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## FOREWORD

The first few verses of Isaiah 6 are very captivating, where the Lord visits with Isaiah to prepare him for what laid ahead in terms of ministry. God desired to have a clean vessel available for His use, and therefore, having dealt with whatever He needed to, in verse 8 the Lord asks a very relevant question. The NIV put it thus:

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? ”And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” (Isaiah 6:8)

There is a need to recognize that all those called by God to ministry had to answer to such a question, more importantly, those called to go to communities or nations divinely directed. One only needs to follow the record in the book of Isaiah to appreciate the exploits of the Prophet in answer to his call. It did not matter the challenges he faced, God’s hand remained a part and parcel of all his God-given endeavours.

Similarly, our pastors, at the head office, local and international centres, heeded God’s higher calling for their lives and in response accepted to be assigned where they are busy serving today. To God’s glory, this is a brief testament of what God is doing in, through and among them. The communities they serve by God’s grace, are beneficiaries of their obedience.

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## Reaching the community



# Social and Economic Transformation Through Farming

## **SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION THROUGH FARMING**

A team visited Bishop Masika's Christian Impact Mission (CIM) farming models demonstration in Yatta. Useful lessons were picked on how to do farming in an arid region of Northern Kenya. The Missions' Staff team also visited Tharaka Nithi where the CIM model has been put into practice and reaping rewards for the communities and individuals who have embraced it.

The team was then challenged to individually and as teams from the various mission stations to seek to see how they can impact their communities with the knowledge they had gained to bring about transformation as well as in developing strategies that would make mission stations self-supporting, self-sustaining, and self-propagating.

The main focus/ concern of Bishop Masika was to reach out to the lost (Luke 19:10). Bishop Masika, after many years of evangelising to bring as many people to the Lord as possible, observed that though many got born again, there was little change or none at all in their welfare. This necessitated a major mind-set change. Transformation should be all-encompassing, and not one-sided. It was evident that our calling is not only to save the lost through the blessed gospel, but to help our people receive restoration in every aspect, spiritually and physically.

The Mission stations soon after began to put into practice lessons learnt. The stations continue to trust God to give them direction on how much

more the success of Yatta and Tharaka Nithi can rightly inspire them to replicate the same in Mission stations and the surrounding environs.

In Olturot, they had already started harvesting some of vegetables from sample gardens with more planting of crops ongoing. Through the sample gardens, several women in the community have been trained. Collection of good farming soil from Nkololoi has started and use of animal manure to enrich the soil. The mission station has set in motion plans to partner with NGOs that have similar interests. We continue to trust God to explore more in agricultural sector.

Gororukesa managed to do different types of crops which included maize, beans, watermelons, sukuma wiki (Kales), and Irish potatoes. Plans were underway to take 10 champions for training in Yatta. The mission station has plans to drill a borehole for church between July and September in partnership with Compassion International. In addition, there are plans to install greenhouses in their newly acquired land for preparation and profitable farming.

Archer's Post began a small demonstration garden at the Mission Station. They have planted spinach, Sukuma Wiki (kales), Cabbage, Onions, pumpkin, water melon, chillies, Bell Peppers, Jute, cow peas, Coriander, Maize and beans among others in order to determine what best suit the climate. In addition, they have planted pawpaw, neem tree and mango seedlings. The vegetables have fed the missionaries and some members of the community for the past eight months. Eight of the neem seedlings

have been replanted along the station's fence to boost tree coverage. More than ten households have received seeds to replicate the same in the homesteads.

After the Retreat, the Missions Staff made visit to Yatta, where the Christian Impact Mission (CIM), a Faith Based development agency that has continuously sought to develop Models and Training tools for community Transformation with a special focus on building community resilience in the face of the challenges associated with Climate change and other disasters, especially among vulnerable communities hosted us. Using the Mind-set Change and Empowered Worldview approach, CIM primarily operates as an outreach to communities seeking to develop community transformation movements. C.I.M.'s core focus is

to empower individuals, families, and communities to discover and exploit God-given abilities and potential and engage them toward realizing human dignity and improved livelihoods for communities in Kenya, Africa and beyond using the Mind-set change and empowered Biblical Worldview approach. CIM has implemented a successful Community Transformation Program dubbed the Operation Mwolyo out (OMO) (Operation Relief-Aid Out) program in Yatta, Machakos County which has enabled the Community to overcome water & food insecurity and dependency syndrome.

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# UPDATES FROM THE MISSIONS STATIONS

## Kargi Mission Station

### Introduction

The Lord has been and is always so good! This is the first quarter 2023 report from CITAM Mission Church Kargi. By the grace of God, we began the year with 21 days of prayer and fasting having joined the rest of CITAM. The Cascades Staff Meeting in January was very beneficial as well. At the end of January and early February, we had mission staff retreat at CITAM Kadolta Resort. By God's grace some good work has been done by local leaders, including the great ministry extended by the teachers of the Mission of Hope International to CITAM Kargi for God's glory.

### Key Ministry Activities

#### Pulpit – Theme 2023: In His Presence

- Had topical sermons revolving around, "I am the vine, you are the branches."
- Held prayers & revival meetings.

### Children Ministry

- Had Sunday school classes to ensure that children are fed spiritually.

### Youth Ministry: Mentorship

- Material of Study: Focusing on Stories of Hope and Growing in Christ.

### Women Ministry (WM):

- We now have WM Bible Club which has helped this ministry to grow stronger

### Evangelism for Men's Ministry:

- More than 50 men were reached in Manyatta-evangelism initiative during the First Quarter.

### CONCLUSION

There are unique needs in Northern Kenya, and it suffices to outline them with a view to solicit for prayers.

- Need for food. We pray for God to provide a lasting solution to drought/ famine that ravages the North.
- Trusting God to do something new in the 2nd quarter.
- Medical and Veterinary Missional camp coming up later in the year (14th to 21st October 2023).
- Adoption Strategy going on well – Our Mission station is going on well with our Adopting Church

Assembly – CITAM Woodley and hoping to have the co-adopting assemblies brought on board as well.

- Sunday school classes urgently needed in our station.
- Security issues and cattle rustling in the region – a lasting solution needed.
- Raising Church Workers for effective ministry.
- Prayers for Missionaries and Missionary workers' health in general.

