence we are ensuring that they are equipped with the word of God to guide them both now and in the future.

In an effort to tackle alcoholism in poor urban neighbourhoods, BSK held a Training of Trainers (TOT) workshop in partnership with Murang'a County Government to help the residents to overcome the devastating effects of alcohol. As a Society we will continue to empower community members with knowledge of handling life issues and most importantly the use of the Bible for holistic transformation of their lives.

Through the Good Samaritan programme we have reached several community leaders with the message of hope to the people infected and affected by HIV. We held several children and married couples workshops to sensitize community leaders in handling children infected with or affected by HIV as well as encouraging responsible living amongst married couples. These workshops were held in different places including Bondo, Ng'iya, Yala, Butere, Kakamega, Kehancha, Kisii and Nyeri. As a result there has been positive response and increased awareness on how to deal with HIV issues.

We continue to reach the grassroots through our branches and we look forward to growth in the branch network and increased membership. We will keep enhancing our recruitment efforts so as to have more Christians participating in Bible work.

I am grateful for your unwavering support, prayers and engagement in BSK activities. Through your support, the Society has experienced growth and I desire that you will not tire to do well. May the Almighty Lord continue to reward and bless the work of your hands.



**Mrs. Elizabeth  
Muriuki**



## **Finally the Revised Kalenjin Bible Launched**

The Bible Society of Kenya launched the Revised Kalenjin Bible at a colorful event held in Eldoret town in conjunction with churches on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017. The Kalenjin Bible Revision project took 7 years to complete and will cater for all the Kalenjin dialects which comprise of Kipsigis, Nandi, Tugen, Marakwet, Keiyo and the Terik.

The much awaited launch drew participants from key religious leaders in the county, Bible Society of Kenya board of governors and staff, guests from various Kalenjin dialects, believers from various denominations and communities. The event began with a procession across the town, beginning from the Catholic Cathedral in Eldoret town all the way to 64 stadium, where a crowd was eagerly waiting to receive God's word.

Eldoret town is known as the 'home of champions' since many renowned athletes come from this area. Three athletes from the area demonstrated their prowess by running with the Bible symbolizing that the recipients of the Bible were ready to run with it in preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to the community and the world at large.

The first Bible to be translated for the Kalenjin community was in Nandi dialect which was published in 1939. The other Kalenjin dialects could not clearly understand this Bible, which led to the translation of the Kalenjin Union Version, which was published in 1969. This version adequately catered for all the Kalenjin speaking community. However, a request was made in 2002 by key Kalenjin church leaders to have the Kalenjin Union Bible's words revised with a view of making them more understandable by their people.



*Mrs. Elizabeth Muriuki holds the dedicated Bible*

The leaders indicated that the Kalenjin Union Bible had some old words and that some terms were not clearly understood. The Kalenjin union Bible did not have the deuterocanonical books. The project that began in 2005 and was completed in 2012.

*To order a copy of this Bible write to us on [info@biblesociety-kenya.org](mailto:info@biblesociety-kenya.org) or call us on 0722205843/ 0733410020*

*The Protestant Bible edition costs Ksh 963*

*The Catholic Bible edition costs Ksh 1,044*



Marathon runners hand over the Bible to the General Secretary of BSK Mrs. Elizabeth Muriuki

The Revised Bible has two editions one with Deuterocanonical books mainly used by the Catholic faithful and the other without which is used by Protestant denominations.

Kenya has over 53 language groups. So far 21 languages have complete Bibles, 15 have New Testaments, 7 have portions of Scripture and 11 have no scriptures at all.

The Translation Consultant, Prof. Margaret Muthwii and the translators officially handed over the Bible to the General Secretary Mrs. Elizabeth Muriuki to confirm that the Bible has been translated accurately from the original Greek and Hebrew manuscripts. Mrs. Muriuki then handed over the Bible to the Church leaders so that they may use it to feed the flock they shepherded.

Prof. Mumo Kisau the BSK Board Chairman lauded the team who worked diligently to make the Revised Kalenjin Bible a reality.



Salvation army band leads the procession

He added that the message of the Bible has a solution for all the challenges that we face in the world today. He urged the gathering to pray for Kenya during this election period and to be ambassadors of peace wherever they are.

