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Scientology Volunteer Minister Brings New Hope to Kenya Inmates

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Without much fanfare, a prison in Siaya, Kenya, is investing in the future of inmates, using the Scientology Volunteer Ministers program.

Staff at the Siaya GK (Government of Kenya) Prison swear by the Volunteer Ministers program. Since they began training as Volunteer Ministers, they have seen remarkable change.

It began over a year ago when Scientology Volunteer Minister Daniel Okello held his first seminar for 200 inmates. Okello covered two chapters—"Honesty and Integrity (<https://www.volunteerministers.org/training/integrity/overview.html>)" and "How to Resolve Conflicts (<https://www.volunteerministers.org/training/conflicts/overview.html>)"—from the *Scientology Handbook* (<http://www.scientologyhandbook.org/>), the textbook for the program based on the works of Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard.

This press-release article is proof of the potential benefits of Volunteer-Minister involvement inside this world's penal-colonies!!!
 For the past six (6) years I've intended to raise the interest level here at Mule Creek State Prison, by creating a Scientology Study Group, where we've generated numerous Success Stories from prisoners, a flood of Certificates of completion covering many study course titles, several personal commendations from Scientologists, and co-operative acknowledgements from prison staff and administration officials.
 Yet U.S. Volunteer ministers are still unaware of this opportunity to DELIVER SEMINAR-WORKSHOPS inside their local prisons???
 Something CAN Be Done About that! There are Personal Efficiency workshops (The Problems Of Work / The Fundamentals Of Thought), which can be delivered, along with the Scientology Handbook curriculum — and ultimately the Scientology LIFE IMPROVEMENT COURSE^s would absolutely appeal to U.S. prisoners, prison administration and correctional staff alike. To learn more about how this can be accomplished, please

A Volunteer Minister trains prison personnel and inmates at the Siaya Prison in Kenya. © 2019 Church of Scientology International. All Rights Reserved.

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"At the start of the seminar the prisoners looked depressed," says Okello, who noted the inmates began smiling and laughing as they realized how they had ended up in jail and what they could do about it. The prison commander asked Okello to come back to train the prison officers and deliver the program to 300 more inmates.

Soon, officers established their own Volunteer Minister (VM) group, trained on the courses and began helping the inmates with the material they learned. This included treating the inmates with dignity and upgrading the environment with cleanups.

In March, when Siaya GK Prison held an Open Day—when officials visit and prisoners are free to interact with them and with family members—the prison commander addressed the Siaya County Commissioner, high court judges, police commanders, and other senior government officials attending, and introduced them to the Volunteer Ministers program and the results it accomplished. He described the role of the Volunteer Minister and the partnership between the program and the prison. The commander attributed the prison's turnaround to the training of prison officers and inmates that began five months earlier. The High Court Registrar confirmed his claims, saying that for the previous three months, there was not a single case of recidivism (someone released from the prison being rearrested).

The program continues, with prison officials providing personal help to inmates based on the skills they have learned.

In a seminar to launch the program for 2019, the Siaya Prison VMs trained inmates on how to give Scientology Assists (<https://www.scientology.org/courses/assists/overview.html>) to each other. An assist is a technique developed by Mr. Hubbard that speeds healing by addressing the spiritual factors in stress and trauma. They reached out to a dozen new inmates who were injured while committing the crimes that resulted in their incarceration—two of them were recuperating from gunshot wounds. All twelve experienced relief from the assists. Okello met with the Siaya VM group leaders who agreed to hold monthly clinics at the prison where they will provide assists and use Scientology VM technology to counsel the inmates.

Okello discovered the Volunteer Ministers program online in 2011 and he and his wife trained on all 19 VM courses (<https://www.scientology.org/courses/>) and began delivering seminars. He has established dozens of Volunteer Ministers study groups in Kenya and has started delivering the program in Uganda. Members train on these courses and provide personal help and seminars in their communities.