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### School ministry – PPI initiative

The schools we have reached out to through PPI program include;

- Kargi primary
- Gangeisa primary
- MOHI primary
- Hadaad primary



## **Apologetics Seminar**

We managed to conduct our first quarter apologetics seminar on 11th-12th March with 450- 500 junior youths for two days.

### **General Church Progress**

God is at work and has been gracious to us. Numbers have not been disappointing.

### **Olturot Mission Station**

#### **Prayer and Fasting**

We had an exposure moment with the church leaders at Heaven's Gate Prayer Mountain during the 21 days of prayer and fasting. The leaders came back amazed and are mobilizing the community to conquer the strongholds through prayer. A good percentage of our church members gathered in the sanctuary for prayer during the day and at night.

We have experienced the mighty presence of God as we continue to pray for revival every day in the church sanctuary. We have witnessed demon-oppressed persons running away literally from our services. One has been healed of mental challenge. The sick that we prayed with are healed. We had two ladies from one family suffering from what they called 'Tinandung'.

A witness of Holy Spirit baptism has been evident.

#### **Evangelism and Discipleship**

School ministry to Nyiro Boys: 11 boys gave their lives to Christ during the Sunday service. This was also a follow up of our teens' spiritual well-being in high school. Two crusades in two villages: Approximately 400 people heard the gospel during our crusade. We thank God for the addition in church attendance after the crusades.

Ministry to the shepherds' (Fora ministry) happened during the Easter holiday. We visited approximately 15 families and shared the gospel with them. All accepted the call to salvation.

#### **Church Construction.**

We thank God for an answered prayer - Church construction is already halfway. We have had contributions for construction as a church from the month of January. Regardless of the drought that hit the community for three years, we have so far raised approximately Ksh100, 000.

Members have given in terms of animals, money, and labour.

Construction of Pastor's house also halfway.

#### **Social Action**

As a church we are involved in rescue of girls who are forced into early marriage. Both. Two (2) girls we rescued by God's grace. had been married twice. The painful part is that one girl is 14 years old. They are both at Muli's family home in Machakos.

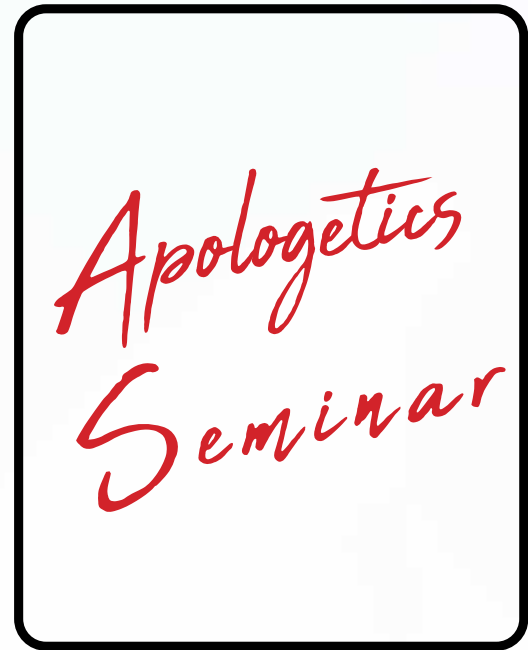
#### **Recommendations**

We thank God for our project's office listening to our pleas to construct a church structure we desired in Olturot.

Thanks to HOM for allowing us to have two major constructions happen simultaneously (church and Pastor's house construction).

We request for scholarship intervention for needy students who have cleared form four.

There is need to empower me (Pastor Terry) and Stanley in agri-business and mechanics.





# GORORUKESA

## Prayer and Fasting

The 2023 ministries at CITAM Missions Gororukesa church began with prayer and fasting during the month of January. We believe that the church belongs to Jesus Christ and therefore, we invite His grace, His strength and mighty power to work among us.

All our members were committed to prayer both in the church and on the mountain just to seek the face of God. We can testify that any breakthroughs we experienced so far can be as a result of inviting God into our ministries.

## Growth

The church has grown numerically, and the sanctuary is full to capacity. Our ministry engagements are successful this quarter and we thank God for His grace and favour.

Children's, Women's, and Men's ministries have picked up very well this year and they are indeed growing very well hitherto.

## Children Teachers' Training

One of the key ministries in our church is children's ministry. We ensure this ministry is well achieved through our ongoing project with compassion International and Sunday school programs.

We started the year by training our Sunday school teachers through Child evangelism fellowship in partnership with Food for the Hungry Kenya.

The training brought 32 Sunday school teachers and church leaders together and it was one of its kind.

Child evangelism fellowship equipped every teacher with effective tools and approaches in winning children to Christ and more so discipling them to know Christ.

The teachers were well equipped and as a result the number of children attending Sunday school has really grown. The team connected CITAM Gororukesa with the Samaritan's Purse's Christmas Child project and we recently received 225 gift boxes for our children.



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# Family Conference

Family (or FaCE) Ministry is one of our key pillars in Gororukesa. By God's grace, for three years now, youths in CITAM Missions Gororukesa have been doing church weddings and that has modelled our families in church since it has resulted to a well-established couples' fellowship.

Having strong established couples fellowship: This year (2023), from 2nd - 4th March, we had a well-organized family conference fully supported by missions' Head Office. The facilitators were missions head office team led by Rev. Elias Githuka, Rev. Stephen Makau, Rev. Joseph Ndung'u, and Pastor Nigel DeMello.

During family conference, many key areas that touch on Christian families were taught: Christian marriage as designed by God, Understanding marital roles, Understanding your spouse during stormy periods, Love and unity in marriage, forgiveness in marriage, overcoming infidelity in marriage and raising a godly generation. The facilitators addressed those areas of concern and gave the family time to respond and discuss in detail. Over 90 family members who

attended the conference were so much challenged since the facilitators shared deep secrets to family success.

The families were so much impacted with knowledge and truth of God's word on different matters. This gave the family unit a new face. The unshared areas of marriage within the culture, or the areas that are a taboo even to mention e.g., sex, infidelity, etc. were publicly addressed by the facilitators and it really challenged them since they used scriptures to share the truth with them. The family teaching went beyond the pulpit ministry and the truth is now being shared to others by those who attended the conference.

