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News from ICM Kenya



As this year comes to an end, we are all reminded of God's leadership in our lives. At ICM we are very grateful to God for leading us through the year. It is our desire that we join God in all that He does so that in the end it is not about us but Him. We are indeed grateful for His provision to our Institution and to the student body at ATS. We are also very grateful to all our partners: Equip, Purpose Driven Ministries, Walk-thru-the-Bible, the Willow Creek Association, ICM USA, and all of the local Churches that sent and support students at ATS and all those who support and pray for ICM. Without your partnership, we would have not made it well this year. We bless God for all of you!

ICM/ ATS has great members of staff and I want to thank them all for their support and commitment to the mission of ICM. We have also been privileged this year to have a great student body at ATS and many participants in our CLI seminars.



In November we had a very successful Global Leadership Summit (GLS). For those who would like to mark their calendars early, GLS will be held at the Nairobi Pentecostal Church Valley on the 4th and 5th November **2011**. It is a once-a-year event that is meant to infuse you with leadership ideas from world class leaders. Please plan on attending.

In between GLS we have Million Leaders Mandate programs by Dr. John Maxwell which are held in March and September. We are glad to bring these and other seminars to your area of ministry. Contact our ICM offices and we will be glad to serve you by training and disciplining your leaders. It is our prayer that God will transform us leaders and use us as agents of transformation in our communities. We look

forward to 2011 the year of Transformation. On Behalf of the Board of Directors of ICM Kenya, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rev. Stephen Mairori

ICM Kenya Executive Director Rev. Stephen Mairori is married to Roselyne with son Seth and daughters Kathy and Gracie.

News from Africa Theological Seminary



In the last quarter of 2010 ATS has witnessed many blessings. It is my greatest joy to highlight a few of these blessings and achievements:

Accreditation: In September, ATS was granted Candidacy Status by the Accrediting Council for Theological Education in Africa (ACTEA). With this accreditation status, ATS now enters the final stage towards full accreditation which involves a comprehensive process of working on our institutional Self-Evaluation Report. The granting of this status followed a successful official August visit by ACTEA's administrative Officer, Dr. Stephanie Black.

Launching New ATS Foundational Course: In December 2010, ATS has officially launched its foundational Course, "Theology of Transformation." This inaugural lecture is being offered by Dr. Philip Walker, ATS Network Chancellor, and focuses on the 7 Laws of Transformation. This new course will be a mandatory course for all ATS' BA and postgraduate level students.

GLS 2010: On 4th and 5th November 2010, ICM/ATS staff and their spouses attended the Global Leadership Summit, GLS, held in Nairobi Pentecostal Church, Valley road. GLS is a ministry of Willow Creek Association of Bill Hybels (Chicago, USA) and GLS-Kenya is organized in partnership with ICM Kenya. Among other topics, this year's GLS featured enriching presentations including: Value-Focused Leadership; Holy Discontent that precedes a vision; Stewardship of Leadership; Priority of Pastor's Family in Ministry; and Combustible Passion. Our staff came from GLS 2010 enriched and revitalized.

New Faculty Member: In November, ATS welcomed a new faculty member, Rev. Philip Cheriro, who is the acting Dean of Counseling Department. Rev. Cheriro comes to us from Deliverance Church in Litein (Kericho), which he founded and is its outgoing Senior Pastor. He holds a Master of Arts in Counseling from Nairobi International School of Theology, NIST, and is currently enrolled in a doctoral program at Masinde Muliro University, Kenya.

We praise our ever-loving God for His continued showers of blessings upon ATS. Pray with us as we look forward to a new year 2011 with renewed hope of His abiding grace and blessings upon us.

Finally, from ATS family, we wish you and yours, blessed and enriching Christmas festivities and celebrations! May Jesus, the Christ, be born anew in your life!

Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Chemengich is the enthusiastic principal of Africa Theological Seminary, Kitale. Dr. Chemengich is married to Dorcas with daughter Subira and 2 twin boys, Wema and Baracka.

