



# Eneza

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*A Reflection on Our Ministry in 2021*



To Know Christ and To Make Him Known



# Fuelling our mission-mindedness

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Chris Amulo

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Growing up as a young Christian, I used to view missions as going far from my locality to share the Gospel. For me then, being a missionary meant moving out from Kenya to another country. I remember as a university student leading my fellow students on Saturday mornings praying for the world. During those days, I had a copy of Patrick Johnstone's *Operation World*. The book had all the countries of the world, their geographical location, their different people groups, politics, religion, and finally prayer challenges.

I enjoyed every day opening the book and praying. And I kept asking God to make me a missionary to some of the countries. Little did I know that, courtesy of Mr Johnstone, God was taking me into those countries through prayer. I was able to “visit” many countries of the world from my university room, corporately with fellow students, and at home during school holidays.

In my early years at the Navigators, I found out that praying for the nations was part of the discipleship process. It brought great joy to my heart to hear from Navigator labourers across the globe how God was at work in the different countries I had prayed for as a student. I saw this as an answer to the prayers of many, including some of my friends

as an undergraduate student who might not even know about the Navigators to date.

As I have grown in my faith, I have come to learn that God has given us a great opportunity to participate in what he is doing around the world in drawing people to himself. The opportunity comes to us through prayer. Although praying individually is great, there is a lot to be achieved when we pray together. Indeed, we see this in the Scriptures when the disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray. He tells them to address God as OUR Father. The disciples are asking him to ‘teach us to pray’. And Jesus makes it clear that they are praying to the God of us all; Our Father. There is much to be achieved in corporate prayer.

At Navigators Kenya, we seek to see our ministry characterised by a God-centeredness around prayer. A ministry that is fuelled by prevailing prayer, flowing freely through relational networks and out into the nations. This is the fastest way to have us reach many parts of the world (without needing to apply for a passport and visa), our communities, neighbourhoods and families. But should God call us to go, then prayer, both individual and corporate would be the place to begin.



# ...Together

Tom Owuor

“ Our Calling, *‘To advance the gospel of Jesus and his Kingdom into the nations through spiritual generations of labourers living and discipling among the lost’*, beckons us to seek to make disciples from the harvest for the harvest. ”

During these uncertain times, nothing has been brought to surface with such clarity than the power of being together. The importance of the unity in advancing the gospel was spoken by Christ himself and receives emphasis throughout scriptures. It cannot be ignored or replaced by any other thing!

Our Calling, *‘To advance the gospel of Jesus and his Kingdom into the nations through spiritual generations of labourers living and discipling among the lost’*, beckons us to seek to make disciples from the harvest, for the harvest. “To know Christ and to make him known”, takes place when we are “with people”, just like Jesus was with the twelve. His close relationship with the disciples was personal and powerful in the informal daily rhythms of life. They were vulnerable and open about their brokenness. The power of the gospel worked not only to overcome destructive habits, but also, building life-giving habits.

In the course of 2021 we witnessed people ministering together, praying together, and studying scripture together. Our area ministries became and are becoming environments where labourers and leaders alike, encourage, comfort and challenge one another. The stronger the community of disciples become, the faster the expansion of the gospel. In cultivating Missional communities, we still aim to help our area ministries to be attentive to the work of the Spirit in their midst, helping people recognize that the Holy Spirit leads us to the lost, assures us when we are

doubtful, comforts us when we are down and guides us when we are confused.

As we envision workers for the kingdom next door to everywhere, let us together trust God:

- To see a ministry that is fueled by prevailing prayer, flowing freely through relational networks.
- For a vital movement of the gospel into the marketplace, among the urban and rural majority, people of other non-Christian faiths including the growing middle class of secularists and atheists.
- For leaders and laborers with commitment, competence, character and capacity to lead and serve in our traditional ministries and out into the new frontiers.
- To develop healthy communities of believers who are characterized by love, grace and humility; transformed by God’s power, fragrant with aroma of Christ and the joy of the Lord. These communities become powerful witness to a lost world and a wonderful platform for incarnational evangelism and discipleship.
- To grow a support system that has the administrative capacity to address the challenges and opportunities of a growing ministry in ways that are biblically sound and missionally prudent.

