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A Legacy of Partnerships

Many of you may be aware that the Navigators ministry started in Kenya in June 1956, when the first missionary Doug Sparks landed in Mombasa. This first invitation was through the Christian Council of Kenya (CCK), a precursor to the now National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK). God has been faithful in seeing the discipling ministry of the Navigators grow in leaps and bounds and we give Him all the glory. Many spheres of our Kenyan society have been impacted and continue to be impacted by a number of Navigator disciplined laborers. We do believe we need many more of such labourers if the Transforming power of the Gospel is to be experienced across our land. We believe that *"transformed men and women, fragrant with the aroma of Christ"*, is the key to addressing the myriads of societal issues that continue to plague our country. Thank you for your partnership in seeing this desire fulfilled.

To celebrate and thank God for His faithfulness in and through the Navigators ministry in Kenya, we organized a **Founders Day** at the Nairobi Baptist Church, Ngong Road on Monday June 18, 2018. Retired Anglican Bishop John Mahiaini shared with us his memory of the early Navigators and the different ways they worked with the Body of Christ. We were encouraged and humbled to hear how *"Interdependent relationships in the Body of Christ in advancing the Gospel"* has been a hallmark of the Navigators ministry from its inception. Earlier on in May, we had a time to celebrate with



Auntie Sarah Mutua (nee Imbuye), on attaining **40 years of service with the Navigators**. What a time of celebration and testifying it was! Some of the people who gave testimonies both at the Founders Day and Auntie Sarah's appreciation Day do not currently serve with the Navigators Kenya directly. God is using them in different parts of Kenya and around the world to advance His Kingdom and to raise spiritual generations of labourers. They are *"workers for the Kingdom next door to everywhere"*. You may be one of those impacted earlier on with the discipling ministry of the Navigators. Wherever you are in the Master's Vineyard, we celebrate you and pray that God continues to use you where he has "deployed" you!

This edition of Eneza is to share with you how the Gospel continues to advance and to thank God and celebrate the great partnerships and fellowship He continues to give to us in His Wider Family. Pray that these partnerships with the wider Body of Christ will foster a unity of purpose and calling in advancing the Gospel as we move into the New Frontiers of **Rural, Urban Majority, Marketplace** and **Peoples of other Faiths**.

Together in Advancing the Gospel,

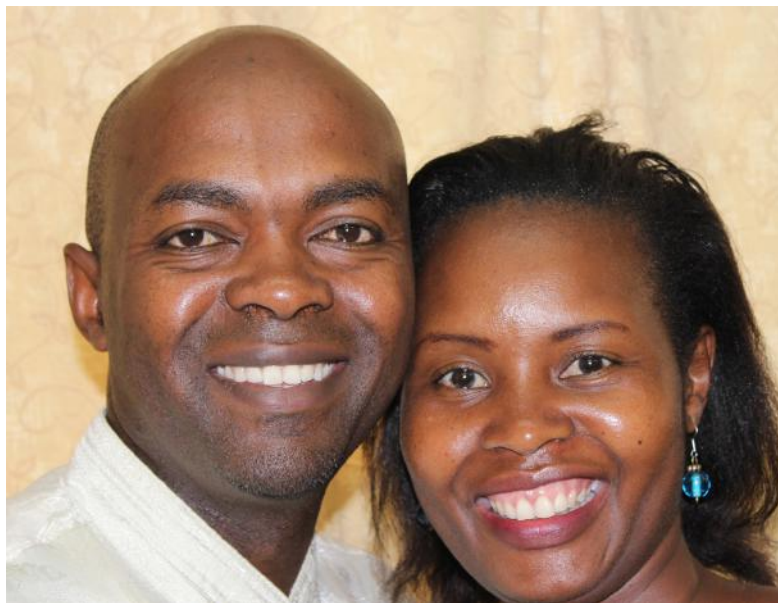
Chris Amulo

National Director

Gospel advancement among students

ALEX KIAMBA

What would it take to reach the student population in Kenya with the gospel? That's a question we ask ourselves every so often. Think about it, there are about 250,000 undergrad students in our local universities, not to mention diploma and post-graduate students; this presents both a need as well as immense opportunities. There are also about two million students in high schools across Kenya. As our culture changes, so are we meeting more and more students who have not set foot in a church for years; others who have not interacted with genuine followers of Christ, and therefore their understanding of a Christian is warped. We have found our students' ministry uniquely placed to advance the gospel in this day and age.



Alex & Monica Kiamba

The Navigators students Ministry takes different forms and shapes: we have ministry in High schools, among post High School students and in colleges across the country. We are seeing opportunities among these young people. These opportunities are presented as we meet students looking for real life role models, young people from dysfunctional family backgrounds, others addicted to substances as well as those caught in the web of internet addictions; souls crying for change yet caught up in a rut that has an entry but no seen end.