We need more family conferences. The family is asking to have another family conference before the year ends, and they all promised to bring their spouses. The existing couples' fellowships got strengthened and others were encouraged to join and help start family discipleship program. There is a need of a family retreat to strengthen family fellowships. Family representatives need exposure to Assemblies FACE ministry to enhance growth and transformation.







## MEDICAL CAMPS

We had a wonderful medical camps at Gororukesa church. The teams that engaged during the medical camp include MEDICS, EX-CANS /PASTORS from CITAM Nyeri, Media Team from Hope TV/FM and two missionaries.

We also had two missionaries helping us during the camp - Pastors Sebastian Muema and Victor Kedemi.

The teams were so lively and so committed to the task.

The reception by CEO Marsabit referral Hospital and the local dispensary was so good. The local dispensary partnered with us in areas of needs. The attendance reports of the patients was very high: The number of people treated for five days were 719 patients

Through Jesus film and one on one outreach, 232 gave their lives to Christ and out of this number, 46 were Muslims. The local church contribution has really improved: We had enough interpreters and cooks to help us alongside.

The mission had its challenges. The bus the team travelled with broke down between Merille and Laisamis and we had to travel from Marsabit to rescue them. Some key prevalent health cases e.g., Dental and eye problems were not attended to due to lack of key specialists dealing with the given cases. We had four referral cases but I can say the service at referral hospital is so wanting and the patients did not get good service.

We need good mobilization of doctors on time in reference to areas of needy health cases. We need to improvise ways of helping the patients with referral cases possibly by partnering with good hospitals outside Marsabit County. There was a proposal by CEO Marsabit referral Hospital that we can organize medical camps with them as CITAM so that they can provide medical personnel as we provide medicines and some few doctors.

### WASH Training

On ministry “teach to transform” training: This quarter we did training on Water and Sanitation Health (WASH). Considering the health and hygiene problem in the area, we tried ‘WASH’ training for some members of the community within our reach. We used practical approach using available resources and used containers to enhance the training.





## ARCHER'S POST

This year's CITAM Theme: **In His Presence**, drawn from John 15:4 translated 'Aboitere Ninye Tenebo,' in Samburu language, resonates well with our long-term desire for our church. We began the year with the exposition of the theme to create a sense of awareness and longing that this desire had to be both personal as much as it was a corporate undertaking to seek to be in the very presence of God.

On the evening of 31st December, we held a New Year's Eve Service as we celebrated the faithfulness of God in a difficult year for us as a church as well as the community we serve. The past year, had seen us lose a vital member of our congregation as part of 12 that died in a terrible post-election car accident.

The past year had also seen us go through the worst of a devastating drought situation that had resulted in losses of both grazing pastures and livestock resulting in intercommunity clashes over limited resources. As a result, there were also reported human deaths in some other parts of the county, but this had not directly affected us as a congregation and therefore we had reason to bless the Lord for his sustaining hand.

We also had a New Year's Day Worship Service as we shared together as a congregation in a meal together looking to the Lord to provide all we will need in the foregoing year.





## Hopes/Youth Camp

As we crossed over into the New Year and prepared for the reopening of Schools and the beginning of the School Academic Calendar, we hosted some 60 teens to a HOPES/ Youth Camp that involved Class 8 and High Schoolers from several Churches around Archer's Post. The Speakers dealt with topics such as Personal Hygiene, Media and Peer Pressure, Sexuality, Drugs-Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Academic Excellence and Career Choice, as well as contextual issues such as Female Genital Cut. The facilitators for the program were drawn from the Missionaries, Local Pastors and CITAM Meru Youth Workers. Forty teens dedicated or rededicated their lives to Christ during the one week event.

## Chronological Bible Storying Training

The Pastors and Children Ministry Workers have been going through Chronological Bible Storying Training. The training which was mainly hosted at the CITAM Mission Station in Archer's Post involved Pastors and Sundays School Teachers from several Churches and denominations in the area.

## Engagement with Class 8 Candidates

We began a formal engagement with all Class 8 candidates in

the congregation for purposes of prayer and support in preparation for the upcoming national exams later on in the year. We sought to find out who they are as well as their areas of needs. We also sought to know any among them who are from very needy backgrounds.

## Graduation of the Sunday School Class

We transitioned a number of Sunday school children in the next age group classes. At CITAM Missions Church, Archer's Post, we have 3 Sunday School Classes that cater for age groups between 0-14 Years of age. Tumaini Class holds ages 5 and below, Upendo Class consists of those 6-9 years while the Imani Class has 10-14 year olds but also the High Schoolers especially during the School holidays. We are trusting God for more workers to help us cater for growing number of Children attending our church.

## Jesus Film Pack Training

The Missions' staff also went through a training on the use of the Jesus Film Pack in outreach. The Department hopes to acquire these packs to enhance outreach in the Mission Stations. Teacher Justus Mwangangi gave a testimony of how he is using the Jesus Film Pack in his Community in Namoruputh, Turkana and provided a possible model that is self-sustaining.

## Community Economic Empowerment Projects

CITAM Social Action and Advocacy Department is in the process of implementing a Youth and Women Economic Empowerment Project in Archer's Post. The Project which involves value addition to dormant river sand-resource to produce concrete building and fencing products is in the initial stages of implementation. The project has faced a number of hurdles including land for the construction of the project site, electricity connectivity to the project site, the dependency syndrome among others. Grateful to God for the work put in by the Project Officer Robert Kibaki to address these challenges and rally the targeted beneficiaries towards achieving the set goals of the project. The beneficiaries are meeting twice a month and are saving regularly towards the purchase of the project site, fellowship, and encouragement.

The project beneficiaries have given themselves a site and sand for the project. Construction of the site office and workshop as well as delivery of moulds, equipment and training is expected next.

CITAM has two other economic empowerment projects that are ongoing in Archer's Post; the Women's Beadwork Project and the Young Mothers' Economic Empowerment Project.