The Chief Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Robert Langat from Africa Gospel Church shared a powerful message on the need for people to read the Word of God. He noted that the Bible gives direction and wisdom in all aspects of life. He challenged the congregants to make it a habit to read, apply and share the Word whenever there is an opportunity to do so. He read from Ezra 7:10 and Jeremiah 15:16.

The BSK General Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Muriuki expressed her gratitude and conviction that the Bible will be an instrument that would bring positive transformation in the lives of the Kalenjin community and the society at large. She added that it is always a joy for her to see a community receive the Bible in their own language. She noted that with the digital era, BSK endeavors to meet the Scripture needs of all our audiences through the use of both analogue and digital media and for that reason this Bible can also be accessed in digital format from the You version App.



Church leaders receive the launched Bible from Bible General Secretary Mrs. Elizabeth Muriuki

*"All I can say is that to God most high be the glory. Today I go home a happy woman. Seeing that I now have the Bible and more so the Catholic books in my language makes my heart to rejoice. I can't wait to go through it page by page as I grow deeper in my faith in God. I will be reading it to my grandchildren and with time buy them a copy. **Says Mrs Mary Choge.**"*

*"Old age comes with wisdom, but nothing gives more wisdom as the word of God. As old as I am, I have always looked up to God's word and I haven't been disappointed. This Bible couldn't have come in a timelier manner. I am happy that today I received a Bible that I can identify with and understand well."*

*Although my sight is almost failing me, I am happy that I will be able to read this Bible because the writing (font) is visible. I pray that with the knowledge in this word I will continue to be a role model to my children and their children and that I may inspire them to study the word of God my language. **Mrs Teresa Tunge***

*Today is a great day in my life. I have received the best gift of a Bible in my own language. I will read it daily and to teach my friends so that they may know God and live for Him. May God bless the work of Bible Society of Kenya. **Deborah Jerono.***

*"I am overjoyed to see this Bible being launched today. My fellow translators and I worked tirelessly for seven years to put together this Bible hence it is such a privilege to see it bring unveiled and availed for people's use. May it bring positive transformation to everyone who will read it." **Said Father Kiruy, former translator.***

It was indeed a colourful ceremony and we thank God for making the day come to pass.

The Bible Society of Kenya continues to fulfil its mandate, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ by translating, producing, distributing and encouraging use of the Holy Scriptures.

**BSK is currently translating the Teso, Igikuria, Ekegusii Revision and Banyala Projects. It costs Ksh 1,000 to translate a verse.**

**To support translation work please send your donation to Mpesa Paybill number 518100. Cheques are payable to Bible Society of Kenya**

## Pastors Symposium Held in Kericho and Eldoret Towns



*Father Charles Kiruy, former translator addressing the gathering in Kericho town*



*The pastors keenly following proceedings*

Two Pastors symposiums were held in Kericho and Eldoret towns respectively to sensitize the Pastors on the availability of the revised Kalenjin Bible so that they may share with congregants in their Churches. The Pastors expressed their joy to know that finally there was a Bible that will unify the Kalenjin speakers. These Pastors were drawn from different denominations both in Kericho and Eldoret town and they turned out in large numbers to hear about the Bible that was launched on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

Father Charles Kiruy, a former translator addressed the Pastors in Kericho on the process it took to revise this Bible. He appreciated the team who translated the first Nandi Bible which was published in 1939

noting that they did a great job despite the challenges they faced e.g. using typewriters to type the manuscripts. He however noted that language changes with time hence the need to revise the Bible. Father Kiruy added that the Revised Kalenjin Bible is easy to read and understand by all people from the Kalenjin dialects hence it will unify the community. He appreciated Bible Society of Kenya for availing Para text, a software which enables translators to base their work from the original Bible in Greek and Hebrew hence maintaining consistency of the message. He further thanked the Management Committee team, Reviewers and Translation Consultants for working tirelessly to ensure that this Bible is ready.





