



NCM TEAM

Thank you for your prayers and partnership with the Navigators Kenya, Church Discipleship Ministries.

Isaiah 54:2-3 New International Version (NIV) is on our hearts, as we contemplate what lies ahead of us.

*2 “Enlarge the place of your tent,
stretch your tent curtains wide,
do not hold back;
lengthen your cords,
strengthen your stakes.*

*3 For you will spread out to the right and to the left;
your descendants will dispossess nations
and settle in their desolate cities.*

God is promising and calling on us to trust and rely on His leading, in strengthening the stakes to see gospel movements permeated by authentic ekklesia in the church communities that we are engaged in.

Psalm 110:3 also comes to mind and we pray for wisdom and courage that we will not be like Ephraimites and forget what God has done and His faithfulness. We desire to rely on the faithfulness of God to see the gospel advance within and beyond the church ministries that we are engaged in.

We are willing to engage in the battle; God's global purpose to bring His kingdom on earth.

Currently God has given CDM Kenya, through a team of 3 staff and 2 trainees, open doors to serve in the following fronts:

1. Urban Majority:

- Orality at an informal settlement called Kuwinda and a program of Pastoral Instruction at SOMI Academy in Kibera,
- 3 Churches in Kawangware,
- 1 church in Donholm, Eastlands,
- Walking alongside Centre Of Hope And Transformation in Mathare.

2. Ongoing Initiatives in Mainstream Churches like ACK St MARKS, Nairobi and All Saints Cathedral.

3. Rural Majority:

- About 400KM from Nairobi, in a town called Mumias, in Western Kenya, Deliverance Church and the church leadership have embraced the vision of discipleship and are implementing it through the home cell groups and couples fellowship.
- There is also some work going on in the African Interior Church, Vihiga County. A wholistic ministry to help the church get the vision of Discipleship and how to transform the rural context that they live and serve in, we are walking alongside the leadership to help them grow in heart and skills for ministry. We are also walking alongside 9 clergy who are studying at Kima International School Of Theology for Skills and Knowledge in Ministry and Theology.
- There are initiatives for our trainees in STEM (Short Term Experience Ministry) and other students to be exposed to missions in rural settings in collaboration with the Navigators Kenya Students Ministry from the Western Kenya Cluster of Universities and Machakos.

- We have Missional visits for short discipleship trainings in rural settings/ neighboring countries in the region e.g Annual Northern Uganda Mission.

- There are Initiatives for involvement in grassroots discipleship ministries in the staff and trainees home churches.

Welcome aboard to read some of the stories from these fronts.

Blessings,

Andrew Sibairo.

Church Discipleship Machakos

Andrew & Faith Sibairo

At our local church assembly in Machakos, we have ongoing Church Discipleship meetings around the GRID(Growing In Discipleship) series. We also lead a bible reading program every Sunday, 8:30 am to 10 am before the main service begins.

There is increased consistency and currently we are studying subjects in GRID Book 4, focusing on 'Becoming a Disciple'. We are emphasizing the Practical skill of inductive Bible Study, making Observations, Interpretation and Application.

There is a marked encouragement to engage the members in consistent bible reading and scripture memory. We thank God for what is happening through this and we pray that we shall grow in applying the practical lessons we learn. Members are being encouraged to spend time in the word through bible reading and scripture memorization.

Our prayer is that by the grace of God, we will raise a team of workers who are available and committed to the Great Commission and discipleship for the whole person.

Picture Below :Andrew and Faith facilitating a bible study meeting on the grounds outside their local church.



Prayer/Needs:

- Developing/training/equipping of more small group facilitators.



Emerging leaders

Left: Njeri drawing The hand Illustration

For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ when He comes? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our glory and joy (1 Thessalonians 2:19-20). As I read this portion of scripture, I agree with Apostle Paul in every respect. For me my greatest testimony, is the joy of seeing disciples grow in Christ as they serve our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

Njeri is one person I met by the grace of God when she joined the New believers classes at All Saints' Cathedral. The New believers class is a program at the church, aimed at nurturing disciples, both new converts and growing believers.

The program's focus is laying a firm foundation in the believer's walk with Christ. She joined the classes not as a new convert but as one who was seeking a deeper and meaningful relationship with Christ.

As the classes progressed, I began to notice a difference in her; the way she answered the questions and her insights during the studies were admirable. We continued with the classes until completion. However, for me this was the beginning of a great journey. And as I thought about it, I felt compelled to call her and get to know how she was doing in all areas of her life. Meanwhile, at All Saints', we trusted the Lord for labourers. As we continued praying about it, I would sense the Lord impressing her name in my heart.

So, I called her and planned a meeting with her. On the material day, she got caught up but still showed up, though late. In the few minutes that we managed to meet, I cast the vision and allowed her to pray about it. After some days, I decided to call her to know how the Lord had led her. Her response was amazing, not only had the Lord confirmed but also this is what she envisioned; walking with other believers until they reach their God-given potential. I was overwhelmed with joy and gave all glory to God.

The Lord is using her to reach out to others with the gospel of Jesus, as she serves at All Saints' discipleship ministry. Her desire is to see Christ known and worshipped in Spirit and truth. We continue to pray that the Lord will raise more disciples for His glory.

Philip Nekunda

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Let us not give up the good work



Livingstone & Mary Shabaya

Over the last two years, I have been reaching out with the gospel of Jesus Christ to three different churches in Kawangware and Kabiria. One of the great lessons I have been learning is the need for kingdom workers. Many of those I have been reaching out to are in a great need of the truth of God in the Word. Scriptures are to be broken down and made to be easily understood by all.