# IN HIS PRESENCE

## **In His Presence**

We determined as a church that one of the ways we will 'abide in the vine' this year was through the Word of God richly dwelling in our hearts. And we have determined to sit together and hear and chew upon what the Scriptures are speaking to us. The current emphasis of our whole church studies is individual responsibility to community transformation as we look at various Bible Characters and how God used them in bringing about his agenda for his people

## **Young Ministers Interdenominational Fellowship Worship Experience.**

We hosted the Archer's Post Young Ministers Interdenominational Fellowship Worship Experience. The group comprises of music ministers from various churches in the area mainly made of College-going students. The event had over 200 people in attendance.

The group holds its fellowship at our church twice weekly.

We hosted a group of CITAM Meru Ex-Cans to a week of exposure to Missions as part of the culmination of the Bridge Program that has been taking place at the assemblies. The group was exposed to ministry in our context through talks, Manyatta visits, evangelism and interaction with the community to get a glimpse of its way of life. The Ex-Cans also took part in our Sunday Service. This is the second year running that CITAM Meru has sent the Ex-Cans on an exposure visit to Archer's Post.

## **Engaging New Grounds**

We began a semi-formal engagement with a community living about 10 kilometres from Archer's Post town on the possibility of granting us land for the setting up a school. The discussion which were facilitated by the Area Chief Henry Lenaiyasa, saw Pastor Victor Adika meet with Elders

from the area with the hopes to have at least 15 acres of land set aside for the development. The next step involves community participation in the coming weeks. The area has no school but is becoming a growing settle for those seeking to set beyond Archer's Post

## **Gororukesa Medical Camp**

CITAM Gororukesa Missions Church was the first to host a series of Medical cum Vet camps targeting communities around the CITAM Missions Station in the Northern Frontier. The camps not only provide medical and veterinary services to the community for free. But they also serve to be platforms for sharing the gospel particularly with those that are not of the faith.

Archer's Post provided logistical support to the Gororukesa Medical Camp by transporting the CITAM Nyeri Ex-Cans to give assistance to the Medics and transport around Marsabit during the week of the Camp.

**“Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.**





# LOIYANGALANI

## Loiyangalani

We praise God for the completion of the mission station's new church hall that had started to be built in December 2022.

The young people (teens) have been engaged in football not just as a game, but as part of outreach to their kind (Sports evangelism and discipleship). This began in March 2023 and is held on Saturdays after Bible club.

One physically challenged pupil who is in class six received a wheelchair from a CITAM member. We praise God for this kind gesture and for putting a smile on the face of this boy.

Nurse Keziah Nyaguthii from CITAM Nyeri gave her leave month to serve the people of Loiyangalani.

She served in the Loiyangalani health facility as well as missional outreach to the community both medically and spiritually. She left Loiyangalani on 13 January 2023.

Last year the fellowship of Loiyangalani Evangelical churches faced some differences that led to the collapse of the fellowship. CITAM Mission Loiyangalani has been hosting negotiations aimed at reconciliation, from early this year to God's glory. Reconciliation was achieved within February and the fellowship resumed.

One physically challenged pupil who is in class six received a wheelchair from a CITAM member to God's glory. Although the wheelchair did not have foot rest, which was delivered much later, he had really appreciated even then. This one has an advantage

over the one he had been using because it fits their small gate that leads into their compound.

Two members from Loiyangalani attended the Med-Vet missional luncheon held at Valley Road to appreciate all those that participated. This was a good exposure – they indeed met other members from other mission stations and volunteer medics who participated in the missional camps in 2022. They were awarded with a certificate of participation.

Philip Nang'iro from Elmolo was taken through an operation to correct his remaining functional eye. His vision has since improved. He has been using one of his eyes after he lost the other eye during his childhood. He greatly appreciates CITAM Missions for organizing for his treatment.





# INTERNATIONAL STATIONS

## Namibia

### Areas of Focus 2023

Based on the theme of CITAM for this year, the leadership has prayerfully identified 7 areas to focus on. #1 Prayer & Worship – Pursuing personal revival; #2 Discipleship – Developing fruitful disciples; #3 Outreach – Becoming more outward focused, intentional evangelism (Numerical Growth); #4 Fellowship & Care – Building stronger bonds and a sense of belonging; #5 Leadership Empowerment – Cultivating a CITAM DNA; #6 Children's Ministry – Establishing a well-coordinated Sunday School; #7 Finances – Progress in our goal toward breaking even.

### 21 Days Fasting and Prayer

We kicked off the year in unison with all other CITAM Assemblies by humbling ourselves before the Almighty in prayer. Due to the absence of a place of worship we conducted our prayers on-line. We could not have started the year on a better note given the commitment of our members in seeking the face of God and petitioning Him on various matters. The fasting and

prayer successfully culminated in an in-person Solemn Assembly at International University of Management Campus.

### Leadership Retreat

In the month of February, we hosted a leadership retreat entitled Sharpening your Axe for effective ministry engagement. We reminded the team of our 7 areas of focus for the year rallying our different ministries to hit the ground running. We looked at what it means to volunteer and how it looks like in a CITAM setup. One of our goals is to reverse the tendency of the few serving the many and have a larger percentage of the congregation participate in service. This time was also used to develop a stronger bond between our leaders to better our working relationships.

The family unit has been under tremendous attack. Hosting marriage seminars is one of the ways we seek to invest in families to help them become more resilient and fruitful members of God's kingdom. In the month of March we successfully conducted a marriage seminar entitled "Winning at Conflict – Fighting

your way to a better marriage" conducted by Pastors Simon and Ruth Clarence from PAOC. There was a great turnout, and the sessions were very practical and engaging. The seminars focused on how to resolve conflicts which any relationship can benefit from.

### Medical Camp

As part of our effort to become more outward focused this year we have envisaged to conduct a Medical Camp in the North-Western part of Namibia. Towards achieving this goal we have so far successfully set up a planning committee to spearhead this initiative. The first step as agreed upon was to compile a proposal defining our objectives, target population, venue and logistics, medical personnel and budget evaluation. We hosted Pastor Duba and Pastor Kedemi over a zoom call having more experience in conducting medical camps to help guide us in this regard. As a result we have so far successfully compiled a proposal that will guide us towards realizing our first ever medical camp among the least reached group, the Ovahimbas.