*Open doors,  
open hearts,  
open heavens!*

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Alex Kiamba



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At the start of 2021, we were not sure how we would access most schools and colleges, though the pandemic had eased up slightly, there were many restrictions. During the pandemic there were many concerns for the young people in our nation, not only due to lost academic time but also due to the fact that many were facing challenging situations at home and in adjusting back to school. The pandemic had battered the souls of many young people! My prayer for our students' ministry was that we would stretch our tent curtains wide and strengthen our cords because God was causing us to spread out (Isaiah 54; 2-3).

We planned for ministry trusting that God would enable us to access the institutions where we had ministry before the pandemic struck. And God opened doors, opened hearts, and opened heavens! Though many High Schools kept their doors closed, through a partnership with Kenya Christian Students Fellowship (KSCF) we have had Nairobi Students Ministry gaining ministry access to several high schools. We have also had schools inviting us to resume ministry; Machakos Girls' High School ministry reopened after about 5 years of zero access, we were pleasantly surprised to find the girls still running the Bible study group. However, some other high schools have

not yet allowed us access, we continue to pray that we will be given access to minister to the students.

At the Colleges, we have had a heavy burden to reach to the students, many universities across Kenya experienced a sharp increase in mental health challenges, with some even reporting increased suicides amongst students. As the institutions reopened, some campuses had restrictions that significantly impacted access. By God's grace, we were able to meet students off campus and minister to them with much ease.

We transitioned from online Bible studies, to in person interactions. We were trusting God for more labourers among students; young men and women who would reach out to their peers, and as the year ended, we felt God had given us an abundant harvest of such labourers. Through these labourers more relationships were formed which have been wonderful bridges for the transmission of the gospel and for discipling of many students. There were also activities for equipping, affirming, and appreciating these student labourers at the local levels.

We also saw more forums for gender specific interactions like ladies' and men's group meetings, wonderful bases for



sister-to-sister, brother-to- brother conversations on issues specifically affecting each gender.

CORE Group (High School graduates ministry), had to reinvent itself! First, there was the online Core Group in Nairobi which reached out to young people beyond Nairobi, then there was Machakos Core Group which was two in one; one Core Group for High School graduates and one for Primary School graduates, dubbed Core Group Junior! Their lives were transformed, some gave their lives to Christ and others grew in their walk with God. We truly saw God do exceedingly abundantly above all we had asked or even imagined! We look forward to experiencing God's fulfilled promises in 2022.



*Highschool ministry*



*Core Group Machakos*



*Kitui Mission Trip*

## FROM THE BOOKSHOP



## DANCING IN NO MAN'S LAND

**M**oving with peace and truth in a hostile world. It happens over and over again. A political argument with a friend, a fight about racial issues on the internet, a disagreement with a coworker – at the first sight of conflict, we flee to a bunker with people who think like us...and we attack everyone else. We feel safe there, but it's killing us: killing families, friendships, civility and discourse.

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# Focus on Jesus

Bethuel Bissem



**W**e were introducing our discipleship ministry at Satellite Secondary School when a girl barely into her teens walked in and spoke to the vice principal in hushed tones and left. She then turned to us, apologized for the interruption, and said, “she was requesting permission to rush home and nurse her baby before the afternoon classes.” I froze and unconsciously looked out the window at the girl again.

Schools were closed for months, curbing the spread of COVID, but this had many unintended adverse effects. Girls like this became the victims of evil men who took advantage of their loneliness and poverty to lead them astray. They were mothers now; children raising other children. There is a lot of brokenness out here, both heartbreaking and overwhelming at the same time. You can’t help but ask, what should we do?

The feeling of helplessness reminds me of when I was a student at Maseno University. I was sitting in a hostel feeling overwhelmed by the brokenness I saw around me. That year, I attended a Navigator Missions Conference where we studied the ministry of Jesus in Luke 4:18–21 (NIV - Anglicised)

*“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to preach good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the  
prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to release the oppressed,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”  
Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the  
attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in*

*the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began  
by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled  
in your hearing.”*

So, I have learned that the question “what should we do?” is wrong. We should ask, “what is Jesus doing?”

It has been a challenging two years for our students. They struggled with depression, family conflict, falling behind on studies and more. We thank our Lord for giving us this message of hope, Hebrews 12:2 (NIV - Anglicized) Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Our Lord is preaching his gospel, setting prisoners free, opening the eyes of the blind, and releasing the oppressed. Indeed, in spite it all, this is the year of the Lord’s favour.