Ben was walking to class recently when he met his classmate, Betty, he could tell that something was wrong because of the sunken look in her eyes and the restlessness she exuded. As he ventured closer to her to talk, he smelt something strange, and Betty was quick to mumble an apology, "Sorry, I know I'm smelling of weed (bhang)..." Though this threw off Ben, he quickly engaged Betty on what was driving her to smoke bhang and as she opened up about

her desire for "something exciting", he felt the need to share with her the gospel... He also invited her for Bible study. Betty promised to think about it. Two weeks later Betty joined the Navigators Bible study group on Campus and within a few weeks she gave her life to Christ. Today Betty is one of the key Bible study group leaders in that Campus. She was influenced by the gospel and has influenced others with it.

Advancing the gospel among students will take students like Ben, above, students who are passionate for the lost in their circles. Being a Christian on campus was never fashionable, and that hasn't changed! We trust God for students who have the zeal of the Lord burning within their heart; a driving force that cannot be stopped and a fire that cannot be quenched. It will take students with a heart for the Lord and a heart for the lost; students with a committed focus on their walk with God and courage to share this with other students. We are trusting God for students with "fire in their bellies and

wings on their feet."

Raising a student who is zealous for God is not enough, it is equally important to build a community, to band them together with other disciples for mutual encouragement. We continue to see students who live and disciple among the lost in their campuses, high schools, homes and beyond.

We shall advance with skilled labourers; men and women reaching out to students, helping them answer life's questions biblically. Every week we get on campus, knock doors to share the gospel, invite non-believers to explore scriptures with us, diligently follow up on those who give their lives to Christ and equip others to be leaders of this movement. We are not just raising students but our eyes are fixed on raising fruitful men and women; we believe *the least will be a thousand, the smallest a mighty nation* (Isaiah 60:22)

We are onto something greater than us! Join us in asking God for it!



Founders Day Celebration group photo

Celebration of faithfulness

In the course of the year, we have had very refreshing moments where we took time to celebrate God's unwavering Grace, Love and Faithfulness to the ministry over the years.

Founders Day was a time that we came together as the Navigators Family to commemorate 62 years since the inception of the Navigators Ministry in Kenya. It was a beautiful time where memories and stories were shared by the different generations of Navigators.

Among the key things shared were the promises that each generation trusted God to see fulfilled. The impact that the missionary labourers had on the lives of those they interacted with as students in high schools and campuses- mainly the University of Nairobi. Some of the first generation of Kenyans to be reached were Mutua Mahiaini, Esther Waruiru, Sarah Mutua and several others who are scattered across the globe and have remained significant to the ministry. The first generation of trained labourers had been so impacted that they could not help but reach out to others in their spheres of influence.

The journey of the ministry was shared from the first to the fourth generation: The Impact it had on individual lives, expansion into new areas in the country and the influence it has had in the continent and the globe.

It has been a journey where subsequent generations have believed in God's Promises and have seen them fulfilled. Those impacted by the Navigators Ministry continue to greatly impact their diverse spheres of influence.

On 2nd May 2018 we gathered to celebrate with Auntie Sarah Mutua for the **40 years** that she has served with The Navigators. Auntie Sarah- as she is fondly known was the first Kenyan labourer to be trained with the Navigators. Speaker after speaker told of the impact she has had on them as they have experienced and watched her live for Christ.



Auntie Sarah, left, receiving a gift from Auntie Ciku Kimani during the celebration of her 40 years of service with The Navigators.



Some of the Leaders Praying for Elias and His family during the Farewell Tea. Seated from Left: Elias, his Wife, Daughter and grandchildren

This was also the year when our longest serving administration staff, Elias Musieba, attained retirement age and transitioned from the admin team. Elias faithfully served with Nav Kenya since Dec 1989. Sharing of his first encounter with the Navigators, Elias said: "Mara ya kwanza nilipo kutana na Navigators, nilifikiri hao ni carpenters. Kila mutu alikuwa na tool box." (The first time I met the Navigators, I thought they were carpenters. Everybody had a tool box). He first met the Navigators at around 1986 and was later employed by Mutua Mahiaini when the offices were just moving to Kindaruma Road - the current Navigators Place.

One of the Key things that clearly stood out during his farewell tea was that he had humbly and faithfully served over the years. He served under five National Directors. He said that over the years the Bible studies at the Navigators have been

very significant for him. He still remembers the time he had Bible study sessions with Mike Treneer- Navigators International President Emeritus.

