

**CROSSING BRIDGES, INC.
2021 ACTIVITIES REPORT
(Summary)**

Created for Board of Directors, February 2022

MINISTRY DURING 2020

Negatives: The ongoing COVID coupled with Florence's injuries from her fall late in January 2021 meant no international travel for ministry. This included not having a Kenya Family Retreat for a second year.

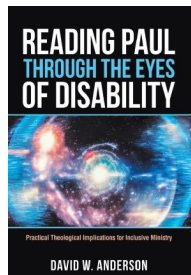
Positives:

1. Because of there being no international travel Crossing Bridges has sent monthly contributions to Eva Nyoike (Acorn Tutorials) to assist the families we have been serving since 2015, most of whom were unable to continue working in their communities and needed assistance to purchase foods, pay rent and school fees, and pay for ongoing physical therapy for children who need this on a regular basis.
2. Some monies received were designated for Acorn Special Tutorials in order to complete the new classroom construction which became an essential need before the Kenyan government would allow the school to reopen. Acorn is now officially open and functioning. Two of the young people with a disability with whom we have worked are now employed at Acorn:
 - Kiarie (who has cerebral palsy) serves as a "gate keeper" for the school providing more security for the property. This also allows his mother to be able to work in her community which brings in minimal but necessary funds.
 - Ciko (who has Downs Syndrome) serves as a teacher assistant with younger students at Acorn.

These positions also give a sense of purpose and pride to Kiarie and Ciko. Unfortunately, Eva has not been able to find a place for them to live close to Acorn, so a taxi is needed each day to bring them to the school and return them to their homes.

OTHER MINISTRY-RELATED ACTIVITY:

1. Being somewhat restricted to home, David was able to write and have published another book through WestBow Press (a division of Thomas Nelson and Zondervan): "Reading Paul through the Eyes of Disability: Practical Theological Implications for Inclusive Ministry"



The book examines 1 and 2 Corinthians and aims to help churches and individuals discover a biblical approach to welcoming and including individuals and families affected by disability as equal and vital members of Christian church fellowship.

2. David was asked by Vonn Dornbush, Impact Ministry Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, Roseville, MN, to participate in a "Missions Prayer Blast" on November 7, 2021. This 3-hour event was part of Calvary's Impact Focus and was done via Zoom. Calvary Baptist Church has been supporting Crossing Bridges since 2007.

LOOKING FORWARD FOR 2022

At this point there are no definite plans for travel in 2022. One possibility is a trip to Kenya in May when Eva Nyoike will be presiding over a conference on "Special Needs & Inclusive Education." We also hope to be able to hold a Kenya Family Retreat in August after a two-year hiatus. Because of the tension between Ukraine and Russia, it is unlikely that I will be invited to teach at Kremenchug Evangelical Seminary.

Thank you for your faithful support of Crossing Bridges. Please continue to pray for the families in Kenya that we serve along with our ministry partners, Eva Nyoike, Lazarus and Locye Omusula, and Margaret and Jackson Wangombe.

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