

English Course report

KEVIN Bushiri, Chair of the Link in Nachingwea organised and led an English course from October to December 2022 for graduates from primary school in preparation for secondary school. The Stapleford Link supported the course with financial contributions. Kevin has sent us a report on the course, which we reproduce below.

(Editor's note: the text of the report is as written by Kevin.)

THIS English course started on 10 October 2022 and ended on 27 December 2022. Old St Andrew's nursery school was used as a classroom. The total of 57 pupils started it. Among them girls were 45 and 12 boys. Forty girls were sponsored by Stapleford Link and others paid for themselves. The course had two sessions morning and evening. Teachers were Kevin John Bushiri, Neema Jerome Mshamu and Augustine Olaf.

Success of the course

1. Accomplishment of the course



Mrs Rev Yusuph Masimosya delivering her speech to parents and pupils



Parents with their children, who attended the course

Fifty pupils did all three tests so these are registered as ones who accomplished the course. These are ready to face secondary academic challenges fearlessly. They are in good level not only in writing English language but also speaking it because there were two sessions every day for written and spoken English. Our proudness is on them because they will go to present us there in secondary school.

2. Conducting meeting with parents



Teachers Augustine Olaf and Kevin Bushiri (on chairs) with parents after meeting

First meeting included teachers, parents and pupils took place on 15 October where parents were given their responsibilities in this journey of three months on how they could support their children to complete English course successfully and other parental topics were presented by Kevin John Bushiri topics were

how to protect children from electronic devices addiction and effective studying for better academic performance.

3. Rewarding

Promising and giving rewards to pupils who perform well has been encouraged pupils to learn English language hard also it has been causing competition in our classes. Like other past years in this year pupils have got rewards in all three tests. Rewards were pens, exercise books, school bags and fabrics for making school uniforms.



Mrs Rev Yusuph Masimosya giving a prize of some fabric to one of the successful students

4. Buying chairs

In facing the scarcity of benches challenge in our church especially when number of believers increases in Christmas, new year mass and Easter (Kevin John Bushiri) on behalf of Nachingwea Link bought 10 chairs (10@17,000=170,000 shillings) from the money he is paid by Stapleford Link for teaching girls. These chairs are not only used by believers, Sunday school pupils but also English course pupils during weekdays.



Kevin John Bushiri with new plastic chairs

5. A classroom construction

It was Kevin's dream to build a classroom for evening studies and English course as it is known that any day this old St Andrew's nursery classroom will be destroyed in road widening process because it is in road reserve. In the future Kevin aims to build academic and sports children's centre. The centre



Kevin John Bushiri sitting on his classroom's foundation

will teach English language to more children and adults, peer education and other academic help will be given to pupils and parental advice to parents so as to face challenges effectively in this 21st century. The dream has started by building classroom's foundation.

Challenges happened in this English course

1. Dropping out of some pupils

Seven pupils had dropped out for different reasons before last test including travelling with their parents for holidays few days before test and closing it also failure of finishing fees for those who were paying for themselves among them four are boys and three are girls.

2. Failure to conduct second meeting

This English course started late compare to previous courses and this was due to existence of census which led to the interference of other timetable including ours. Many parents were busy for holidays, new farming season preparation and New Year celebration. Few parents promised to attend so we cancelled it

3 Passing away of two pupils' parents

Two mothers from our two pupils passed away. These are Samira Mustapha Chonde (F) and Saisi Halidi Abdallah (M). This is the first time in our course to face such kind of challenge. These pupils were in hard situation psychologically. We had special time to give them guidance and counselling so as to be comfortable to receive teachings. We led other pupils in contributing some amount of money as the way of showing our condolence and sympathy to them. Money helped them in buying secondary school stationery..



Saisi Halidi Abdallah receiving some money from Kevin which had been collected by fellow pupils for his mother's death

4. Neema's Participation

In this English course, Neema didn't participate in one hundred percent like previous terms. She is busy in parenting her baby boy. We discussed together and decided to add Augustine Olaf in our team who is a teacher by professional. He volunteers in teaching English language at Tunduruya Leo primary school the school Kevin used to volunteer. We believe next term Neema will get time to participate like other previous years.

Gratitudes

This gratitude is from two sides as the following.

I. From Kevin John Bushiri (Teacher)

I really thank Stapleford Link for giving me this platform to show my teaching talent. I have been given special treatment from our community and this is because of what we have been doing together to Nachingwea community. I personally have been paying my bills and my dream project is in preliminary stage. This all is from the money I am paid by Stapleford link as a teacher. Without your support these could not be in the level we all see.

II. From Nachingwea Link committee and Parents

As chairperson of Nachingwea Link committee we all thank St Andrew's church in Stapleford under leadership of Rev Dr Simon Taylor and all believers also Stapleford Link committee under the leadership of Patricia Maude for continuation of supporting Nachingwea community in not only English course but also other projects and others which are in pipeline. We promise to give you our full support in whatever we can so as to touch people's lives and be blessings to them.



Kevin Bushiri, author of this report and Chair of the Nachingwea Link Committee,, hard at work preparing his lessons

I have been receiving different thanks from parents through the phone or face to face wherever I meet them. They always say that they have seen changes to their children not only in speaking and writing English language but also in behaviours. They thank you Stapleford Link for supporting their daughters without this support they could not afford payments themselves.

Conclusion

This is another history we all share. Making bright future of these pupils is our role which we cannot see its impact today or in this physical world. Happy New Year 2023 and Our Almighty God bless you all. Thanks a bunch.

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