## ROMANIA

The theme of the year “In His Presence”, we perceived as a great challenge for our churches to remain in His presence as an essential condition for fruitfulness and spiritual health, but also as a great favour we have and an immense responsibility. He makes himself available to us. We started the year with 21 days of fasting and prayer together with the church in Kenya. We translated and adapted the reasons for prayer, and they were a great joy, blessing, and help for us.

Since the beginning of the year, Pastor Pica Mengher sought to have private meetings with almost every member of the church, and I listened to their hearts, desires, grievances, and struggles. At the same time, I tried to perceive what the Lord was showing me and what I should see.

I saw the great need for spiritual fathers—mentors—who are missing in the church and the lack of a healthy, orderly, and systematic growth of the foundations of faith. Growing up, they had no

spiritual mentors and no structured discipleship. Some unresolved past situations need to be resolved.

You cannot expect a harvest where you have not sown.

We went twice with the leaders to pray and align our hearts with what the Lord wants us to go through in the next stage of the church’s life. In the leadership team, I found a good atmosphere and a relationship that consolidated over time. There I also established the cycles of sermons to help us stay in His presence and be fruitful.

My arrival here I experienced a good welcome with a lot of love and respect. I will see how it will be when they do not agree with what I tell them.

CITAM Church Romania has 40 permanent participants in the Sunday service, of whom 3 are unbaptized. In a short time, we will complete the integration and discipleship system, including the materials we will study. Pray for us to make wise, clear, and good decisions for each member of the church.

# WORSHIP



## Worship

As a worship department, we serve every Sunday at the church service and every Friday at the prayer night meeting. We have been through challenges in the last few weeks; one member of the team (Manu) is absent due to health reasons, which makes the work quite difficult. The challenge is that we are few, and as a reason for prayer, we need people on the team.

We had an action on February 10, where we hosted a meeting of Kenyan students together with their colleagues. It was an evening of worship and evangelism where we, as the team, served.

## Media Ministry

The Media Department at CITAM Church Romania aims to promote every event within the church and on social media, produce online devotionals,

stream all services live online, and provide audio-video technical support for the worship team.

The Media Department has significantly improved the online streaming services of Sunday services, using FHD resolution to provide a better viewing experience for church members.

During the week before Easter, the department published daily articles on social networks, aiming to increase spirituality and the time spent in the presence of God. The photos taken by the Media Department of the CITAM Romania Church at church events offered a rich and diverse perspective on the community and its activities. The constant efforts of the Media Department of the CITAM Romania Church have brought significant benefits to the members of the church and to the local community as a whole.

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## TARGSORUL NOU- LILIANA CORNEAN

Weekly Wednesday- Educational programs, of biblical teachings with teaching prayer and craft

- HEALTH EDUCATION program Benefiting 120 people. It is a special program that runs

## HEALTH PROGRAM FOR BODY AND SOUL- 26 PEOPLE

- Special program NEVERALONE - Benefit - food for 567 people

Quarterly and aims to help with hygiene materials for 120 inmates who have lost contact with their families.

### Women Ministries

This is the second year that we have been running programs in collaboration with the Harul International Church in Bucharest. The meetings have a monthly frequency, they are addressed both to women in the Church and to non-Christian women. Meetings are held alternately in the two Churches.

Theme of the year: **WOMEN FROM THE GENEALOGY OF THE LORD JESUS.**

Within the department, we have 4 teachers, and the children are divided into 2 groups, for a total of 30 children attending Sunday school. In the first part of the year, we had a project called "Let us be His disciples", through which the children learned eight terms and principles related to salvation. At the end of the lessons, the children had a competition after which we could evaluate and confirm that they had learned the terms and the biblical verses correctly.

We currently have a project called "Sing! Shout! Jump up!" through which we want them to be able to learn how to worship in the presence of the Lord; the lessons are based on the first 6 Psalms.

As challenges, we face the lack of space specially designed for groups and the need for more servants.

### Social Ministries

Delivers cooked food to 54 poor people twice a week. He takes care of a family of Ukrainian orphans.

### Protocol Ministries

We tried to get to know each other better this term. We wanted to unite the team and define it better. We will try to establish the activities on a monthly calendar. We mainly dealt with the reception of people and money offerings. On Sundays, when we also serve the Lord's Supper, we work together with the staff to prepare dinner. We also had an important event, the Easter Table, in which we

collaborated with the staff in setting the table. Every Sunday we try to leave the upstairs room clean, where we still have coffee.

### Pastor Pică Mengher

Pastor Pica Mengher was away from 10th-28th March in Kenya, where he was enriched by the experiences he had in various contexts. He was impacted a lot.

"What was said to me, what did the Lord draw my attention to?" Pastor Pica asked himself. "These are thoughts that I will deepen and share with my colleagues."

**PRAYER:** Everything starts with prayer, but what kind of prayer? Personal prayer, together with the leaders and the congregational Prayer must be empowered, guided by the Holy Spirit.

### The prayer of the mind and heart—passion

A new mentality, strong faith, language, plans for growth, development- THE CHURCH WILL GROW, the gospel is too strong and too proven not to work. Let's build Unity. Between Leaders: know each other, share their lives, joys, burdens, and fears with each other, eat together, joke, e.t.c.

**WORSHIP:** begins and has God at the centre; it begins in force with the proclamation of who our God is, what He is doing, and words of encouragement from the Bible.

The pastor or the one who preaches with the worship leader and gives them the theme of the message. The worship team must be devoted to prayer.

**PREACHING:** It must be with anointing that brings healing, deliverance, discovery, gives direction, answers questions, and gives hope, according to Luke 4.18.

The messages are centred on God, not on man, on His omnipotence and His help, not on man's impotence and bankruptcy.

## EVANGELIZATION

Each member must be equipped, prepared, and encouraged to confess Christ and invite people to the church; it is everyone's calling.

The church also grows through work with children, events, vacations, and camps.

## INTEGRATION

How do we orchestrate their teaching? Since taking them over, the counsellors talk to them, then the fundamentals and membership classes.

## ADMINISTRATION

To do their job well and not have the spiritual part worry about the administrative part.

## POLICIES, STRUCTURES, AND ORGANIZATION

How the church works, how the departments work, how they report— clear operating structures

How can the church get involved in the affairs of the community?

