

## News from the Tujisaidie Project – Aug 2022

Dear Friends, please find below a brief update of recent happenings in Tujisaidie

**Kenya Presidential Elections** We continue to pray for the aftermath of the closely contested presidential elections which took place on 9 August. Kenya's Deputy President William Ruto (right) was elected as the next President, but only by an extremely narrow margin (50.49% of the vote), defeating former Prime Minister Raila Odinga (almost 49%)

Odinga is contesting the result through the courts but has pledged not to resort to violent protests (as happened in the 2007 elections). We pray for this delicate situation - for a peaceful outcome and for all those elected, so that they serve the Kenyan people to the utmost of their ability.



**Louise Githire (left) visit to “Kingdom Voices”, Belfast** Joining 35 world church leaders from Africa, Asia and South America (5-15 August) Louise shared stories from the Tujisaidie Project of how the team are demonstrating God’s love in practical ways and how communities are being transformed through the good news of Jesus. She spent time with CMSI and SAMS Global Partners and staff, met local Church leaders at a day conference and visited two parishes that are linked to Tujisaidie (United parish of Ballyclare/Ballynure & St Mark’s Dundela).

Louise commented, *“I felt at home with my hosts. I learned a lot through the outreaches the host churches are carrying out which they took me to see. I learned lessons which can help me replicate what I saw. The Rectors and congregation members received me well and I was happy to see many people who want to come and visit us....one church member commented that the visits and talks gave more meaning than seeing photos.”*

**Tumaini African Foundation (Antony Njoroge)** We thank God for the progress being achieved by the Tumaini youth group this year, with new equipment in its Centre, enabling better communication and relationships by internet. Thank God also for the steadily growing Library and pray that the users will find joy in reading books for pleasure and entertainment as well as education.

We continue to pray for the students and teachers in the Tujisaidie Community Centre school as they complete a period of short terms and short holidays to catch up after the Covid-19 hiatus. 2021 and 2022 have been an exhausting and stressful time for all - please pray for inner calm and concentration as they prepare for national examinations at the end of the year.



**Ignite Conference** Please plan to attend our annual conference at Dromantine Conference Centre on Sat 17 Sept, during which there will be an update from the Tujisaidie Project. To register go to <https://www.cmsireland.org/ignite>

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