The Church of Scientology Volunteer Minister (<http://www.volunteerministers.org>) program is a religious social service created in the mid-1970s. Anyone of any culture or creed may train as a Volunteer Minister and use these tools to help their families and communities.

In creating the Volunteer Ministers program, L. Ron Hubbard wrote: "If one does not like the crime, cruelty, injustice and violence of this society, he can do something about it. He can become a Volunteer Minister and help civilize it, bring it conscience and kindness and love and freedom from travail by instilling into it trust, decency, honesty and tolerance."

The Scientology religion was founded by author and philosopher L. Ron Hubbard. The first Church of Scientology was formed in Los Angeles in 1954 and the religion has expanded to more than 11,000 Churches, Missions and affiliated groups, with millions of members in 167 countries.

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ADDENDUM

Approved Chapel and Religious Yard Schedule (This schedule is subject to change)

A FACILITY CHAPEL SCHEDULE - Revised February 13th, 2019				
DAY/TIME	ACTIVITY	DENOMINATION	LOCATION	FACILITATOR
Sunday				
0800-0945	Protestant Service	Protestant	Sanctuary	M. Safonov
0800-1000	Latter Day Saints Service	Latter Day Saints	Classroom	Inmate
1330-1530	Jehovah's Witness	Jehovah's Witness	Sanctuary	Volunteer
Monday				
1000-1100	Jewish Studies	Jewish	Sanctuary	J. Youngheim
1000-1130	Scientology	Scientology	Classroom	Inmate
1100-1130	Open Line	Jewish	Office	J. Youngheim
1530-1630	<i>POOCH Program</i>	ILTAG	Sanctuary	N. Hansen - Sponsor
Tuesday				
0930-1130	<i>POOCH Program</i>	ILTAG	Sanctuary	Maple - Sponsor
0930-1130	Open Line	Muslim	Office	M. Younus
1130-1300	Chapel Cleaning/Set Up	Clerks	Sanctuary	Inmate
1330-1530	Taleem	Islam	Sanctuary	M. Younus
1530-1630	<i>Celebrate Recovery</i>	ILTAG	Sanctuary	Staff Sponsor
Wednesday				
0930-1130	Open Line	Protestant	Office	M. Safonov
1100-1300	Choir Practice	Protestant	Sanctuary	M. Safonov
1230-1430	Scientology	Scientology	Classroom	Inmate
1430-1530	Bible Study	Protestant	Sanctuary	M. Sofanov
1830-1930	<i>Victim Awareness (VAOP) Phase 1</i>	ILTAG	Sanctuary	D. Irving - Sponsor
Thursday				
0930-1230	Chapel Cleaning/Set Up	Clerks	Sanctuary	Inmate
1400-1630	<i>Juvenile Diversion Program</i>	ILTAG	Sanctuary	Goodman-K. Heil
1430-1530	Satanic Service	Satanist	Classroom	Inmate
Friday				
0830-1030	White Bison Services	Native American	Classroom	T. Jackson
1100-1230	Chapel Cleaning/Set Up	Clerks	Sanctuary	Inmate
1300-1500	Jummah Prayer	Islam	Sanctuary	M. Younus
1830-1930	<i>Narcotics Anonymous</i>	ILTAG	Sanctuary	D. Krieger
Saturday				
0800 - 1000	Seventh Day Adventist	Adventist	Sanctuary	Volunteer
1000-1130	Buddhist	Buddhist	Sanctuary	Volunteer
1130-1200	Chapel Cleaning/Set Up	Clerks	Sanctuary	Inmate
1200-1230	Chapel Cleaning/Set Up	Clerks	Classroom	Inmate
1230-1400	Catholic Mass	Catholic	Sanctuary	D. Baptista
1300-1500	Islamic Studies	Islam	Classroom	Inmate
Bold Print indicates Primary Service for each religious group.				
<i>Italics with no background indicates ILTAG program.</i>				

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