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2023 WATCHWORD



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Here May the Chains be Broken

Perhaps your son, daughter, nephew, niece, or even a friend's child, has taken a path in life that you know is certain to wreck his or her life if change does not occur soon. It could be that as a result, you have been left beaten, broken and bruised.

My early word on this situation is, do not give up on God. He is able and is willing, in fact, eager to build a productive, godly life out of this seemingly hopeless situation. I know a young man who was on his way to ruin. He had tried pleasure in Nairobi's clubbing life, but one night when it had all left him dry and empty, he decided to make a prayer as he tried to find his way home. "Lord, if I find my sister still awake, I will ask her to pray for me to give my life to You"! He should not have given the God of glory any conditions, but as he made his way home, there was light shining through the windows of only one room – his sister's bedroom. She was still up past one in the morning. And that is how he gave his life to the Lord Jesus. For years now, he has been serving God as a preacher of the Gospel, raising a godly family, and all this away from the comfort of his home country.

What brought about this change? It was memories of the words of the gospel that a number of people had been sharing with this young man. A seed had been planted in him early on. And in due course, the Holy Spirit activated conviction that led to repentance.

In the photograph accompanying this story are men, women and children in Nairobi who gathered together on 9th September 2023 to make a prayer to the Lord. We had just completed building the final block of our Faith Ventures Christian Academy and had come to consecrate and dedicate the new building to the Lord:

*Here the vow be sealèd
By Thy Spirit, Lord;
Here the sick be healèd,
And the lost restored;
Here the broken-hearted
Thy forgiveness prove;
Here the friends long parted
Be restored to love.*

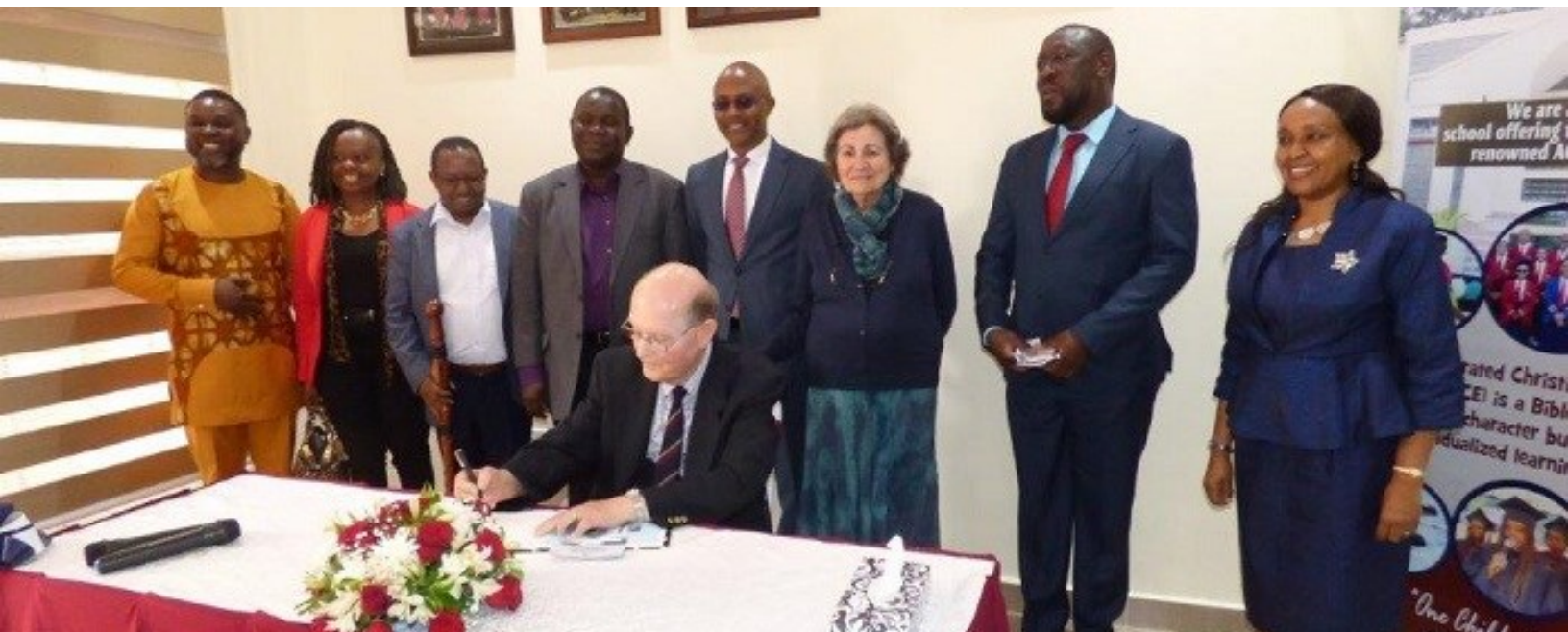
*Here may every token
Of Thy presence be;
Here may chains be broken,
Prisoners here set free;
Here may light illumine
Every soul of Thine,
Lifting up the human
Into the divine.*