We have partnered with ministries like KSCF (Kenya Secondary Christian Fellowship) to reach out to high schools like satellite and we are excited to see what God will do. Our Collegiate Ministry and CORE Group (a ministry to High School graduates) continues with a focus to know Christ, make him known and help others do the same.





# *Praying ever so faithfully and fervently*

Prayer Team

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Our end year retreats as the prayer team are moments for reflection, thanksgiving and planning for the next year. Many of our key calendar activities have become quite standard for the ministry. As we gathered for our 2020 end retreat, we wondered how the key annual events for 2021 would be carried out considering the Covid- 19 pandemic and government restrictions to curb the spread. By God's grace, we were able to carry through with all of them in spite of the pandemic. Here are some of the key events for the prayer ministry carried out in 2021. We would love to have you join us in some if not all of them in 2022.

We have found the Prayer Calendar to be a great tool that gives direction for prayer throughout the year. Sections of the prayer calendar that we pray through are : Promises of God, our vision and values, Navigator entities & regions, Navigator staff and partners, and the unreached people

groups.

It is a tool that has been very helpful during personal and ministry prayer times, as well as during our corporate gatherings. We pray that in the year 2022 you be enabled to pray through the prayer Calendar.

Starting the year with a week of prayer and fasting has become a very enriching experience for us as a ministry. We encourage as many people as are able to forego breakfast and lunch during this time, as we seek the face of The Lord for the year. We had the week of prayer and fasting in early January in 2021, which ended with a virtual national prayer fellowship, during which we prayed and broke bread together. Virtual gathering has been a special blessing as it has allowed us not just to gather regionally, but also to come together nationally for prayer and breaking of bread. We had the National week of prayer and fasting

from 9th – 15th January 2022.

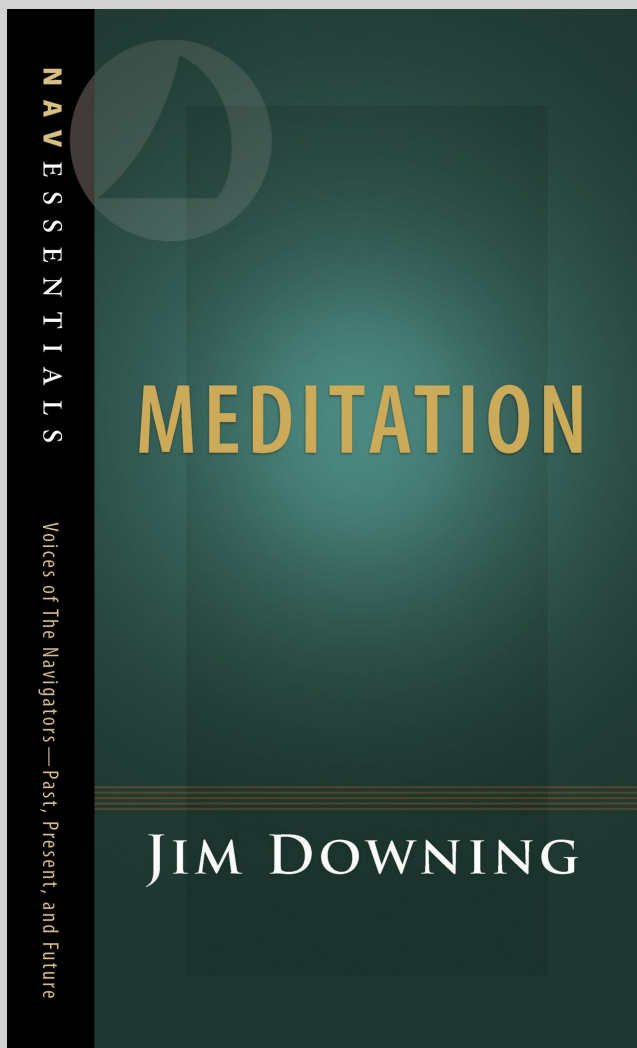
We have set apart every last Friday of the month as a day of Prayer and Fasting. The evening prayer meeting on this day is one of the events that we now hold fully virtually. Our coming together nationally for these times of prayer and breaking of bread, and having a different ministry area or entity leading has been refreshing.

The World Wide Partnership Prayer Day has become part of the International Navigators' family tradition. It takes place every third Saturday of March. Guidelines and prayer requests are sent from the International office. The WWP has served to spread a sense of global connectivity and care as we pray for people and places we have not known. We are looking forward to joining the global partnership for WWP on 19th March, 2022.