Rev. Musa Maina former translator addresses Pastors in Eldoret town

Rev. Musa Maina, a former translator addressed the Pastors in Eldoret town on the similar translation process. The Pastors appreciated BSK for the work it is doing to avail God's word to all. The Pastors were also excited to know that the Bible is available online on You Version which is a downloadable application on the phone. Rev. Maina noted that it is very important to reach the youth with God's word as they are the leaders of tomorrow hence need to be equipped with God's word to be able to withstand life challenges.

Bible Society of Kenya invited all the Kalenjin speakers to the launch of this Bible and looks forward to lives being transformed as a result of people reading God's word. This Bible comes in two versions; one with Deuterocanonical books and the other without.



Group photo of Pastors in the Eldoret Symposium

### **Features of the Bible include;**

- Has an easy to read font size
- Has different colours: black, blue, maroon and burgundy
- Contains pictures / Illustrations.
- Has enhanced footnote and explanatory notes.
- Has enhanced cross reference system
- Contains words that have similar meaning in different Kalenjin dialects
- Contains the Kalenjin calendar
- Has a precious stones table
- Has a preface and various introductions to the Bibles
- Has a concordance of word occurrences and references in the Bible
- Has enhanced glossary table
- Has enhanced maps

## Bringing hope to the traumatized

The world we live in is full of traumatizing situations that cause people to live in fear and anxiety. Trauma refers to the effects on human beings due to disruptive events like domestic violence, sexual abuse, human trafficking, inner-city violence and natural disasters. People are traumatized when they are overwhelmed with intense fear, helplessness and horror in the face of death or the threat of death.

Bible Society of Kenya is concerned about the traumatized people all around us and began a trauma healing programme in 2013. This programme has since grown and many people have been equipped with knowledge on how to handle trauma related issues as well as reach out to people who have gone through tough situations. The programme equips people with biblical and mental health resources so that they can experience the life-changing message of the Bible.

This year, BSK has continued to train participants so that they can offer healing to people who have gone through problems in marriage, loss of loved ones, rape, domestic abuse, sickness and many more. Participants were drawn from the Government, Church leaders, community workers and staff who have since gained significant knowledge.

The participants have really appreciated BSK for the programme and are now reaching out to the community to help affected people. BSK has continued to air the audio trauma healing programme on Hope fm and Radio Jambo. Through these media, many people have received renewed hope and are able to cope with life knowing that God is in control of everything that happens.

The Bible in Isaiah 41:10 says "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. "We are encouraged not to fear because as we are not alone in this journey of life.



The joy that comes with healing



Participants pose for a photo after the training

### Testimonies

*I have been encouraged by this trauma healing. I have attended many trainings in my life but this has been very special to me. I was able to understand why I feel and behave the way I do. I lost my parents as a young person and I have never been able to go beyond that loss. Through the equipping and healing session I was able to take the pain to the cross and start my life afresh. **Edna Kihoro, a participant from KAG Bahati***

*'I enjoyed the session of taking our pain to the cross. I had a lot of baggage in my life; my family was involved in the post-election violence that took place in 2007/2008. We were displaced and found ourselves living in the IDP camp in Timboroa, in Kericho County for about one year. Our house was burned down, our cows stolen. I have lived with a lot of pain and bitterness. But after going through the sessions, I learned how to forgive others and let go. I also learned what the bible says in Romans 12: 14 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay', says the Lord. I believe that I am now better equipped to help others who are going through the same'. **Tabitha Wairimu, a participant.***

## **A Bible for every child**

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

Through the Programme for Pastoral Instruction (PPI) BSK has managed to reach many children in marginalized areas with God's word.

A team from BSK visited Muthurwa Primary School in Karuri area of Kiambu County to make a follow up on the PPI programme. This programme usually begins at 8.00am every Friday and children are able to read the Word of God before starting their normal schedule.

Programme for Pastoral Instruction (PPI) is a Scripture use initiative that addresses the Pastoral aspects of religion, seeking to guide the protestant learners in life issues under the title "Know, Grow, Serve." A teacher's guide has been developed for use in Primary schools across the country.

