

# Graceland Orchard Newsletter



## Background

Graceland Orchards was born out of an inspiration from God to Mr. Kigo Kariuki, our chairman. He got the message to process lemons and shared with a few people during a prayer meeting of the Christian Prayer Network (CPN) in 2020, during the epidemic. After he shared at the meeting, a few of us questioned him further as we felt that this was from God. He had received the message in 2019 before Covid 19 had been reported, but by the time he was sharing, the lock downs had happened and lemon, ginger, garlic concoctions had become the remedy for the flu symptoms. Every household was looking to stock lemons but they were in short supply.

Mr. Kigo was also inspired by Gunnar Olson (founder of International Christian Chamber of Commerce, ICC) who on listening to God had started to manufacture long sleeved surgical suits when the Covid 19 Pandemic was declared, he was ready to supply. He did more business during the lock downs than he had done all the years in his business.

So a few of us began to meet every Wednesday morning to pray and brainstorm. The result was the registration of Graceland Orchards to champion production, Agricorp Processors to process the lemons and Ajira Africa NGO to support the farmers.

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# A word from our Chairman

## Mr. Kigo Kariuki



I welcome you Men and Women of faith to a journey to both Kwale and Kilifi. The journey started in earnest in the year 2020, during the height of COVID 19 Pandemic when the Lord spoke to me” to process lemons.” In response, Men and Women of faith commissioned pointed prayers in adherence to the command. As part of the journey, these prayer warriors have engaged in a mission to gather nearly every Wednesday morning, each week, for prayers to seek the mind of God. In this respect, we have seen the Lord move strategically to gather the Government, Researchers, Economists, Agronomists and other stakeholders under the auspices of the World Bank for two weeks to develop the National Strategic Lemon Value Chain Policy for our Nation.

In this Policy, nineteen (19) Counties were identified as suitable for Lemon growing, among them Kwale and Kilifi in the Coastal belt. The Policy identified the promotion of lemon growing, processing and marketing as a Private Sector Initiative. We are therefore, responding to this divine duty of promoting Lemon fruit as a strategic commercial food crop in Kenya.

Please join us as we move South, initially to Kwale and Kilifi Counties, the bastion of divine adventure.

I wish you abundant blessings.

Kariuki Kigo  
Board Chair.



## Vision

Enhancing livelihoods, promoting health and wealth creation.

## Mission

To demonstrate and champion commercial lemon growing for processing and marketing. In addition promote growing of cover crops in order to support farmers in the coast region and other parts of the country.



## Milestones.

- 1) July 2020 Mr Kigo shares vision
- 2) August 2020 team starts meeting every Wednesday.
- 3) December 2020 Registration of Graceland Orchards and Agricornp Processors.
- 4) January 2021 Commissioning of Yikitaa Project.
- 5) October 2022 exploratory visit to Coast region.
- 6) February, March 2023 visit to Kwale and Kilifi.
- 7) July 2023 Commissioning of seedlings propagation at KALRO.
- 8) November 2023 presentations to farmer groups in Chamari.
- 10) July 2024 presentations to potential investors.
- 11) August 2024 Establishment of demonstrations farms in Kwale and Kilifi.

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# Garden visit Highlights



Meeting and dancing with the widows at Kakuyuni in Malindi.



Surprised by nduma growing in a farm on the outskirts of Malindi town.



Inspecting lemon seedlings in Kwale.



Meeting an influencer elder couple at Mrima, Kwale.



Meeting the Mkenge Sublocation Asst.Chief Anne Bao

Enjoying the fruit of the land- drinking coconut juice (Madafu) fresh from the tree.



Lemon Seedlings

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## Way Forward

Just this month of September we now have availed our certified seedlings in Malindi for all those farmers in larger Kilifi. Call for purchase and information on establishing the lemon plant.

We have a limited offer for you to join our vibrant team of investors by buying some shares of graceland Orchards in this formative stage. Later the shares will cost you more. Contact us for information.

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