The National Prayer Retreat is a time that we gathered nationally for about 3 days to seek and worship God together. For the last 8 years we have come together annually for the Prayer Retreat. In 2019 and 2021 we were uncertain about how this would work, in view of the government restrictions due to Covid-19. But The Lord helped us go ahead by faith and though it was shorter by far than the regular prayer retreats, we did spend time praying together virtually and in small groups at the region level.

We have sensed growth in sensitization to corporate prayer amongst us. This forms the core of the prayer team's mandate. We have sought to encourage prayer based on the promises of God. We are convinced that our God is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine, and is delighted when we, as His children join our faith together, and express our confidence in His goodness through prayer. May He help us to do this ever so faithfully and fervently.

## FROM THE BOOKSHOP



### MEDITATION

**M**editation in God's Word is one of the ways we get to know Him best. In John 15, Jesus commands His disciples to abide in Him and share his very life. He promised that if they did, they would be fruitful. The Word of God suggests three ways in which modern-day disciples can share in the life of Jesus: through the mind in meditation, through the affections in communion, and through the will in choosing to obeying.

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# Putting our hand on the plough!

Andrew Sibairo

**O**n the call to follow Him, Jesus profoundly states, “No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.” Luke 9:62.

When we “put our hand to the plough” we must be ready for a lifetime of relationship with God, and following Christ. Just like putting the hand on the plough has the implication of the land being tilled, in our Navigator Church Ministries (NCM), it has the implication of laying down our lives in a way that really advances the kingdom of God through the contexts that we are engaged in.

Our Goals for the year 2021 as NCM were:

- Relationships for Disciplemaking: Partnering with church leaders, churches and individuals to establish movements of Growing Intentional Disciplemaking Cultures.

- Resource Mobilization: That we would continue to engage in strategies to raise adequate resources to fund and support His work (Phil 4:19; Psalm 50: 9-12).
- Leaders and Laborers Development

Throughout the year, we experienced His favor as both staff and laborers were engaged in serving at the family level, small groups, and hybrid online Bible studies. We saw strengthened ministry at family level, the core value of Family and relational networks in advancing the gospel was experienced during these times.

The annual NCM conference happened Online and the focus was Growing Intentional Disciplemaking Cultures. Due to the prevailing circumstances in 2021, we had challenges doing ministry in some of our areas of focus like the emerging prisons ministry. We have seen reduced attendance in some of the congregations and the resultant changes. Handling delicate transitions in some of our partnering churches in rural contexts also proved to be challenging. However, we are grateful for the wisdom, God-centeredness and focus that God has bestowed within the body of Christ that enables us to navigate through these.

We are called upon to intentionally continue to work on the big picture and challenge the status quo that church disciplemaking is looked at as mainly Bible study groups focused on finishing a book/guide/program instead of strengthening one-on-one ministry. We envision people focused disciplemaking movements in the diverse churches and faith communities we are engaged in. We need to exhort one another to strategically reach out to the “lost” both within the church (church goers who have not made a decision to follow Christ) and outside the church.

