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Drawing All Men

Science has not settled the question of how a dark African like me blushes. Unless the meaning of the word 'blush' is different from the dictionary I am reading, which says it means, 'red in the face from shyness, embarrassment, or shame.'

So every time I sing with other dark Africans the fourth stanza of Isaac Watts' popular hymn, 'Alas, and Did My Saviour Bleed', I feel like I'm blushing for singing it out loud:

*Thus might I hide my blushing face
Whilst His dear Cross appears
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness
And melt mine eyes to tears.*

The theology of atonement is one that boggles the contemporary science-oriented mind. The blushing of Isaac Watts proceeds out of this realization: It was my sin that held him there (Stuart Townsend). Death, of the best man that ever lived, by hanging breathless on a vertical pole as punishment for sins I had not yet committed, death that has now brought me peace and joy! This kind of theology will make a dark African blush, whether he turns red under the skin or purple, or blue!

This week we are again brought to focus on what happened at Calvary in Israel so long ago. Some characters will offer themselves to be crucified on Friday. Others

will shed many tears and they rehearse the long walk to Golgotha that Jesus suffered. And some of us will sing Isaac Watts' hymn and blush. But one thing we at the Trinity Fellowship are doing is found in Stanza five of this hymn:

*But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe
Here, Lord, I give myself away
'Tis all that I can do.*

In this issue of *TF Tidings*, you will read how students have been gathered to hear the greatest story ever told; how they have come repenting; how partnerships with sister organizations have born more fruit of repentance; how our evangelists have crossed borders; how hundreds of young boys and girls from among the least-reached people-groups in Kenya are being showered with the Good News that culminated in Calvary and Resurrection.

But Jesus had predicted it: "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself". John 12:32

He is drawing them, scientist and vagabond!

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This is the most wonderful, powerful and true story of REDEEMING LOVE that has ever been told! The training, with 10 interns facilitating, and attended by 83 participants, took place at the University of Eldoret from 8th-13th January 2024. It is a joy for our team members, assisted by interns, to carefully and systematically take the students through key stories in the Bible so that they can build their faith on the solid foundation of Biblical Truths and then live their lives in light of eternity - and all for the glory and honour of the King of Kings!

MISINGI IN MOI UNIVERSITY



Another Misingi Storying took place at Moi University, Eldoret, from 15th-20th January 2024 and was attended by 80 delegates (students). It was preceded by a facilitator's training on 12th-13th January. The ten facilitators then narrated The Greatest Story Ever Told. It was a very successful programme, with students grasping the deep love of God and spiritual truths. A week later, one of the delegates met with Adams and shared his life story. He realized that he had not experienced the joy of salvation and desired to be led to Christ. They prayed and he was birthed into God's family. Yet another lady shared how she had received Christ as her Saviour through Misingi. Do pray for these new converts as they commit to grow and establish their walk with the Lord Jesus.

ISLAND MINISTRIES—TAKING NEW TERRITORY



The Castro family went to Mfangano Island in February to minister to both primary and secondary school students. Though it is more costly to serve as a family, Castro notes that the benefits far outweigh the cost.

Castro is planning on a 14-day ministry to all the schools in the island in July. May the Lord go before them.



The training took place on 17th - 21st January with around 50 students attending. Nato and Damaris, with two interns, led the students through the pivotal-to-our-faith Bible stories. The students were challenged to re-examine their Bible knowledge and understanding, how the reading of God's Word impacts the lives of those who read and study it seriously and how to then share this wonderful and powerful message, that Jesus saves, through evangelism. MISINGI is an excellent foundational training from Creation to Christ, from Genesis to the Gospels. This tool is used to

build solid faith on the sure foundation of God's wonderful Word!

One member of the Nyanza Evangelistic Team was challenged to rethink what they (as a team) preach in their mission's outreach. He was fired up to take the members of the team through the Bible so that they would know what the full Gospel of Christ is, and thus avoid the pitfalls of false doctrines. Many of the Misingi attendees expressed a desire to rise to the challenge of reading and studying God's Word carefully.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY RESUMES AT KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

Mwiti is thrilled to be able to disciple students once again, at Kenyatta University. This ministry took rather a long pause, due to Covid and more. He shares that there is a hunger for God's Word and for growing in Him. But he also notes that attendance is sporadic. Students he ministered to previously may be absent from



the university, and thus from his discipleship class, for a term or more, and this due to the lack of funding. Some of the students have to work to raise their fees. It is distressing to see quite a number of students who are also physically hungry, with some having only one meagre meal a day. Other team members attest to the same and are seeking ways to minister both spiritual and physical food to these young men and women.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH

Martin feels greatly privileged to be a part of what the Lord is doing in Marsabit, as he shares the Gospel with students in several schools and learning institutions, be it primary, secondary, polytechnic or an education centre. As a result of sharing the Good News, he has had the joy of seeing students turning from their sins to God and developing a deeper and personal love for Him. God is at work drawing these young ones to Himself and Christ is building His church among the young people. He is also training teachers on what it means to BE a disciple of Christ so that they can then disciple their students.

