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Our Mission
Building partnerships with communities and enabling them to exercise their God-given potentials in addressing their needs.

What is organic agriculture?
◊ ‘It is a farming system that relies on ecosystem management rather than external agricultural inputs ’ - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United nation
◊ ‘An integrated farming system that strives for sustainability, the enhancement of soil fertility and biological diversity whilst, with rare exceptions, prohibiting synthetic pesticides, antibiotics, synthetic fertilizers, genetically modified organisms, and growth hormones’- Wikipedia

In this issue we focus on ADS western kulyouth group that is practicing organic farming as a source of livelihood.

Enjoy reading.
ADS Western participated in the Kenya Organic Agriculture Forum aimed at linking Organic enterprises to market Opportunities for livelihood improvement. The event brought together all Participatory Ecological Land Use Management Association members on 25th August 2016 at Kasarani, Nairobi.

Beekeeping was a traditional practice in some communities it was used to pay bride price. For one reason or the other this practice gradually declined as a result affecting honey production. Today honey demand is quit high with minimal production. ADS Western has intervened in the production by engaging the youth through community Based organization CBO.

KULYOUTHS is a youth group formed and registered in 2011 and operates Busia County, Teso Sub County. It has 15 members who are well trained on modern beekeeping skills and stages of beekeeping. The group envision to engage group members and other youths in productive economic activities for youth empowerment. In so doing create employment, improve living standards and conserve the environment through organic farming. The group also carry out other activates such as Cassava Value Chain, Local Vegetable farming, indigenous tree nursery and local Poultry.

The group acquired three hives in 2013 using members saving and 31 more hives in 2015 through donation.

Through capacity buildings the group has been trained on the best beekeeping practices that entails apiary management, inspection guidelines, factors to consider when choosing an apiary, stand construction and safety measures. They learnt how to extract and market the produce in the local community, agricultural exhibition and public forums.

Unpredictable weather pattern has being a great challenge to the production as well as acquiring. They are looking forward to attain Kenya Bureau of Standards certification.
The Most Rev. Dr. Eliud Wabukala, the Archbishop emeritus, has called upon the Nation to embrace dialogue on weighty issues affecting the Country. The former Archbishop observed there is an emerging trend in the country where every time, there are challenges in government institutions, there has been mob condemnation of the office bearers. He particularly took issues with the manner in which the Independent Electoral & Boundaries Commission (IEBC) were hounded out of office. The former head of Anglican Church further noted that a similar trend has also been observed at the Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission (KACC).

He noted, unless Kenyans change their attitude, it won’t matter who is given the mandate to run a public institution. The cleric further observed that the only way to bring meaningful change is to support public institutions irrespective of who the officers are. In the instances where there are issues, the former primates asked Kenyans to follow the law to address their grievances. To the public officers, Dr. Wabukala noted that Kenyans want quality but not lip service. He particularly noted that Kenyans are worried by the levels of corruption public service. He therefore asked Kenyans to unite against such vices and speak with one voice. He also asked the government to do its part in combating the vice.

The former head of the church also noted, there is need to speedily fast track and put in place new Commissioners of IEBC so as to give them ample time to prepare for the upcoming 2017 general elections. He asked Kenyans to observe peace before during and after the next elections. To ensure fairness and equity in the political completion, the prelate asked the national assembly to fast track the draft bills on electoral reforms currently before the two houses of Parliament.

The former primate was speaking on Sunday 28th August, 2016 at ACK Katakwa Secondary School during the consecration service of the Rt. Rev. Captain John Okude Omuse as the third Diocesan Bishop of Anglican Diocese of Katakwa. The function was presided over by the Most Rev. Dr. Jackson N. Ole Sapit, the Anglican Archbishop.

Report by: Charles Mugo
His Grace, Dr. Jackson Ole Sapit held a meeting with Education Cabinet Secretary (CS), Dr. Fred Matiangi at the Anglican Church of Kenya Head office on 1st August 2016 to discuss school unrest. Over a hundred schools were burnt in a span of less than two months. Parents, teachers, students, Kenyans at large and the church got deeply concerned and restless on this matter. The church joined other concerned stakeholders in various forums aimed at getting a solution to this matter. And in the meeting His Grace assured the CS of the Anglican Church's support in ensuring value based education is instituted and promoted in Kenya. The Anglican Church committed to supporting the institutionalization of chaplaincy in learning institutions, politics, economy and other work sectors. The CS said the government recognizes that the church pioneered education for African in the country and is therefore committed to partnering with the church and other stakeholders in the provision of value-based quality education in Kenya. As the nation seeks to address the reasons behind the unrest, it was unanimously agreed that all leaders and team players in the education sector need to ensure that the unrest is completely quenched and that proper mechanisms of building a civility are established.

**Katakwa Diocese Gets New Bishop**

The Most Rev. Dr. Jackson N. Ole Sapit’ led other Bishops, Church Canons, clergy and other faithful’s in the consecration and enthronement of the Ven. Captain John Okude Omuse on 28th August 2016 at ACK Katakwa Secondary School. Captain Omuse was elected bishop following the retirement of the Rt. Rev. Zachayo I. Epusi. He is third Diocesan Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Katakwa.

The service was well blended with gospel lyrics from participating choirs. The Rt. Rev. Samson Oketch, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Maseno North delivered the sermon.

The Provincial Chancellor Mr. Tom Onyango preceded over the oath of office section by the new bishop. He was prayed for and robes. The new Bishop was then directed to take his cathedra chair where he received the Bishop’s stuff as a symbol of authority.