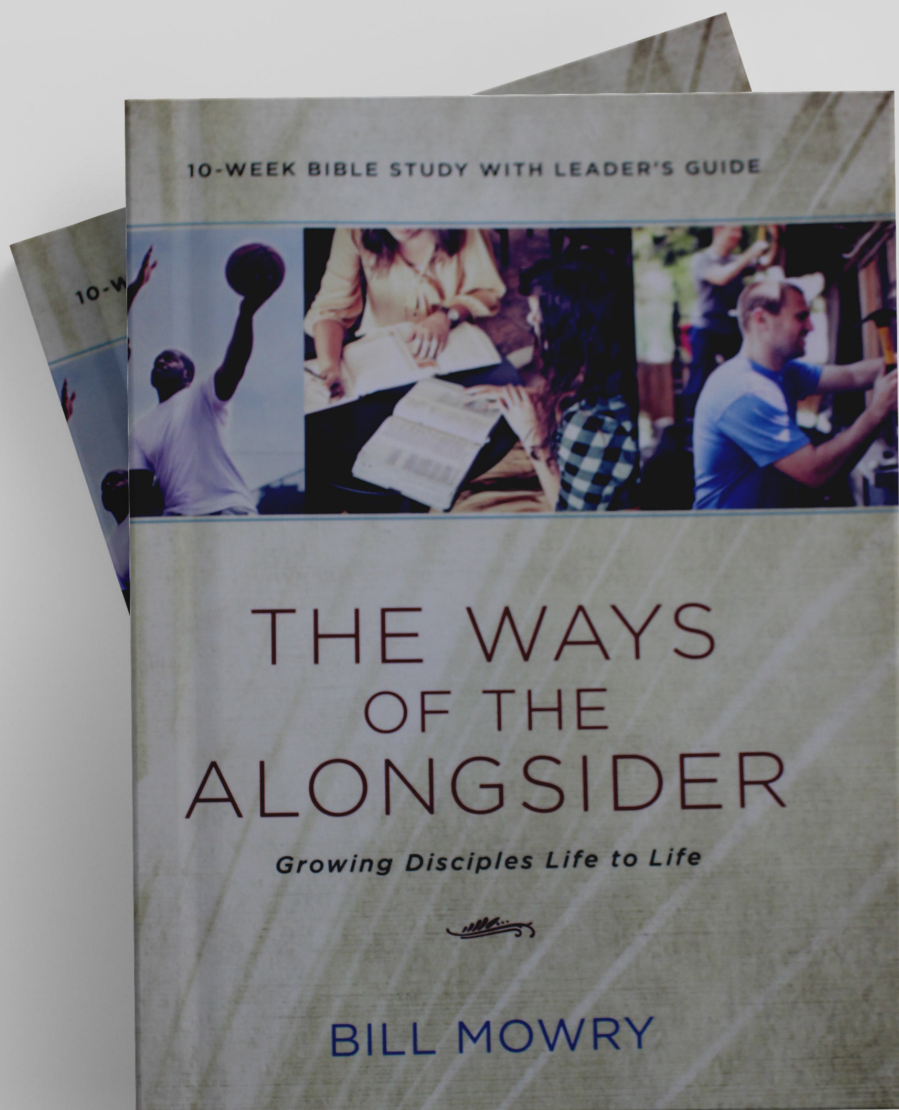
Through the NCM laborers (Gift and Conventional Income) and partnering churches, we are strategically engaging in new frontiers of ministry, going beyond structured Bible studies and building ministry communities that are permeated by the transforming power of the gospel.

A case in point is that in one of the rural churches we serve in, we have seen the Lord at work in leading us to further develop their leaders through agricultural empowerment. We support agricultural training for this leaders through a partnership with another church. This is but an example of the new frontiers of ministry the Lord is leading us to. We are looking forward to growth in leader and laborer

development: Men and women who commit to ongoing personal development as part of the equipping for service, with a “Continuous learning posture” (Eccl 10:10; Proverbs 22:29) and finding our sufficiency in God (II Corinthians 3:5). Men and Women who exhibit a Vision, Heart, and Know-how to advance the gospel in their contexts. Passionate about the picture of the Great Commission from Matthew 28:18-20.

We are grateful to God for these days and times the church lives in. It behooves us to turn our attention back to God and reconsider the standard ways of engaging in church Disciplemaking. As we put our hands on the plough, we trust Him that those (the Disciplemaking believers) we develop will be fruitful in His hands.

FROM THE  
**BOOKSHOP**



**THE WAYS OF THE  
ALONGSIDER**

Would it surprise you to know that disciple making is just a lifestyle in which you offer people love, comfort and encouragement where they live, work and play? Despite our weakness and fears, Jesus invites us to participate in the Great Commission by helping people live for Christ in the here and now. All you have to do is live intentionally, love God and Journey alongside others life to life.

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# Strengthening one-on-one Discipleship

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Justus Makau.



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*When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames  
will not set you ablaze.*  
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At the close of 2020, one of the concerns we had and were praying about, as the Machakos team, was the challenge to meet students in campus and high schools for Bible studies in 2021, due to the Covid-19 protocols in place. We thought we would not be given access to learning institutions, including those we were already serving in. All school opened in January 2021 and we were allowed to minister to students!

As a ministry team, we managed to strengthen one-on-one Discipleship. Each staff member had at least one person to disciple. Mark Mwaniki completed DMLT training and God led him remain on staff with the Navigators Machakos. He is serving at Machakos University.