The General Secretary, Mrs Elizabeth Muriuki, Bible Advocacy and Scripture Use Manager Mr. James Kathuraku and a volunteer, Rev. Macharia Mbogo were joined by a team of Bible Society of Eritrea staff who had been on a learning trip at BSK. The Eritrean team included Mr. Yohannes Weldeghebriel, the Finance Manager and Ms. Timar Habte, the Program Project manager. This team had a chance to join the children, teachers and the dedicated team of volunteer teachers from the ACK St. Lukes Church, Muthurwa in the class sessions and it was very enriching.



*Mrs. Elizabeth Muriuki hands over Bibles to the teachers in Muthurwa Primary School*



*Children happily displaying their new Bibles*

During the visit, the team from Eritrea witnessed how the PPI programme works to benefit children in rural Kenya. The Society donated 65 Bibles for use by the volunteer teachers and children to enable the programme.

*"The Bible Society of Kenya should thank God that they have such an opportunity to teach God's word to children in public schools. In Eritrea, we do not have anything like this. You would go to jail if you attempted to do this. Please pray for us that God may open such doors in our Country for the sake of our children."* **Says Eritrean BS Finance Manager.**

**To help children from disadvantaged backgrounds to own a Bible please send your donation to our Safaricom Paybill 518100. Account: Bible a Month Club**

## Curbing Alcoholism in Poor Urban Neighbourhoods

In an effort to tackle alcoholism in poor urban neighborhoods, Bible Society of Kenya (BSK) held a Training of Trainers (TOT) workshop in partnership with Murang'a County Government.

Alcoholism has had devastating effects on many residents of Murang'a County, a situation that called for immediate action.

*"The alcohol problem is catastrophic. It is a disaster. Especially in Central Province and the areas around Nairobi, the alcohol problem is really huge," said Ndirangu. "It's been going on for 10 years now, generations are wasted, young men have become impotent, alcoholism, unemployment, disintegration of the cultural ways of living of the past and extreme capitalism. I think there are many reasons why this has happened, but it is serious. Many people are drinking very cheap alcohol which is dangerous for their health."* **Says Boniface Ndirangu, a recovering addict.**

After several discussions with the county government of Murang'a, BSK took the initiative of giving priority to the areas within the County that were gravely affected by alcoholism. Out of the 8 Sub-counties in Murang'a County, Kangema is the most affected and was therefore selected to start off the programme

The area has 100 bars, compared to 4 public schools within its vicinity which increases the risk of young people exposed to alcohol and drugs of abuse. The report of the County Directorate on drugs control indicates that out of every 4 young people, 3 are users or addicts of alcohol or drugs in Kangema Sub-County. The participants were drawn from Churches, County Government Ministry of health, Business community, local community and Entertainment industry. Positive feedback was received from the participants that appreciated the training and the efforts by BSK to curb alcoholism among the young people.



A group of participants holding discussions during the training



James Kathuraku, BASU Manager handing over a certificate of participation to one of the TOTs

*"I abused drugs for a long time until I had no life left. I took a break when I realised I would die young without even a family of my own. I decided to seek for help from the Church and I have seen great change. I established a shoe - shining business and got married. I am working very hard to support my wife and our son. From this training, I have gained skills so I can help my fellow youth who have messed their lives through alcohol and drug abuse, especially in the town."* **Says Evanson Njoki, a recovered drug addict.**

*"As a Church minister, I find it very painful that I am not able to effectively reach out to people who have been affected by the problem of drugs and alcohol abuse. Specifically, families come to us seeking help for their youth who have taken the path of substance abuse and the best we can do is pray with them. We are not able to offer anything better than that. Therefore this training will go a long way to fill that missing link to enable us do a holistic ministry."* **Said Rev. David Ngeruro, ACK Muguru Parish.**

BSK will continue to empower members of the community with the knowledge of handling issues affecting the society, and most importantly advocating for the use of the Bible for the holistic transformation of people's lives.



## **Being the Good Samaritan**



*The photo showing a demonstration plant nursery and goat rearing in Siaya County at Mrs Jeniffer Owino's farm.*

Through the Good Samaritan Programme, BSK has reached several community leaders with the message of hope among the people infected and effected with HIV.