I have observed that reaching out has been left to pastors, who at times are not themselves doing evangelism, because they do not have the training in discipling and hence struggle in the discipline. The intentionality of fishing for men as is the case in Matthew 4:19 is missing.

I have seen a tremendous transformation in my learners' lives. Some who had never been able to read scriptures, pray, fellowship and even witness are starting to spring up.

A good example is a lady who is in a class I meet every Tuesday evening. She is in a church called Glorious Restoration. Marriane never used to set aside time with the Lord due to her busy work schedule. But glory be to God that she is now able to balance her work, time with God and others, ensuring that God is overall. This has really stirred me up to continue doing God's work with focus.

Thanks a lot for standing with God's work through giving and praying.



Livingstone & some of the AG Church Members in Kawangware.

1. Pray that God may continue to raise those who are discipling to become disciplers.
2. That I will have the strength to continue meeting them weekly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.



A REASON TO SMILE

Quinter has been a member of a small group in church. When we started reading the book of Philipians, the subject of obedience stood out. The fact that we are called to obey God and not just say we have avoided sin made her begin to wrestle with the subject of obedience. This later led her to start dealing with the struggles she was having with her father at home. She had an issue that had escalated to the point where he had chased her away from

home and disowned her.

We read the scriptures and spent time in prayer together over the same. She came one day and said that she wanted to forgive her father and ask for his forgiveness. The differences had caused Quinter to live a life of pain and bitterness, and had also made her look at men as evil beings.

As I write this, she has forgiven her father and we are working towards supporting her journey home for the first time in 3 years to see him. This for me has been just but a taste of what scriptures do to us, especially when we honestly choose to listen and obey the commands of God. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10.

Paul Muhati

The SOMI ministry

Samuel Kiragu

Besides evangelism and nourishing believers in Christ everywhere in the world, the Church is also called to intervene in other issues that affect humanity. Investing in educating children is one of the effective ways to impact the world in a sustainable way. Slum Outreach Ministries International (SOMI) is one of the organizations involved in educating children in the heart of Kibera slums. The organization runs Love Africa Primary school which has about 400 pupils from nursery to standard eight. The Navigators Church Ministries – through Paul Muhati, Philip Nekunda and myself- has been ministering to the standard 6 – 8 pupils, every Friday morning; sharing stories throughout the Bible, to help the pupils gain a firm understanding of the Biblical story. This has been of great impact to the pupils, many of whom have not only come to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, but have also demonstrated tremendous growth in their knowledge of God as exhibited by the many questions they ask from the Bible and their increased self confidence. Besides this, Paul Muhati has been meeting some of the church leaders at Kings Chapel Church, run by SOMI ministry, it shares a compound with the school, to help them appreciate and hopefully develop a disciple making culture for effective nurturing of their members and fruitful outreach to their neighborhoods.



The SOMI ministry was affected by demolitions for road expansion in the area and lost a significant number of their facilities including the church, offices and some classes. Pray that this loss of physical facilities will not affect the spiritual ministry.

Cross Cultural Missions

National Training Program

Emmanuel Ochieng

One of the major areas of focus for the Navigators Kenya is sharing the gospel in new frontiers & the unreached people in Kenya. While we work on this, we face various challenges. Most of us are used to sharing the gospel with people who have a background of basic information about the bible and Jesus. This is however not the case when sharing the gospel with the unreached.

You must have had similar experience as I had a few years ago during our church's Mission week. We were fully armed with the four spiritual law booklets for evangelism and basic training. The target was to do door to door around Westlands area in Nairobi. We left for the mission field after being prayed for and commissioned by our Vicar. As soon as we crossed Waiyaki way, we engaged several men, but whenever we came by a person who clearly belonged to a different faith, we would pass them quickly with fear of sharing the gospel with them. We thought it would lead to a confrontation. This is an issue that many Christian missionaries, myself included, find ourselves in.

The Navigators Kenya planned a two week training in Kwale, Tiwi (coastal region of Kenya) to address such issues. The training led me to have a new paradigm shift in reaching out to people of different faiths, cultures and the unreached. During the training we looked through scriptures for answers. Scriptures like John 4:1-42 Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, Cornelius and Peter in Acts 10, 11:1-18 stood out.

Through the training, God clearly brought out the prejudice I had towards people of different faiths and I learnt from Jesus that he had a heart for the Gentiles. The Bible brings out the truth between the enmity among the Jews and Samaritans; Jesus reached out to various Samaritans and Gentiles. I realized that to share the gospel of Christ. I must do it in His way and see people with His eyes.

To reach out in a cross cultural context, I must demonstrate the love of Christ, build relationships and trust, so that the gospel may not be hindered. People open up and allow a gospel conversation when they see that you came in peace and love. After the first week of intense training, we practiced what we had been taught in the neighboring community. It was a venture full of anxiety and God was with us all through, for we were received well. Our aim was to build bridges of relationships that enabled us to have gospel conversations pointing them to Jesus Christ. It was exciting hearing the feedback each day, of the reception each group had received. It was a foundation that was being established for the remaining team. Throughout the NTP (National Training program) I learnt to share Christ and not my culture and to see people in God's eyes. The whole experience enabled me to overcome the dilemma of sharing the gospel across cultures.



Some of the NTP team and community members