Core group recruitment went well, we had two groups: Core group junior (designed for primary school leavers) and Core group senior (Designed for high school leavers). The new school calendar gave us a bit of a challenge in Core group; the school breaks were very short and University intake was also done shortly after the National exams. This did not give us much time with the students as previous years. All in all, we thank God for the seed of the

Gospel that was planted.

We are trusting God for new trainees to join us this year. The Navigators Machakos team will send us ( Justus and Annrose Makau ) to Wote, Makueni to pioneer a Navigators ministry. We are looking forward to this transition later in the year.

We thank God for being good to us. His promise to us has come true “When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead.” Isaiah 43:2





# Staying the Course

Dr. Anne Amulo

“ *He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is the key to this treasure.* ”

**S**taying the course was the theme for the Navigators Kenya annual Women's conference which was held virtually on 27th March, 2021. We gathered and heard from different speakers around the theme verse Isaiah 33:6 'He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is the key to this treasure'.

From Luke chapter one, the highlight was the example of staying the course by Elizabeth who kept the faith and was teachable during her moments of solitude. Through her example we saw a God of detail and precision and the need for us to wait in expectation through the moments of trials.

In the plenary sessions, biblical examples of some who suffered well were given for our focus and encouragement; (Hebrews 11:32-40, Jeremiah 40:1-5) as well as personal stories that brought the truth of holding onto God through all life's setbacks even closer home. Further, our attention was drawn to the need to remember our identity in Christ

and that God will bring all things under his authority (Ephesians 1:10). The workshops further focussed on various subtopics that built up into the theme: on 'Starting over' the purpose, the process, and the prize of starting over in Christ were brought to fore. Despite any setbacks we can start over and emerge victorious! Closely linked to this was the workshop on 'Handling transitions' in which it was clear that life is about change but Christ remains the same and our sure anchor (Hebrews 13:8). 'Surrender all' was the workshop that helped us learn that surrendering is a daily affair and that the Lord's yoke is easy, his burden light (Matthew 11:30). The workshop on 'Strength in community' brought out the importance of staying connected to the body of Christ (the small community around us) in obedience to Hebrews 10:24-25 and keeping in mind Hebrews 12:1 that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.



# Recruiting and Establishing Students

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**Elijah Khamala.**

**A**s 2021 began, ministry seemed to be hard. As a ministry, we were used to face-to-face interactions, which unfortunately were not possible due to the restrictions that had been put in place by the authorities to curb the spread of the Covid Pandemic in 2020. Learning institutions were greatly affected; Campuses were closed indefinitely and students sent home. Our hope before all this unfolded had been to intensify our campus engagement at Masinde Mulliro University and also Navigator's Church Ministries here in Kakamega.

We are grateful to God that during this period, alternative channels of gathering opened up through online platforms such as zoom. At first, the students were excited with this mode of meeting and were available, but as time went by, they became more engaged at home and were not available for our meetings. I had to change tact and begin catching up with them periodically.

In May 2021 when the lock down was lifted and students reported back we celebrated!! My wife and I soon invited three students to come and spend time with us for 12 days. This was a time that was spent in interaction with the scriptures (reading, studying, memorizing and applying), prayer, and evangelism. This initiative has bore fruit in our ministry as we have established a good friendship with the students.

I was also able to meet with six male students once a week

going through the gospel of John and also had a man-to-man conversations. My wife met one lady once a week. Our large group fellowship meets twice a week ; on Saturdays we meet to study the scriptures and pray together and on Sunday afternoons we meet to converse on social issues, play games and eat together (swallowship).

For the year 2021, I had trusted God to recruit students and establish them in their walk with Christ. We had interferences with the campus program but as I look back, I am grateful to God that he allowed us to recruit and establish the students he providentially brought around us. It has been a special kind of joy to work as a team with my wife. The Lord has provided for us immensely for our ministry and for our family.

As you pray, remember the following students, who are proving to be available, that God will continue to establish them. Colossians 2:6-7: Felix, Duncan, Kefa, Allan, William, Brian, John, Stephen, Meshark, Nelson, Florence, Gloria, Faith, Karen and Glory.

This year we are trusting God that he will expand our ministry by allowing us to access at least one high school in Kakamega. That God will also continue to establish Navigator Church ministry in our local church. Reagan Kerre moved to Kakamega from Eldoret to continue with ministry training, pray that God will equip me to walk with him faithfully. Pray also for our family that God will grow us in him and that we may continue to serve in harmony with my wife.