We were visited by Rev. Elias Mwaura Githuka and Rev. Dr. Lawrence Oseje, and their visit to our country was a great blessing for the churches in Timisoara and CITAM Bucharest.

Thank You for the Trust, For the Help Given, And Also For the Future Collaborations That Will Lead to Growing Work in Bucharest and In Our Country.

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# RETREAT AT CITAM KADOLTA RESORT

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The Northern Kenya missionaries and the Missions office staff had a retreat at CITAM Kadolta Resort. The retreat was a great opportunity for learning and value-adding experience with colleagues. Besides many deliberations, the participants were trained on time management and planning.

“At the retreat, my wife and I (include Grace & Ambrose Bayo) learned a lot concerning time management,” one of the missionaries said. Time should be always kept, i.e., punctuality is invaluable in ministry and must never be taken for granted. Working with time, or timeliness is a godly thing. Where one has committed to appointments, etc. the time allocated to such should be respected.

The participants drew critical lessons on how to plan for their meetings. A meeting should have an agenda. It must have a beginning and an ending. Where applicable and necessary, consultation must be done as much as possible. After planning, execute and/ or delegate what can be done by others in your team.

The leader should have or should grow capacity to manage the different personalities who make up their team. It is important to engage in meetings by participating valuably. As a matter of courtesy where you are a part of a meeting, do the best to communicate through the chair. It is a good thing to summarize the key points or highlights of a meeting for a good record and reference.



## TIMOR LESTE (EAST TIMOR)

### More students in the Hostel

This year we received 8 new students. Two were already saved, two have since given their lives to Christ and we are trusting God for the salvation of the remaining four. Zaqeo (pronounced as Jakeo, is actually the biblical Zacchaeus) is a great testimony to us. He came as a desperate boy who had lost hope because the Devil had tormented him mercilessly. He had three demonic manifestations – one as a beautiful lady, a monkey, and the spirit of his grandfather. Each spirit had its demands and characteristic behaviour. Since he came over and gave his life to Christ, God has started a beautiful journey of his deliverance that is amazing. We also received a student from the furthest Island of Timor called Oecusi. We give glory to God.

Discipleship programs – We have been meeting every Tuesday and Friday for a Bible study. We have so far gone through an engaging study of the gospel of John and are currently doing Genesis. This provides an opportunity to reflect on the Sunday preaching and to ask all the questions.

Leadership preparation – We continue to identify gifts and to empower the locals for ministry and leadership. We have at least three new translators, service moderators and midweek prayer service leaders. More are involved in praise and worship. We are seeing growth in ministry participation across board. We also enrolled Nino & Jeje in a two-year diploma course in a local Bible Institute.

### Church & Project Land Search

For many years, CITAM TL has been seeking a suitable place for the growth and expansion of the ministry. We took over from where our predecessors left. The visit of the PB and HOM

provided us with clarity on what we needed to look out for. We are happy to report that by God's grace we have already acquired a lease land in Dili and we are in the process of purchasing the project land. Though it has been a rigorous process, we thank God for this provision.

### Prayer Points

- God's grace, favour and anointing upon us to stand against the demonic forces in this land. Some of our members come from families that have a lot of spiritual bondage – manifesting in demonic attacks and strange diseases.
- That God will bring a spiritual reformation that will change the spiritual atmosphere of this land by shaking Catholicism to the core.
- That God will connect us with the harvest as we move into our new place. Trusting God for Seekers and Searchers like Nicodemus and Cornelius. That we will be fruitful in this next-level-ministry.
- That God will superintend over the construction in our new leased land and the remaining process of acquiring the project land.
- That God will continue to give us favour and connect us with men & women that He has aligned to be destiny helpers of this ministry.





## Executive Summary

The first quarter of 2023 has begun with incredible grace in God's presence! The Church is growing numerically and spiritually. Members are experiencing a deeper relationship with Christ. We are expanding our local and national partnerships and impact in the community. We have been showered in love and support from our Mother Church. We are seeing increasing progress towards the 3-year goal of Vision 300. Our God is able!

## 2023 Theme: In His Presence

The theme of the year comes from John 15:5 where Jesus says, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you abide in Me, and I in you, you will bear much fruit. Apart from Me you can do nothing." This theme has been providential, and our members have really connected with God as we abide in His presence.

The life of the local church has exploded with favour - miracles are happening, the numbers are growing, relationships are

deepening, children are being born, people are coming to faith in Christ, media and online quality is improving in excellence, and much more! There is truly joy in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 16:11)!

We have felt the love and support of our Mother Church in Nairobi - from the theme to the new strategic plan, to the encouragement and prayers we receive as we church plant in the United States. In March we were blessed by a visit from Regional Overseer, Rev. Charles Obara, who brought an anointed word about the glory of God's Presence from Exodus 33. The Kingdom of God is expanding, and God is using CITAM as a conduit of His growth!

## Partnering For the Harvest

This year the assembly has a goal to partners with at least 12 ministries and like-minded organizations. At the close of the first quarter, we are well on our way to exceeding this goal!

We have been blessed with a number of powerful guest ministers during our Friday evening prayer services. Dr. Venessa Battle,

Pastor of New Gate International Church in Duluth, Georgia, and Founder of Venessa Battle Enterprises, preached powerfully on prayer, confession, and healing from James 5:16. Akie Hadeed, Founder of Streets of Prayer app and prayer movement, modelled for our congregation the power of persistent prayer, praise, and proclamation (Luke 18:1-8). Rev. Babu Guruvaiya, Senior Pastor of Calvary Lighthouse Church in Omaha, Nebraska, prophesied over the life and future of the Church. We have deepened our ties and unity in the Body of Christ nationwide!

McLeanBible Church, one of the most successful and missional churches in the DMV, assisted with Kids Church training and supplied a template for child safety policies and procedures. Additionally, we are exploring the opportunity of partnering with El Shaddai Messianic Congregation and a host of other churches for a summer youth camp. We anticipate the Lord's blessing as we continue to collaborate for the Kingdom's expansion (Ps. 133:3)!