Gospel advancement through mothers

ANNABEL CHESIRE

Motherhood and Gospel advancement seemed like mutually exclusive ventures at the beginning of my motherhood journey. Between the incredibly magical moments of joy and satisfaction (which I am ashamed to say, were few and far between at the beginning of the journey) and the sleepless nights and endless fatigue, there was no conscious thought of Gospel advancement! Until one day, Anne Mahinda invited me to a Bible Study that met in her home, when our son was a few months old. I struggled to keep up with the homework from the deep study of God's word, but I really appreciated the opportunity to meet with other ladies and have some structure to keep me in God's word (more like force me to locate my Bible and fall asleep with it in hand before baby's next feed). You get the picture.



The Praying Moms Group

I went to the study knowing that Anne was a Navigator and would soon ask 'Who I was walking with?' 'Who my key women were?' 'Who I was helping?' etc... to which I would have no answers, but I knew I needed the fellowship, so I went anyway, knowing I was failing miserably in Gospel Advancement. I was amazed that she never once asked me any of these questions but rather simply asked how I was doing? If I had managed any sleep at night? If I was looking after my husband? Whether I felt supported by him? Anne lived out Titus 2:3-5... *"older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God."*

I learnt that the way I managed my home, treated my husband and children could actually malign the word of God! Oh! The Gospel could be advanced or hindered by my seemingly mundane activities around the home as a wife and mother! Interacting with these ladies helped me see the connection between Motherhood and Gospel advancement, simply by watching them and listening to them. The rich discussions from studying Genesis, which was the second study I did with these ladies, gave me a hunger for God in a way that I hadn't even thought possible in that season of my life. Seeing the faith of Abraham and his friendship, obedience and complete trust in a God no one knew about, and this God's amazing plan to love and bless all the families of the world through Abraham's seed, made me desire to know this God more, to know his plan for this new family

he had placed me in; what it all meant, how sleepless nights with our second child and constant discipline sessions of our 2-year old, fitted into God's grand plan for humanity.

Thursday mornings were my sanity, lifeline and truly the highlight of my week! Shiku Kanyottu and I were the youngest in Anne's group, 3 years on, so we started a Bible Study with other stay at home moms in the same season of life to walk this journey with. We continued with Bible Study every Thursday and our 'older lady' was Patty Meredith, who again came up to me at one Navigator gathering and asked me who walked with me? Encouraged me as a wife and mother? Who did I go to when life was hard? I couldn't believe her! I invited her to meet with others like me, who would

love to have someone who had gone before us on this journey of motherhood, walk with us as we followed Jesus and taught our children to do the same.

Patty introduced the aspect of praying for our children to these Bible Study times with the young moms. She taught on a Godly character trait each week (either reading through a useful book or shared from her own life) on areas we could nurture our children in and we prayed for them in these particular areas, before we started the Bible Study. This is where we got our name 'Praying Moms.' We still meet and pray for our children every week and then study God's Word. We have grown in our individual walks with God. We have supported one another when times were hard to work through our marriages, raising Godly offspring for the glory of God, believing that Gospel advancement starts where God has placed us. For now, it's in the home, supporting and

loving our husbands and raising our children to know the Lord and indeed carry the Gospel with them wherever the Lord has placed them and wherever He will take them in life. Patty helped put to rest my worry about not advancing the Gospel in the young mom's season of life, which I had mistakenly thought would only look like going to campus to find a girl to mentor. So when my season of life didn't allow it, I thought I was failing in advancing the Gospel. Patty always reminded us that our homes were our mission fields at this time in our lives. She lived out 1 Thess. 2:8... *"Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well."* We extended our times together beyond prayer and Bible study, to learning how to quilt, and make special meals for our families. Patty always wondered who else we were helping outside the group, as she modelled this in her own home, with Felix (a boy whom her family had adopted and many others who were always passing through their home, with whom Bob and Patty had walked, on life's journey.) Many of us have learnt how to advance the love of Jesus and indeed the Gospel from watching Patty and Bob.

There are no more sleepless nights from attending to babies and toddlers but more from whispered prayers in the watches of the night, wondering about questions asked by our preteens, thankful that I was available to hear the question, amazed that those intentional moments to tell them about God introduced them to the Good News as their foundational truth, in a world with so much bad news around them. Good News they carry with them as salt and light, wearing out my knees with my praying moms that they will always let this 'little' light of theirs shine, shine, shine...

Picking a leaf from these amazing ladies who 'mothered' me, I met with our nieces in Bible Study for about a year in our home, every Friday night. Our kids loved their cousins' company. They saw how much the girls looked forward to our time together, and even wondered who was meeting with the boy cousins! I believe that our own children learnt the value of God's Word and of sweet fellowship from watching our precious times with their cousins.

When our youngest turned 7, we were privileged to attend a parenting course for older kids (Peers without Pressure) organized by Stanley and Patience Mukolwe, sharing what they did to disciple their own children and how this carried their kids through teenage years onto young adulthood. Their son, Michael, actually attended some of the sessions, and it was refreshing to see that this child had made it through teenagehood and all his parents' investment hadn't gone to waste, by God's grace! I learnt that it's indeed the Lord who calls us to himself and as parents, all we can do, is create a conducive environment for our children (biological and otherwise) to meet the Lord and have the opportunity to know him for themselves and hopefully choose him.