# *Economically Empowering The Rural and Urban Majority*

**Richard Mwikamba**

**I**n the midst of challenges of the year 2021, we at EPTF continued to experience God's goodness and sustenance. We are also thankful to all our partners for standing with us throughout the year.

With support from our partners in Denmark ASSIST and Centre for Church Based development, Denmark (CKU) we saw the resumption and conclusion of the SAPs (Sustainable Agricultural Practices) project in Moiben, Uasin Gishu county as well as the MEDS (Micro Enterprise Development Support) project in Kwale county. Through SAPs, we equipped the participating farmers in Moiben with more efficient farming methods that helped improve output, enhance food security and conserve the environment, in addition to providing entrepreneurship skills.

Early in the year (2021) the Swedish Mission Council (SMC) and SIDA through our partners in Sweden, Children Mission, supported us to start an Enterprise Development Initiative project (SMC20010) with the objective of improving the livelihoods of 350 people in rural and urban majority households in Eldoret, Mombasa, Nairobi and Moiben. This is a 2.5-year project which started off with Life Skills and Entrepreneurship Skills Training. Among the participants in a group in Cheplaskai, Eldoret, is Benjamin and Celestine, a married couple who run a small shop. They have 3 children, the oldest being 8 years, while the youngest is 9 months old. Celestine was the first to join the training but later invited her husband. In

this community, it is very rare to see men in a forum with women, but Benjamin decided that it is important to be part of this training. By attending the sessions with a majority of the participants being women, and helping his wife in taking care of their children, Benjamin has communicated that it's possible to put aside cultural inhibitions to gain knowledge and proper skills that would grow him and his family. We pray that the couple will gain knowledge to help improve their livelihood and also be role models in the community.

EPTF also piloted an online coaching program where we were able to train 13 participants on entrepreneurship skills. This was graciously funded by Navigators' friends in Denmark. We are currently exploring ways to target more vulnerable and marginalized communities into new frontiers. We are grateful to God for thus far He has brought us.

Thank you for your prayers and support in various ways. Please do continue to pray for us as we carry out our mission. Pray also that EPTF will surmount the challenges we have experienced in the past 2-3 years.



*Benjamin and Celestine*





## *Laborers In His Harvest Field*

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Boniface Ndambuki

**H**ans Munyua just finished his ministry training and has since transitioned from Kitui. How time flies. During his two years stay with us here, he was largely involved with young people in Nuru Worship Center. Most of the young people in this church are students in various Secondary schools around Kitui and they live in our neighborhoods as well. Some of these students are in day schools and we are able to meet often over the weekends and those in boarding schools during school holidays.

Joshua is one of the people Hans was discipling in the Nuru ministry. We walked with him through high school and saw him transition smoothly to university. We continue to interact with Joshua and meet him when he is on break.

Pray for our Nuru young people that they will be established in the faith Col 2:6-7 and that we will have fruitful interactions during the March-April school holiday.

I have been meeting with five of our key SEKU students and we have been walking through our Navigator study material (Growing in Discipleship) GRID book 2, focusing on the theme of gaining assurance. As believers it is important to grow certainty and have confidence in who you have believed and what he is able to do. This is not confidence in self but in the One who accomplished this

work in us. Such certainty helps in gaining stability in a constantly changing world, so that we are not swayed by every wind of doctrine (Eph 4:14). We gain this assurance by studying the word of God and believing in its truth. Joe, a third-year student recently shared and said “I am personally able to pray and read the scriptures”.

Pray for our SEKU ministry that the students will grow assurances and be firmly established in their walk with the Lord (2 Tim 2:12-14).

It was with a bitter-sweet feeling that we released Hans. We knew that he was going to advance the Kingdom of God in a different context. The Lord led him to accept an invitation to serve as a youth pastor at a Church in Karen-Karen Community Church.

With only my wife and I in the staff team here in Kitui, we need more hands for the work and so “losing” a laborer felt like a step backwards. We are trusting God for long term laborers to serve with us in Kitui. The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. We continue to pray that the Lord of the harvest will send laborers into His harvest field.

Finally brothers and sisters pray for laborers (Matt 9:37-38).