A team consisting of Mr. Joseph Irungu, Pst. Anthony Gatonye and Mrs. Lynner Orenge conducted two marriage workshops for the family module and a Training of Trainers (TOT) workshop in Kuria East Migori County and Kisii County at Suneka. The training aimed at equipping participants with knowledge and skills on how to handle HIV and AIDS issues related to marriage and family as well as handling of social and economic issues affecting the family. The General Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Muriuki was in attendance.

The trainers also carried out an economic empowerment workshop in Langala, Siaya County for both Nyanza and Western Kenya support groups. The workshop was done in partnership with Send a Cow, a Non-Governmental Organization that deals with sustainable livelihood projects that support groups to help them improve their standards of living. The trained groups have several income generating activities such as table banking, poultry rearing, merry go round and vegetable farming.



A group photo with the members of Western and Nyanza GSP Support Groups

Participants had an opportunity to watch the Love, sex and Marriage (LSM) Video that would help them to clearly understand facts about different issues that face family ranging from communication, finances and African traditions. The participants pledged to carry out marriage seminars in their Churches to help change their communities positively.

*"HIV in Kisii has continued to increase among couples because men fear to get tested. They assume that their wives are the ones supposed to visit a VCT center. I have faith that through this program we will change this perception in our families before we reach out to other people."*  
**Rev Lawrence Omambia said.**



Group photo of couples in Kisii GSP TOT Marriage Workshop

*"Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is a huge concern in this community. It is affecting our children and some Church leaders advocate for it. It has made husbands to become unfaithful to their wives hence increasing the spread of HIV. Most people fear knowing their status as it may cause stigma from other community members. This wonderful program will help many couples to be sensitized about faithfulness and on how to live together in harmony. We are going to work as a team to ensure that attitude change is realized."* **Pastor Samson Nyangi**

**If you would like your church to participate in the marriage seminars programme, please write to us on 0722205843/0733410020 or email; [info@biblesociety-kenya.org](mailto:info@biblesociety-kenya.org)**

## **Dot Bible Workshop Hosted in Kenya**



*A group photo of all participants at the end of the training*



*A participant is taken through the Dot Bible content development stages*



*Participants keenly following the training session*

The Bible Society of Kenya had the privilege to host the Dot Bible workshop in Kenya for three days June 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017. This forum brought together participants from 14 African countries who gathered together at Pride Inn Hotel to learn about how to use the Dot Bible domain to avail information on the various Bibles available in the different Bible Societies.

The participants were trained on how to avail information on their Bibles to their audiences on the Dot Bible platform so that the readers may have a better understanding of their specific Bibles, the translation process, verse quotations in their local language and where to get the Bibles.

Mr. Thomas Tharao the Head of Operations at the Bible Society of Kenya officially opened the meeting by welcoming participants to Kenya and shared the word of God. He noted that when Jesus Christ was on earth, He foresaw a future where the gospel will be spread to

the whole world through his disciples. We are privileged to live in the era where digital communications enables swift transmission of information. We therefore need to utilize this to spread the word of God to all the corners of the world as that is our mandate as Christians.

Mr. Tharao noted that for Bible work in Africa to progress, it would need workers who were willing to do things differently; workers who would make Jesus the centre of Bible work. He therefore encouraged the participants to give their best in their respective areas of service.

Mr. Hamish Bruce and Andrea Rhodes from the United Bible Societies trained the participants for the three days. The participants were from Ghana, Togo, Burkina Faso, Madagascar, Liberia, Tanzania, Uganda, Sierra Leone, Botswana, Nigeria, Burundi, Malawi, Zambia and Kenya. It was indeed a great time of learning and fellowship.



## **Availing Scriptures in Audio format**



*A pastor receives a talking Bible from Rev William Matolo, Church Relations and Membership Manager (left)*

Bible Society of Kenya's mission to make available the Holy Scriptures in affordable and innovative formats for holistic transformation of people's lives through translation, production, distribution, and Bible advocacy."

Besides production of the printed Bibles in various languages, BSK takes into consideration the scripture needs of people who are unable to read the Bible. Audio format of the Bible is availed to this segment of believers to enable them to hear and understand the word of God.