We have now started teaching our children how to have a quiet time with the help of Navigator resources prepared by Stanley and Patience Mukolwe from NavAfrica Family Ministry, but again, we are learning that more is caught than taught. I have never had to live a life worthy of the Gospel that we preach (Phil 1:27) as I have had to, before our children at home, because what we teach and how we live has got to match to make any sense to children.

Mothers are the heart of a home and when mothers have sharing the love of Jesus as their life's purpose, their home will be a vehicle to share that love and thereby advance the Gospel of Jesus. We prayed for a home where we could host people, a home for people to come and be ministered to, loved and refreshed, and God has allowed us this privilege; to love his people by allowing us to serve them in our home. We have also seen what the Word of God means by *'in showing hospitality, some have hosted angels...'* (Hebrews 13:2). We have been ministered to, carried in prayer, talked through issues by 'angels' the Lord brought to walk with us, just when we needed them in our lives the most! So, I'm not sure who was doing the giving. I believe it's providence! The Lord's goodness to all his children.

It's been an amazing journey. It's not who you serve God as that matters. When you get up in the morning as a mother, father, sister, brother, daughter, son, colleague, classmate, neighbour - name it - are you advancing the Gospel or not? As a Christian, it's who you are, not what you do. Like Paul, may we all be able to say, *'For me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain'* (Phil 1:21) because our time here, in whatever role, counts for Christ.



19TH - 21ST OCTOBER 2018

NATIONAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2018

Theme:
Gospel Movements

Speaker:
Mike Treneer,
Nav International President emeritus

Venue:
Lukenya Getaway

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Interdependent relationships in the body of Christ

BEULAH & JOSEPH MUCHARIE

In Mark 9:38-40 NLT, John the disciple said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw a man using your name to cast out demons, but we told him to stop because he isn't one of our group." "Don't stop him! Jesus said. "No one who performs miracles in my name will soon be able to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us."

Many times the work of the Gospel is hindered when we are unable to work with others because they are not "One of our group." Indeed there are many who are not against us, but for us, as we labor together for the same cause - *Advancing The Gospel of Jesus and His Kingdom into the Nations*. Our methods and mission fields may be different. But our Master is the same, and the Great Commission our all-encompassing mandate: - "Therefore go and make disciples of all Nations, baptizing them in the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

In 1Cor 12:4, 5&12 NIV, Paul teaches, "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. Different kinds of service, but the same Lord. Different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts, they form one body." In this exhortation he goes on to ask if, like in the human body, the whole body were an eye, where then would the hearing be, and, "If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?". Just as the eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" or the head to the feet, in the same way we cannot say to one another, "We don't need you!" We are all partners in the same cause; in order for the work of the Kingdom to be complete, each must play their part and we must work together.

No one has everything. Paul rhetorically asks, "Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers?" That is why we must partner with other sincere Jesus loving, Bible based, Kingdom advancing; Churches, Para church ministries, groups and individuals. For the kingdom to advance it will need all the different gifts

that Christ has given to His Church. No one has them all!

Mt 9: 26-38; when Jesus saw the crowds, He was concerned, and asked that we pray for The Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into the harvest field. The Lord is the Lord of the harvest, and He sends out laborers into His harvest as He sees fit. He sends who He wills to where He wills, but it is all His Harvest. He prayed that we would be one (Jn 17:21) to the end that the world would believe that The Father sent Jesus, and it therefore follows that as we labor in the harvest, we should carry out our different assignments with the unity of interdependence.

In the scriptures we see Paul, an apostle to the Gentiles, exercising interdependence with Peter who largely ministered among the Jews: We see Paul and Apollos, where one sowed the seed and the other one watered, or laid the foundation and the other built, but God gave the growth.

Coming closer home, we as Navigators have opportunities to labor side by side with other brothers and sisters in the faith. In the early days of the Navigators, Billy Graham asked the Navigators to help with follow up during & after his crusades. At the international level, Navigators partner with the Lausanne movement for world evangelization. Our Focus ministry also seeks to partner with other laborers called to the same field.

We also labor together with local congregations through the Church Discipleship Ministry. Many Navigator laborers have been involved in their churches as elders, teachers, preachers and many other roles. We have partnered with others in the task of evangelism such as in the recent Global Outreach Day. In the prayer ministry, many of us have benefited from the ministries of The Kenya House of Prayer, Harvest school of prayer, and others.

All of these partnerships, and many others in the body of Christ, contribute, as do streamlets and tributaries, joining together to form one big river, to the advancing of the gospel of Jesus and His Kingdom, with The Lord as the Director and Overseer.



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