# *My Time In Training*

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Isaac Hans Munyua

**M**y time in ministry training has been enlightening and life changing. Coming into The Navigators I felt a bit like a stranger coming into a new place. I didn't know many people around the Navs circles, but I distinctly felt God calling me to come. It was a bit of an adjustment learning the culture, but in a short time I got to understand why God was leading me here.

On arrival my desire was to become like a sponge to get to absorb and learn as much as possible. The early days of pre-training were very exciting, I got to see a whole new side to the community and to learn more about spiritual disciplines in a depth that I never had before.

The times of Ministry Partner Development (MPD) school, Prayer camp and Back to Basics training, had me feeling like a kid in a candy shop. There was so much that was new, very exciting and I fully dove into it, hoping to learn

as much as possible. The added bonus I had not anticipated came in the community I found with my fellow trainees. I found real, life-long relationships.

Being posted to the Kitui ministry came as a bit of a shock and I was not entirely sure how to feel about it. I had not heard much about Kitui before that point and the little that I heard revolved around uchawi (witchcraft) ukame (drought) and vumbi (dust). You can imagine my surprise on arriving to the town for the first time and finding there were not only trees but green trees and plenty of food! It took a few weeks to settle in which were made a lot easier by spending my first month living with my trainer and getting to know him and his family better. Initially it was interesting having not experienced such before but I came to enjoy the hospitality, community and love. The highlights of my day would be getting to hang out with Mwamba (My trainer's son) and hearing the amazing stories he would tell.



My two years was categorized by a lot of learning and growth. The thing I enjoyed most was that it was experiential learning and I feel my trainer excels at that. I would read the books and do the studies but then he would encourage us to go and practice and to look for ways to incorporate what we learnt into our day to day life. His favorite phrase was, "I want to give you as many opportunities as possible to swing the bat!". In doing this, he allowed me to visualize and see my training time as not just a time of extensive reading, but also a time of gaining the practicalities for life. I enjoyed the times of prayer I had both individually and communally as the Kitui ministry. They were refreshing moments with the Lord and I always looked forward to them. There was also a revitalizing emphasis on time in the Word both in personal study and Scripture memory. It was new for me to get to study the word for growth and life change. I can definitely say there has been growth.

The interactions in studies with students were amazing

and it was great being able to meet new people and interact with them.

#### LESSONS LEARNT

I have grown immensely in the areas of

- The word, prayer, fellowship and witnessing.
- Biblical convictions.
- Relationship with Christ.
- Lifelong friendships.
- God is the provider.
- Leadership skills.
- Character.

Training has been an amazing experience and just as promised before, it never leaves you the same. Submitting to God as my main trainer ensured that I came out a much better person, a person transformed for life. I am grateful for the opportunity to train and serve with the Navigators and will carry on all I have learnt and the relationships through life.

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# *All adding up now!*

*"To know Christ and to make him known" ... Lived out*

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I remember one of the toughest things for me was reading through the Scriptures. I would often randomly open a book in the Bible and frantically search for "God's message" for the day. Back then, for me, reading through the bible was a thing for "theologians" and I am a student! Why bother.

It was not until I got to meet my friends from Navs through the Nurture class of the UON Main Campus Christian union that my mentality changed. I got invited to a hangout and thereafter got invited to join a bible study. Conversations in the Bible Study would drift towards "How is your quiet time?", "Which book are you reading?" Those were tough questions to answer.

So, I got nudged to begin a Bible reading journey, reluctantly, I started going through 1st Corinthians. I skipped the Gospels since "they were too familiar", skipped Romans "it was too hard"- though currently my most favourite. Going through the Bible book by book, the beauty of God's Word permeated my heart. I started enjoying reading the Bible! I admit I still struggle with the

discipline of reading his word daily, it is a discipline I am continuously growing in.

The community in Navs main Campus (UoN) is amazing. We live life together. This community gave me the chance of being vulnerable. As people shared the areas where they felt convicted were inconsistent with God's word in their own lives, it gave me the confidence to open up and helped me to apply scripture to my life.

Almost three years down the line, my convictions about life are drawn more from the scriptures. I have grown day by day in my walk with the Lord, not only through "lectures" but also the day to day conversations we have had as we do life together. I have been drawn to cherish Christ more and I have the desire to make Him known.

It is all adding up now! John Kamau (pictured above on the right) invites me for a hangout, hoping that I would experience Christ and in so doing have the desire to help others do the same!





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