From ATS Student Rev. James Achola



I grew up in an African traditional society, my parents were not Christians. I was interested in Christianity because of friends who had Christian names. In 1978, I joined a neighborhood church thinking that getting a Christian name would help, but it didn't change me. In 1989, I went to Nairobi and I found Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. I got a name that truly has changed my life, Jesus is the name above all other names, He changed my life!

In 1994, I joined LIFE Ministry as a field trainer then later as office staff and in 1995 I married my wife Dorothy. LIFE Ministry is all about evangelism and discipleship. By the way, I am still part of LIFE ministry as a full time associate staff in charge of trainings (TOT and GCMT) . I am also the Senior Pastor of GRACE OUTREACH CHURCH in Mathare North in Nairobi. I planted the church with 9 adults in 2003, and by God's grace we have grown to 120 with two branches. I have been involved in Evangelism and Discipleship trainings which prepared me well for church planting. I believe that church growth should be the result of effective evangelism through discipleship.

In 2009, our church ventured into a church planting mission in Alego - Siaya Region. It is 600 km and 6 hours from Nairobi. Why Alego? It was chosen because one of our leaders come from there and he had a burden for his people. He shares his concern, "The burden to take the Gospel to my home has been prompted by the sympathetic spiritual condition of my people. The younger people die due to HIV/AIDS, alcohol and drug abuse, orphaned children are left under the care of their poor old grandparents." The area has few churches and is bound by African traditional religion.



We believe in taking the Gospel outside of our surrounding area. The mission cost 150,000 ksh, a lot of money for our church. We hired a van, hired a "Jesus" film projector, PA system, and trusted God to raise the funds, which He did! We took 30 of our church members for a 3 day mission in August 2009. I led the team and took my family because I wanted to show our members that missions is a high priority in our church.(in fact missions is the mission of the church. The Lord did miracles, people were healed, delivered from drunkenness and witchcraft, and many got saved. On the last day, we gathered under a tree and planted a new church with 30 adults and many children.

The missionaries from Nairobi returned back to the city, but we continued to follow up this young church as part of the discipleship process. The first month after the mission, we sent 2 people back to visit and train the church. They



brought a very encouraging report. The second month we also sent 2 people who went to ground the new Believers in their new faith in the word of God. Again, we received such good reports. By that time, the church had organized themselves and through prayer, chose Pastor Margaret Omollo from among themselves to be their leader.

Last December 2009, the church was 4 months old and we returned with another mission team of 8 people. Because of the changes in the lives of the new Believers, others from the area also received Christ. There was an active prayer team praying which God used to accomplish much.

The need for a church structure came up due to rain and harassment while they worshiped under a tree. A father who had seen his son's life transformed, gave a piece of land adjacent to the road for the church construction. He said, "My firstborn, my son was a drunkard, and after getting saved, he is completely different. If this is what God can do, I will give land for the church." He said this when he himself was not yet a Believer. We sat with the leaders of this new church and challenged them to raise 1/3 of the cost for the building. 4 months later, they had raised a big part of the funds and our Nairobi church raised funds as well.



This month, 23 –26 December 2010 we'll have the official launching of Grace Outreach Church Mur Malanga. The mission will cost KSH. 200,000 and we are planning to have more than 30 people to come from Nairobi. The Alego Mission Coordinator shares, "Thanks to God, after the 2009 mission, many people got saved, delivered and healed, my own family members included."

It's really exciting for a church to be involved in missions, it brings growth plus personal belief that God can use them. I would advise that you set aside funds for missions work. Missions should be an on-going part of every church of Jesus Christ. When missions is not the mission of the

church, then the church fails to fulfill her God-given role.

Rev. James Achola is a current ATS student and is married to Dorothy with 2 sons, Samuel & Caleb.

From the staff and families of ICM Kenya!



*"When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasurers and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."
(Matthew 2: 10-12)*

During this Christmas season, let us bring Him our best as we worship Jesus our King.

Merry Christmas to you and your family!

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