As our founding spiritual parents – Mzee Godfrey and Mama Elisabeth Dawkins -- led us into proclaiming this old Irish prayer by John Samuel Bewley Monsell, we probably each had a different name of a child on our hearts. Although your son, daughter, nephew, niece or friend's child may not end up in school here, we join you to pray for them wherever they are. We pray that that child will clearly hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We pray that soon, when the path they might be on leads them to the dry and empty place, they will see the windows of heaven open and will come home to Lord who loves them so dearly.

Our Trinity Fellowship staff is not only active in Nairobi, but also in schools around Western Kenya (Maseno, Kakamega), Nyanza (Kisumu, Homa Bay, Oyugis), the Rift Valley (Eldoret, Kericho), Central Kenya (Murang'a) and recently, Northern Kenya (Laisamis). Our former Affiliated Ministries are spreading the same message to youth in these same and other centres (Mombasa, Nyeri, Kimilili, Kitui, Embu and Nakuru). You will read more in the following pages of what has been going on. Please pray with us and pray for us. Do not give up on God!

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On Saturday 9th September, we had a delightfully memorable occasion at Faith Ventures Christian Academy, Garden Estate. The school has been erected, over the years, a block at a time. At last the fourth and final side of the quadrangle was completed; the Admin Block, replete with offices and 5 more Learning Centres. To mark this occasion, Faith Venture's Administration organized an Opening and Dedication Celebration. Students, parents, teachers and Trinity Fellowship staff were in attendance. Though the day started off with

some light drizzle, it soon vanished, so that we were able to enjoy the celebrations to the full. The guests of honour gracing the proceedings were Rev. Godfrey and Mrs. Elisabeth Dawkins. Songs and speeches, cutting of ribbons, dedication and prayer, followed by lunch were the order of the day. All went beautifully, thanks to Mr. Ronald Amaganga (Administrator) and Mrs. Rachel Asumbo (Principal) and team, who put in great thought and effort. Bravo!



The School currently has a total student population of 253 and 43 teachers and staff, with room to hold 117 more students, thanks to the new Learning Centres. Meanwhile the Administration block is serving the school admirably and those occupying the larger, beautiful spaces are enjoying them to the full.

We do thank the Lord for the students who are not only being taught the academic requirements but who are first and foremost being taught of the Lord, through this Christian schooling programme and thus we are 'Reaching One Child at A Time' – for Christ and for the expansion of His Kingdom!



the students. Three hundred eighty-eight students attended the camp in Ramba, where the theme was 'A man after God's heart'. We thank the Lord for testimonies of healing, deliverance and salvation experienced. One student testified to healing from a chest related condition that has been persistent. There were several challenges: a student falling sick, requiring admission to hospital and a power blackout; but God's grace was sufficient. Ministry doesn't end with the camp. It may be the start of follow-up with students requiring home visits, as Mark has shared. Some students have desperate needs. The caring love of the Lord demonstrated through home vis-

its has touched parents and has encouraged them to continue to send their children to the camps. At times it brings reconciliation between parents and their children, or helps to find a way to navigate financial constraints. A student, from another belief system, had her eyes opened through the teaching at the camp. She received the loving forgiveness of Jesus, accepting Him as Lord and Saviour. Castro, who ministered to her, followed up with her recently and has found her standing firm in her new-found faith!

