

The 4th Annual GEAR Conference

Dallas Texas

Thursday July 2nd to Saturday July 4th, 2009

Theme: Mobilizing the Gusii Diaspora to Improve the Educational Condition of the Gusii Child

MC: Meshack Boraya

Thursday July 2nd, 2009 (Shimba Hall and then to Joshua Mochache's Residence)

Time	Event
4.00 – 7.00 PM	Arrival of Guests
7.00 – 9.00 PM	Dinner Conversations and Discussions: National Committee and the Dallas Team

Friday July 3rd, 2009 (Hampton Hall – South Arlington)

Time	Event
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Arrival/Registration
9:00 – 9:45 AM	Opening and Announcements – Meshack Boraya Opening Prayer – Pastor Omwenga/Mwebi Welcome Remarks and Introduction of Guests – Amos Abuga
9:45 – 11:30 AM	Paper Presentations (Session I) Empirical data on recent educational trends in Gusii – Joshua Bagaka’s Challenges and Promises of education in Gusii: Evidence from teachers - Tabitha Otieno Session Moderator – Laban Opande
11:30 – 11:45 AM	Break
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	Introduction of Keynote Speaker – Bathsheba Boraya Keynote Address – Truphena Choti Motivation Speaker – Walter Mong’are Q&A Moderator – Peter Isoe
12:45 - 1:45 PM	Lunch
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Luncheon Address – Omari Onyango Introduction of Luncheon Speaker - Joshua Mochache
1:45 – 2:00 PM	Break
2:00 – 3:00 PM	Paper Presentations (Session II) The Gusii Diaspora in America – Kefa Otiso Challenges & Promises of Kenyan Youth in America: An observation – Laban Opande Joseph Matara (jmatara@newcommunity.org), Grace Project, NJ Q&A Moderator – David Masese
3:00 – 4:00 PM	GEAR Updates & Initiatives GEAR: Historical Perspective – Augustus Otworu Potential GEAR Opportunities & Partnerships – Jared London The GEAR Updates The GEAR constitution and logo- Laban Opande & Jared London GEAR Initiatives Proposal for Gusii Early Childhood Education Centers - Joshua Bagaka’s Fifth Annual GEAR Conference in Gusii – Matunda Nyanchama GEAR fundraising initiatives - Amos Abuga Q & A Moderator – Wycliff Ikobe
4:00– 5:15 PM	Open Interactive Session Moderators – Walter Omwenga & Meshack Sagini
5:15 – 5:30 PM	Closing Raffle – Matunda Nyanchama & Joshua Mochache Closing Prayer , Pastor Omwenga

Saturday July 4th, 2009

Time	Event
6:00 – 6:30 PM	Arrival/Registration & social interaction
6:30 – 7:00 PM	Opening Remarks and Introduction of Evening’s program Overview of recent educational trends in Gusii – Joshua Bagaka’s
7:00 – 8:00 PM	Dinner & Social Interaction
8:00 – 9:30 PM	Formal Fundraising
9:30 – Midnight	Entertainment & raffles