# Vision 300

300 Church Homes in 3 Years  
Seeking Revival For USA



*"With the 300... I will save you"*  
Judges 7:7

## Vision 300

Vision 300 is our flagship focus that was launched in October 2021. The prophetic vision comes from Judges 7:7 to plant 300 church homes in 3 years in all 50 US states. These church homes commit to praying for revival daily, preaching the Gospel weekly, and regularly investing financially to the Church.

We are pleased to see the vision growing and building momentum! As of March 2023, we have 77 homes in over half (26) of the 50 states. This quarter alone we received new members from Oregon, Wisconsin, Arizona, Missouri, California, and Washington. The Lord is building His church! We trust God that this vision will be fulfilled and even exceeded by October 2024!

## Deeper In Prayer

The foundation of this ministry has been and always will be prayer. Connecting with God and abiding in the Presence of His Spirit is the only way to move forward. We take this ministry of prayer seriously and have put forth considerable effort to maintain it as the highest priority.

In January, we joined CITAM Global for 21 days of prayer and fasting. In February, we launched a six-week program called the School of Prayer on Sunday mornings before the worship service instructing church members on the six foundational keys to a vibrant prayer life. In March, we began a prayer chain that will take place during the first week of each month. We will continue to lift our prayers as incense to the Lord and fill His golden bowls in

heaven until the day the Son of Man returns (Rev. 5:8)!

## Worship Leaders Spring Retreat 4

The focus of the first quarter was to equip the saints to do the work of the ministry (Eph. 4:12). Our worship leaders went on a weekend retreat to refresh and consecrate themselves before the Lord. The theme of the retreat was Rest. Guest ministers and the pastoral team shared insights and messages, and special activities were planned to further equip our worship leaders to worship in spirit and truth (John 4:23-24).

## Anointed Next Generation

This quarter we have taken our Next Generation ministry to the next level. Our children and youth have been intentionally incorporated into all aspects of the church service. They are



now reading Scripture, singing worship songs, praying, conducting outreach events, serving on the media and sound teams, and reciting memory verses!

In February, the Kids Church made Valentine's Day cards for 80 seniors at an adult day care and shared Bible verses and messages of God's love. Many

of these seniors were from Iran. It was a powerful testimony of God's grace over our children!

We equipped our teachers and leaders during a Kids Church training meeting and held an Open Forum for all of our teenagers to gain better insight on how to minister to them.

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## LOVE IN QUARTER 2

Looking ahead to Quarter 2, we are focusing on love. We will be hosting a special training on Redemptive Compassion with ministry partner Love INC. We trust God that this church will experience more of God's love and effectively share His love with others in our community during this next quarter!

### HEAVEN'S GATE AND HELL'S FLAMES (HGHF)

We praise God for the successful and impactful ministry of the Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames (HGHF) ministry. Since the beginning of the year, the team has done 39 shows where 27,251 people were reached and 13,707 of them got saved. HGHF Team and leadership had a successful year 2022 that saw us end in December the same year with a cumulative total of 138,914 people reached.

This was after doing missions in various places in the country including an international one in Zambia. The team was able to cover Nairobi, Mombasa, Kericho, Meru, Embu, Machakos, Kajiado, Nyeri, Murang'a, and Thika among others.

The team began the year hopeful and full of aspirations including doing more than it did in the year of 2022 as we live out the 2023 theme; In His Presence. We are trusting God to do two international missions as well as boost our equipment for better experience in the HGHF shows.

In January of 2023, HGHF was not able to carry out any missions mainly due to the change of school calendar that saw some schools engage in exams and holidays. There was also the 21 days of prayer and fasting that was taken as a CITAM-wide program. The HGHF Season 5 team therefore was able to rest and reschedule most of the engagements to February 2023. This therefore called for a compensation in the month of February with two missions in a month. The missions were scheduled for Embu and Narok. Embu Mission saw 2,960 people reached and 668 of them gave their lives to Jesus. 6 shows were done in Embu included Embu College, All Saints, Cylet Market, Kirimari and Kangaru Markets.

After a short break, the team headed to Narok for the second Mission on the 13th to 21st February 2023. The team was able to stage shows at Maasai girls, Narok Boys, Ole Tipis Girls National School, Gospel Power Ministries and Tangi Mzee Street Show. The team had two locations in Narok to do the show and so they headed to Ooloolunga Full Gospel Church for the final two shows. At the end of the mission, the team had been able to reach 10,449 and 4,739 gave their lives to Jesus Christ. February therefore saw us reach 13, 409 and 5,407 gave their lives to Jesus Christ in Embu and Narok.

A HGHF Transition team was able to do two shows after season 5 graduated. This was done in March and they reached 2,000 people and 1,210 gave their lives to Jesus. This was before HGHF Season 6 were able to take up the reigns comfortably.

## HGHF SEASON 6:

Early in the year, Management spearheaded by HR office and HGHF Leadership began recruitment of HGHF Season 6 after the former Season 5 lot graduated. It was a competitive recruitment in which 20 young men and women were selected to serve God in the year 2023/2024. The Induction Training for HGHF Season 6 began on the 15th of March 2023 to 17th of March 2023. The next part of training involved rehearsals and the team did it from 21st to 24th of March 2023. The team is full of energy, ready to learn and are easy to work with.

Our first Mission began from 29th March to the 2nd of April 2023 in Kajiado area and HGHF 6 was able to reach 2,547 people and 1,865 of them gave their lives to Jesus Christ. The following schools were reached; Isinya Boys, Happy Land girls, Oololaiser and Rockfields Senior Boys' School.

Soon after the Kajiado missions, mainly around Kiserian and Ngong, the team was ready for Missions outside Nairobi. CITAM Meru had booked the Team for Easter and so travel plans were made for the same on the 9th of April 2023. This was after two more shows at PCEA Kinoo that saw us reach 350 people and 57 of them gave their lives to Jesus.

In Meru, the team was able to do 11 shows with some days managing to pull two shows in a day due to the great hunger for ministry that was experienced on the ground. The team was also able to do one on one and door to door ministry as well as a day show apart from Heaven's Gate Hell's Flames that was highly successful. At the end of the mission in Meru, a further 7,695 people were reached and 4,846 of them gave their lives to Jesus.