Ministry in the African Inland Church, Laisamis, that he attends continues, be it involvement in the youth ministry or preaching, both at the church and the church plant at Tirgamo village. Wonderfully many young and older people attend church every Sunday, providing great opportunities to share the Gospel with these hungry and searching souls, in an area and among a people who are



considered “least reached” with the Gospel. It is encouraging to see Christians from this people group reaching out to their own people.

The work of shepherding the flock in Losidan village, where Martin was stationed for some years, is ongoing. On a weekly basis Elder David and Joseph Lemomwonapi preach in the church Sunday by Sunday. Martin checks



up on this little flock and is greatly encouraged to see the ministry continue, with these two dedicated gospel workers caring for the church.

Martin has been using the Chronological Bible Storying (CBS) as an evangelism and discipleship training tool, in order to lay a firm foundation for faith in Christ Jesus, with a focus on equipping and multiplying gospel workers: pastors, evangelists, missionaries, youth leaders and Sunday School teachers. This has resulted in new churches being established. This year, Martin has started a class at Tangelbei. He has chosen three new C.B.S. students, previously trained, to help teach this class with the aim of having them qualify to be C.B.S. teachers.

A six-day camp is in the pipeline for April. Martin is expecting around one hundred students to attend and will be joined and assisted by the rest of the Nairobi Central team. Pray that the Lord would use Martin and team to draw the students to Himself. Pray for the team, that they would be vessels used by God in this ministry. Praise God for all the open doors of ministry and for all that the Lord is doing in this area, for Martin’s faithful ministry, for those who have been impacted and are sharing the ministry load. Do pray that the Lord would raise up more ministers of the gospel in this area as the work is overwhelming.

KAIMOSI FRIENDS UNIVERSITY

Paul and Florence, accompanied by two interns, had a great Sunday Service at Kaimosi Friend’s University on 18th February, where Paul shared on Cults and the Occult. This was an opportunity to enlighten the students on the rise of cults and the dangers of the same. They taught on how to recognize and avoid being caught up in this ungodly web of deceit.



PARTNERING FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST

Stanslous and Cynthia Olwe, stationed in Kakamega, share some encouraging news of ministry in their area. The ministry to students at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology has been growing and is well established, steady and stable. They meet with students almost on a daily basis, both at the university as well as at home. Small groups will come and stay with Stanslous and family overnight on Friday and through Saturday for fellowship. Many have pertinent questions about life, work, career, relationships and more, with a desire to learn to navigate God's way.

This gives the couple wonderful opportunities to guide them using God's Word as The Handbook. They tackle issues of salvation and assurance of salvation, what it means to be a disciple of the Lord, fundamentals of the faith, accountability, careful and consistent reading of the Bible. This they do in partnership with Shadrack, who runs the Consistent Bible Reading (CBR) programme in the university. They have found that working in partnership has strengthened both ministries and has been highly beneficial to the spiritual well-being of the students. On 17th March, 18 students graduated from the CBR programme. And an amazing 80 new students have enrolled for the next class! This ministry partnership is an encouragement to both ministers and ministries.



A FLURRY OF MINISTRY ENGAGEMENTS



well in the Kisumu region, ministering alongside Rev. Jackton and associates. Often, between all of them, they are able to minister in two to three schools on a daily basis. Ministry opportunities continue to increase. Mark is much encouraged that the work continues to flourish. Last year, Mark also began to make ministry inroads in Homa Bay. As from this year he has focused his ministry efforts fully in his new home area and is reaping the rewards. There have been many open doors to schools, mainly high schools and junior high schools. He works with the Christian Unions and Chaplaincy Programmes. The Guidance and Counselling Departments have also desired to have input from Risper, Mark's wife, as this is in line with her training. This has opened doors for ministry in group settings and one-on-one.

Mark's recording of five-minute sermonettes for a number of years, shared via WhatsApp groups and on Trinity Fellowship's social media platforms as a video, have had quite a ministry impact resulting in Mark being asked to preach on National Television, in the local language of Luo. It has also opened doors for prayer and counselling. Mark is encouraged by all the wonderful open doors, to share the love of the Lord with the rising generation and has an earnest desire to see a student camp take place in this new ministry area in due course, for greater discipleship impact.