The Society distributed talking Bibles to Pastors and Evangelists from 40 churches around Mutituni Market in Machakos Sub-County at Glory Celebration Centre church. The Bibles will be used by Christians who gather once every week for Bible study to listen to agreed portions of Scripture and then discuss. This is normally an interactive session led by one of them.



*Pastors happy to receive talking Bibles from BSK*

The pastors could not hide their joy upon receipt of the talking Bibles. They expressed optimism in the growth and expansion of the kingdom of God in their regions through reaching out to many souls through the use of the word of God.

BSK avails the talking Bibles to groups to enrich their Bible study. Through this programme many lives have come to know Christ as their personal saviour. The talking Bibles are available in various languages including; English, Swahili, Turkana, Kikamba, Maasai, Kimeru, Oluluyia and Somali languages.

Reading and listening to the word of God collectively strengthens the unity of a group as well as providing insights on Scripture. The study of the audio Bible in a group helps the new believers to grow in their walk with Christ. Bible Society of Kenya does follow-ups on the effectiveness of the programmes and also continues to establish areas where there is need for the audio Bible as a way of working towards accomplishment of our core mandate.



## **God's Word for the Youth**

The Bible Society of Kenya continues to avail the Bible to all age groups so that they may read it and get wisdom for living. Through the Bible Trivia Show, a Scripture engagement programme, high school students have come to get a better understanding of the Word of God and appreciate its importance in their day to day lives. This programme brings together many high school students in one venue where they compete among themselves at County level and the winners proceed to national level.

This year's event took place during the Kenya Students Christian Fellowship National Convention held in Kilifi Township Secondary School. Eight schools from different Counties participated in the event that was filled with a lot of excitement. There was stiff competition amongst the teams as they had adequately prepared themselves to emerge top. The winner was Baringo Boys High School, followed by Sosiot Girls High School and Maralal Boys High School in that order.

The three winning teams received fees tokens to motivate students to get involved in the Bible Trivia event in the future. All participants received copies of the youth Bible and a certificate of participation while their teachers received a copy of the ESV Bibles. BSK is privileged to positively impact the lives of the youth as they are the leaders of tomorrow hence need to be adequately equipped now to impact future generations.



*Students from Sosiot Girls High School show off their Bibles & certificates after participating in the Bible Trivia Show event*



Mr. James Njoka Bible Advocacy & Scripture Use (BASU) Manager handing over certificate and Bible to one of the teachers

## Testimonies

*"Ever since our school participated in the County Bible Trivia show in 2015, we have seen increased interest in the reading of the Bible by students. This has changed the bad behaviour by some of us who were not very well behaved, and also the performance in the Christian religious education has improved amongst us. We really thank the Bible Society of Kenya for exposing and motivating us to better ways of reading our bibles,"* **Says Mercy Chepchirchir, a form 3 student from Sosiot Girls**

*"My participation at the National Bible trivia show has increased my confidence and interest to read God's word. I am encouraged to read my bible 'between the lines', to ensure I internalize all the details in a particular verse. This will increase my knowledge of the bible and I believe also to improve in my performance in CRE."* **Says Isaiah Ochieng a student at Baringo High School.**

*"As we prepared the students for the competition, we involved a big group so that we eventually could select the best 3 students for the national competitions. That means we had a pool of several girls who were very well versed in their Bible knowledge. No wonder we came second during the competitions." What we witnessed during that period and after, is that many students got interested in reading and understanding their bibles. In the end we had more students who have increased bible knowledge and love for God's word. We pray that the knowledge they have acquired will change their lives and the interest in reading God's word will continue beyond high school. We thank BSK for facilitating this."* **Mr. Meshack Sang, the Christian Union (CU) Patron at Sosiot Girls High School**

## **Upcoming Events**

### **1. Bible Eagles Club Fun days**

- **Amagoro** - 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017
- **Machakos** - 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017
- **Nairobi** - 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017
- **Vihiga** - 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### **2. Fundraising dinner**

- November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Registration is ongoing. Contact [moracha@biblesociety-kenya.org](mailto:moracha@biblesociety-kenya.org)

### **3. ABLI youth event**

- November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 2017. Venue: All Saints Cathedral



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