HGHF was able to minister at KMTC Meru, Kaaga Girls, Ikithii Girls, Meru National School, Meru University, Giaki Girls and Kianjahi as well as the Church itself. After a great time of ministry, one of the members welcomed the team for a time of refreshment at his Gym and Swimming pool for two days without cost. The team was able to enjoy this on the last two days before departure to Nairobi.

### **Kaaga Girls HGHF Mission.**

In May 2023, the team was able to minister at Deliverance Church Kasarani Zimmerman and Gataka place. 700 people were reached with the gospel and 187 people gave their lives in the two shows at Deliverance while 550 were reached with the gospel and 144 of them gave their lives to Jesus at Gataka place in Rongai. The Team will be ministering at AIC Nkaimurunya School as the last show in Nairobi before heading to Turkana on the 18th of May 2023. We are trusting God for a great harvest as we touch the area of Turkana. This will be a Mission with a difference as we plan to do tents.

## TRUCK EVANGELISM

We seek to mobilize CITAM congregants to be actively involved in personal, corporate and marketplace Evangelism. Looking at the impact of the evangelism truck, the truck was not acquired in vain. From January to end of April, 254,619 people had been reached and 3,160 of them got saved.

On 22nd January we were at CITAM Buru where we started the year on a high note, with a crusade dubbed Eastland's connect which saw a 9,600 people reached out with the gospel and 67 people got saved.

From 10th to 11th February 2023, we partnered with Kabiria Pastors' Fellowship where we held a training for their 130 leaders. This was a follow up to the crusades we did last year. They were greatly impacted and grateful.

On 19th February 2023 we had a successful evangelism training for 130 leaders in CITAM Kitengela in preparation for an upcoming missions-outreach. There was a wonderful interaction among participants and a great impact. Later from 11th to 12th March 2023 we had a missions-outreach there and its environs including Isinya. We reached 20160 people and 97 of them got saved. A similar training was held at CITAM Kangundo Road on 1st April where we trained the missions-outreach ministry team on evangelism using the school of evangelism curriculum. Many attendants were convicted on the need to go and evangelize. 103 trainees were trained in CITAM Woodley on 22nd April 2023.

In partnership with CITAM Thika Town, from 16th -19th February 2023 we had an impactful 4 days' outreach at Thika Town CBD and environs whereby we reached to people of all walks of life. CITAM Thika Town hosted us very warmly. 868 people received the Lord and 68,500 were reached.

1102 people got saved in Kericho during an outreach campaign from 21st to 27th February 2023. 102,700 people were reached when our team went to Litein, Kapsoit, and Kericho towns.

From 7th to 10th April the truck headed to Thika Road hosted by CITAM Thika Road for a 3 days' evangelism outreach. 626 people got saved out of the 26,500 people reached.

After that the trucked wheeled on 15th April to Githogoro slums



and surrounding areas for a peace sensitization outreach. The mission had been organized in partnership with Githogoro pastors' fellowship and the area chiefs. We thank God for great ministry because 8,750 were reached and 132 of them got saved.

From 27 to 30th April the truck was in Nyeri town for a missions' outreach organized by CITAM Nyeri. It was very impactful, and people came to

the knowledge of God. 268 people got saved and 17,900 people reached.

May God continue using the Truck and the team for his glory! We are grateful to God for the impact and souls that decided to follow him through our missions-outreach endeavours. May God bless CITAM Evangelism department for the wonderful harvest.

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# ASIAN OUTREACH

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The Asian Outreach Ministry at the CITAM Missions' Head office has 3 Major Objectives for 2023

### We call it "AGENDA E3"

**E1- Endear** African believers towards reaching the Asian Community for Christ.

**E2- Empower** African believers on how to share the gospel with Asians contextually, cross-culturally, relevantly and respectfully.

**E3- Engaging** African believers in continuous and ongoing Asian outreach activities.

### Endear

We partnered with Hope T.V. in the Asia Testify Segment. This is currently being aired every third Thursday of the Month. We have Recorded 5 Episodes and aired 4 so far.

### Engage

#### Asian Home Visitation

This is one of the fruits of the Asian Persuasion Training. We have 5 Asian "Houses of Peace" (Luke 10:5) that we visit every Saturday (rotationally).

We are trusting God to grow them into Asian House Churches organically.

### Engage

This Year we have grown the Tuesday Aga Khan Hospital Chaplaincy team from 5 to 20 spiritual care givers, and we minister to staff and patients alike. We have done auxiliary trainings on how to minister to Muslims and Hindus and walk the journey from hospital into their homes.

We have had countless gospel shares and 2 Asian souls came to faith and 2 Asian homes opened up for fellowship to the glory of God.

Pastor DeMello was invited to attend an Asian Business Breakfast in which the COO of Covalence (the biggest Business as Mission Enterprise in India), Mr. Narinder Ahluwalia spoke passionately about Kingdom Values for successful business.

He shared his testimony and the gospel, all the while eloquently talking business to the extent of winning the hearts of the crowd. Pastor DeMello has put him in touch with Rev. Jacob Kimathi to consider having him speak at the CITAM Business Forum 2023 in October.





## Empower

We have made two visits to CITAM Nakuru to pitch for the CITAM Nakuru Asian Persuasion Training.

- In our first meeting we were able to vision-cast with the pastoral team and build some Asian contacts.
- In our second meeting we were able to mobilize members of the Nakuru Pastors' Fellowship and members of CITAM Nakuru's evangelism team.
- We are trying to find a workable date for the long-awaited training.

## Beyond The Call

Pastor DeMello was also privileged to join Revs. Elias Githuka, Steve Makau, and Joseph to

Gororukesa in Marsabit to speak in a Marriage Enrichment Workshop. It was a wonderful time of strengthening and learning from the rest of the team who had years of experience in marriage. They had lots of laughs and spoke practically about the truths and values of Christian marriage from the Bible.

"I was also excited to help support Rev. Joseph and the team in planning for the Global Orphan Relief Workshop that was coming up on the Saturday 13th of May 2023," Pastor DeMello said. "It was indeed very successful to God's glory. We can only wait to see what God will do with those that attended the Workshop."

Please continue to pray that the Asian Community becomes a priority for the Gospel here in Kenya and beyond.







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