Outreach to students in schools takes place week by week in various schools, by our team members, during the term time. The Camps are then held during the school holidays so that more intensive follow-up discipleship ministry may take place. This was true in Nyanza and Western Provinces in August. A camp was organized at Ramba Boys High School and at Ebusakami Girls Secondary on 11th – 16th August. Team TF staff, assisted by associates, Christian Union patrons and partners in the Gospel shared important Bible truths and ministered to

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AN ABUNDANCE OF BOYS AT ALLIANCE

Some wonderful ministry took place at Alliance High School from 4th – 6th August, to the joy of the Nairobi/Central wing of Team TF. This was their second School Discipleship Seminar at this venue. 140 boys registered for the Seminar, but some of the meetings had over 200 attending! (This was a huge increase from 19 boys in the first camp. Praise God!) The students received the Good News with great receptivity. A variety of topics were shared: The Centrality of God's Word, Uniqueness of Christianity, Biblical Manhood, Sex and Sexuality, Media Choices and Music. It was a joy to have John Gathuku (a former TF staff member, then Affiliate) minister alongside the team, doing what he does best – sharing on Media Choices. Fifteen boys placed their faith in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Team TF prays that the truths will be deeply etched in their hearts and that the boys would continue in the journey of transformation into the



likeness of Christ. The Principal was elated with all that was done and taught, and informed the team leader that this ministry **must** happen at the end of every term! Now that is an offer our team cannot turn down. What's more, the school hosts the students freely for this weekend ministry. How we thank the Lord for this great favour with the Principal. What a joy to impact top-level students in a top-notch school!



On Friday 11th August, the Nairobi and Central Team held their **first** high school camp at Edinburgh School, in the Murang'a region. It was a great time of discipleship ministry to high school students, with 95 delegates attending, just 5 short of their target. Six new schools from the region were represented with 45 students. The theme of the camp was 'Anchored in Christ' drawn from the book of Colossians, with messages on

The Truth about Christ, Cults and Christians. The team significantly impacted the students through their sharing of the Gospel message and by dealing with a variety of issues assailing and impacting them. They were taught on the importance of daily engagement with the Lord through prayer and Bible reading. Small groups gave personalized attention. Thirty-one students came to saving faith in the Lord Jesus. Three students came into freedom from demonic strongholds over their lives. The students enjoyed the daily sessions of games and bonding with each other. There was great receptivity from the school patrons, who expressed a desire to have consistent camps in this region. That delights the heart of Team TF, who earnestly desire the same.

Two attendees, sisters, who were first time campers, having never had such an exposure before, returned home with their positive reports. Their younger brother can't wait to attend the next camp! They wrote a beautiful letter of appreciation, sharing a bit of what they learnt. One sister concludes, "I look forward to working hard to become a true disciple of Jesus." Praise God! These camps make a difference in lives for time and eternity. Praise God for this first time venue and for all the wonderful ministry that took place. Pray for fruit that will last.



STUDENT CAMP/TEACHER SEMINAR

spectives on Romantic Relationships), Mental Wellness. There were daily Bible studies and group discussions. Wonderfully, 106 students responded to the Gospel message for their salvation, 5 testified to healing from different sicknesses and 33 were delivered from demonic oppression and bondages. Running concurrently, the team held a training for 16 teachers and 24 associates, who were also a part of the camp. The seminar sought to equip them to be more fruitful and effective in their regular ministries

to students. This camp has opened ministry doors to five new schools, giving the North Rift wing of Team TF an opportunity to have regular ministry engagements in the same.

We can truly thank the Lord, not just for increased student numbers in our camps, but also for new schools desiring that their students hear the Good News, which is transformational, on a regular basis. It is the Lord's doing! All the glory goes to the Lord!

The North Rift August high school camp was held at Arnesen's High School from 9th-14th August 2023. The team had a total of 289 high school students from 22 different high schools within the region. This was an **increase** of more than 100 students from their April camp. They are grateful to God for this growth. The theme for the camp was 'Abiding in Jesus' using the book of Colossians. Topical areas covered in the 5-day camp were: The Gospel, Cultivating Spiritual Disciplines, The Snare of Drugs and Substance Abuse, Why Wait? (Biblical Per-



The Nairobi/Central wing of Team TF had a busy ministry schedule in August. Following earlier ministry, they travelled north to Marsabit for the Loglogo Camp in Laisamis hosted by the Africa Inland Church, the church that Martin attends. The camp ran from 21st to 26th

PLANNING & PRAYER REWARDED

In 2022 Team TF embarked on an exercise – a prayerful one – to chart the way forward, through a Strategic Planning session, for ministry in 2022-2025, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We continue to roll out the plan, enabled of the Lord, as He opens doors. We recognize that it is so much more than ticking the boxes. We can accomplish little of worth in our own strength. We rely totally on the Lord, joining Him in what He is doing. Our eyes are on Him. We do want to give glory to the Lord for what He is doing, the doors He is opening and the ministry that we are able to do because of Him. We are thankful for three new staff members who have come to join the ranks of TF and so much more.

