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BLESSING OF DEAFNESS

Youth and Adult Mission Quarterly Summary

May 9

Adventist Mission: Sabbath, May 9 – Blessing of Deafness

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Main Character: Obiero

Location: Kisii, Kenya

Summary

- **Obiero** is the **principal** of a **Seventh-day Adventist school** for **deaf children** in **Kenya**, where he works to **change** how people understand **deafness**.
- In some communities, deafness is seen as a **punishment** for **sin**, so some families **hide** their children instead of sending them to **school**.
- **Obiero** knows this is **not true** because of his **own experience**.
- He was born with **normal hearing** but lost it after receiving **medicine** while being treated for **malaria** at the age of **13**.
- His hearing slowly **faded**, and by age **14** he could no longer hear at all, which left him **discouraged** and **confused**.
- During this time, he found **hope** in the **Bible**, especially in **God's promise** of a **future** and a **purpose** for his life.
- He began to see that his deafness was **not** a **punishment** but part of **God's plan** to **help others**.
- **Obiero** completed his **education** and later became a **teacher** at **Mwata Adventist School for the Deaf**.
- He eventually became the **principal** of the school.
- Today, the school serves **dozens of children**, giving them **education**, **life skills**, and **knowledge of the Bible**.
- The children learn that **Jesus** loves them and that one day He will **restore all things**, including their hearing.
- Many students have accepted **Christ** and been **baptized**, showing that the school is **not only teaching** but also **leading souls** to **God**.

Key Lessons from the Story

- What may seem like a **limitation** can become a **blessing** in **God's hands**.

What This Means for You

- **Trust God** even when life does **not** make sense.
- See **value** in every person, regardless of their condition.
- **Support mission work** that reaches overlooked groups.

Reflection

- How can you **support** or **encourage** someone who may feel **overlooked** or **misunderstood**?

Takeaway

- What the world may see as a **weakness**, **God** can use as a **blessing** to serve others.

The Project We Are Contributing To

- A previous **Thirteenth Sabbath Offering** helped expand **Mwata Adventist School for the Deaf**.
- New buildings were constructed, including **dormitories** and better **dining facilities** for the children.
- This support has improved both **learning** and **daily life** at the school.
- This quarter, mission offerings will also support **Merisho Advent Community Nursery School** in **Kenya**, which teaches children about **God** at an early age.

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