Mark and family have officially moved ministry to Homa Bay area this year, having moved physically last year in September. Following that, Mark balanced ministry both in Kisumu and in Homa Bay. He spent time with Bethwel Omondi, formerly a TF intern and now a new recruit to Trinity Fellowship, in Kisumu through the later part of the year, handing over ministry. Bethwel has taken up the ministry responsibilities amazingly

AN EXCITING NEW MINISTRY OPENING

John and Carol Mwangi, are thankful for the ongoing ministry engagement in Kabianga University. They were also thrilled to have their first-ever weekend challenge in this South Rift subregion. They received the invitation from a former intern, who obtained an opening with Simotwet Secondary School, a mixed school with a population of 972 students, both day and boarding. The Mwangis were joined in ministry by 10 former interns and 3 students from the University of Kabianga in this first weekend challenge. They preached the Gospel, laying the basics of spiritual disciplines and trained on True Love Waits. An exciting first for them!



INTERNS ON MISSION OUTREACH IN WEST POKOT



The North Rift team sent their ten interns on a one-month ministry exposure to West Pokot, where they were attached to 5 schools, 2 per school. This gave them the opportunity to both teach in class and disciple the students in schools which are situated in a dry, desolate location in the western region of Kenya. In one school, a fairly new school with a small student population of 73, the interns were able to initiate daily prayer sessions for the school, weekly fellowships for discipling the students, establish a Christian Union leadership and offer training for their roles. On Saturdays they taught new hymns and songs. There was some rich discipleship during this mission outreach and a time of growth for the interns.

WEEKLY DISCIPLESHIP AT MOI GIRL'S



What an opportunity God has given. Every Saturday the North Rift team disciples the students at Moi Girl's High School, Nangili. The School's Christian Union leadership invited Trinity Fellowship to structure and facilitate a discipleship programme for their members. This year, Paul and team have been engaging close to 300 students in foundational teachings so that they might respond rightly to the Gospel and be firmly rooted and built in the faith, thus bringing glory to God.

CHALLENGE - NAVIGATING GOD'S WAY!

What a privilege for Paul and team to hold yet another weekend challenge at Arnesen's High School. This took place from 16th-18th February. It gave a wonderful opportunity to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the 1,200 students with about 200 of them placing their faith in Jesus and receiving His glorious salvation. The students also received clear biblical instruction to help them navigate this youthful season in their life in a godly way.



MULTIPLE MINISTRY ENGAGEMENTS

Ministry engagements continue in schools for all our ministers. It is encouraging to see youngsters come into a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus and be able to guide them on this new and exciting journey of faith. In some schools, ten have come to faith, in others 40 plus, in Osiri Mixed Secondary School, ninety-nine lost sheep came into the fold! Preparations for camps are well underway in various regions of the country. Pray with us that a good many young people will attend and be built up in their faith. These are pivotal times for being well rooted and grounded, for growth in their knowledge and love of the Lord.



TF VISION & MISSION

Trinity Fellowship is about Evangelism, Discipleship and Mercy Ministries. Through our teams we *Pray and Work for the Revival of New Testament Christianity in Kenya.*

Our Mission is *to send forth the full Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Deliverance to all who are oppressed of the Devil especially the rising generation in the schools and colleges in Kenya.*

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weekends are just some of the opportunities that various team mates have the joy of participating in as they share Jesus. It is also such an encouragement to see how the Lord works, how He causes paths to cross and brings ministry connections and openings in multiple ways. God is gracious! The TF team is busy – and loving it! What a privilege!

UPCOMING EVENTS

TF CAMP: *Onjiko Boys High School, Kisumu*
5th—10th April

TF CAMP: *Arnesen's High School, Eldoret*
5th—10th April

TF CAMP: *Bujumba Boys Sec School, Busia*
5th—10th April

TF CAMP: *Mariakani*
8th—11th April

TF CAMP: *Marsabit*
23rd—27th April

TF CAMP: *Alliance*
29th Mar—1st April

THANK YOU FOR GIVING SO THAT WE CAN KEEP ON GOING

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to each and every one of you who **give, pray and stand with us** in a multitude of ways to see “His kingdom come...” here in Kenya and beyond; as we – the TF team together with you – “lay up treasures in heaven” where nothing will destroy... all for the glory of the Lord. As you have invested in the lives of countless, through your partnership, may you hear the Lord say, “Well done thou good and faithful servant.” Thank you for caring and sharing and investing for an eternal reward – with sons and daughters ushered into the family of God, saved, healed and delivered from the bondage of darkness into the glorious light and love of Christ.

Would you like to partner with us and be MORE involved? You may do so in 3 specific ways. Pray for us, minister alongside us in camps and outreach and support us financially or in kind. We have 2 Priority Areas of need that you could give to: 1. Translation and publishing of The Misingi Story into 2 new languages; 2. Support for camps and Internship Programmes. God is faithful !



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