As stated above, we had prayed, planned and discussed together as a ministry organization on how we were going to re-launch our strategy in ministry post COVID. We ended up with a Three-Year Plan, spanning mid-2022 to mid-2025. Part of what we, Team TF, were praying to the Lord to see was growth, increase, expansion, so that there would be more and more sons and daughters brought to glory. We prayed to the Lord, in one respect, that He would lead us, in each of the three years of the plan, through at least Ten (10) outreach (evangelism) ministry events to schools in each of the six sub-regions

August with 67 high school and college students attending consistently. Six students courageously accepted Christ as their Lord and Saviour, and this in a culture that has had little exposure to the Gospel. Others were helped to grow in their faith. The ministry to the youth in this spiritually dry region is bearing fruit. The host pastor expressed great thankfulness for the camp ministry and requested for **continual partnership** in equipping the youth. He is in dire need of youth workers as he is sole pastor of 150 adults, 200 youth and 370 Sunday School children. Martin has been of immense help to him. Do pray for the new believers to stand firm in their new-found faith in a culture that is anti-gospel and with the forces of Islam and syncretism ever present. And pray for co-labourers, including missionary teachers, in this remote region, to assist Martin and Pastor Jeremiah with the heavy load. It was a great source of encouragement and refreshing to have his colleagues join him, Martin shares. Praise God!



where Team TF is domiciled. How did God answer this particular prayer? In Central Nyanza Sub-region where Lucas leads, by the end of the first year, God gave grace for 13 new outreach events instead of the 10 we prayed for! In South Nyanza, it was 14. This means that after COVID, when resources were dwindling, schools were foreigner-shy and staff members were a little apprehensive, God added in Nyanza an additional 27 outreach events. That brought the opportunities of the students hearing the gospel from Team TF up from 68 to 95! In the Rift, there were 11 additional events and 10 in Nairobi/

PLANNING & PRAYER REWARDED Continued

Central. In other words, in ALL the Regions, God answered this prayer. When students put their faith in Christ for the first time with the help of Team TF, the cry of our hearts is that their new journey of faith will have support from older and more mature believers, preferably with systematic and close mentoring over certain areas of concern in a new believer. We prayed that in each of the 3 years of our Strategic Plan, the Lord would place under our continuous mentorship, in every Sub-region, at least 10 university or college students. We ended up with 100 students (7 colleges) in Nyanza, 120 students (5 colleges) in the Rift and 100 students (6 colleges) in Nairobi. We are beginning to wonder whether our prayers were too small! But they were to a Great God who has done mighty things!

We also prayed that when college students closed for vacation, we would Attempt Great Things for God (William Carrey) and hold the students in at least two (2) holiday discipleship training events per region each year. Two (events) took place in the Rift just as prayed. Fifteen (15) took place in Nairobi/Central. We did Expect Great Things from God (William Carrey), and we received them!

It has been said that if one fails to plan, one might be inadvertently planning to fail. Well, in God, sometimes this is not true. Saul of Tarsus was not planning anything



good when he rode the Damascus Road that most peculiar of afternoons. God zapped him because

God wanted to. However, in some things much later, like going back to ALL the places where he and Barnabas had preached the Gospel, they had to pray and plan as the Holy Spirit led them. In our case, things like holiday camps, or town evangelism campaigns or small group discipleship ministry, or youth seminar... none of these will happen without prayer, forward planning, and God's reward to those efforts. We thank God for answered prayer: the health, strength, open doors, financial resources, partners, and the Holy Spirit who graciously convicts the students as we pray and plan to Reach, Teach and Touch the rising generation.

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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UPCOMING EVENTS

EA Bible College Christian Teacher's conference

25th – 30th December 2023, **Eldoret**

Otieno Oyoo High School Camp

24th – 29th December 2023, **Kisumu**

Sigalame High School Camp

1st – 6th December 2023, **Busia**

Teachers' Consortium

Date to be decided, **TF Nairobi**

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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