

ICM - ATS News

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News from ICM Kenya



Greetings in the Lord,

This year we celebrate 25 years of God's faithfulness to International Christian Ministries. 20 years ago, God used Dr. Phil Walker and Dr. Myron Goodwin to begin to meet a need by serving the Church through equipping and discipling her leaders in an in-service model.

ICM began small but over the years, it has grown. It started in Kenya and is now in over 10 countries on 3 continents!

During our graduation this Saturday, we will be celebrating God's faithfulness to ICM. We invite you to join us!

A group of over 25 church leaders are graduating. We thank God for all of you who have been praying and supporting them during their studies. These men and women have not only been studying, but they have been serving the Lord in their local churches because of our in-service approach.

We are grateful to be able to serve the Church as God leads us. Thank you for praying for us!

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



Three Key Activities around the ATS Graduation Event

As days turn into weeks, weeks turn into months, and months turn into years, the entire ATS community looks with enthusiasm to the day of celebrating the fruit of our labors at the annual graduation event. It takes anywhere between 2 to 5 years of learning for our students to graduate depending on their study program (Certificate, Diploma, BA) and whether or not they have transferred any credits from a previous accredited study program.

Allow me to highlight three key activities held before, during, and at the conclusion of our graduation that reflect what we at ATS would love to see in every graduand:

1. First, on the eve of graduation, ATS will host a **graduation banquet** for all graduands and their spouses. We will have a festive dinner together, sharing individual journeys and stories leading to graduation. ATS will thank their spouses for years of support and patience. This event will stress the importance of unity and support in marriage and family in establishing a strong foundation for effective Christian ministry.
2. Second, during the graduation ceremony, we will present a **towel** to each graduand. The towel symbolizes the servanthood principle which each ATS graduand is called to manifest in their ministries. This towel is a constant reminder for them to live and serve as Jesus did while He was here on earth.
3. Third, at the end of the graduation ceremony all graduands will be invited to join the **ATS Alumni Association**. This invitation will seal our life-long commitment to our graduands by linking them to ATS and fellow graduands for continuous mutual support, nourishment, and networking in ministry.

ATS hopes that these 3 key activities around graduation inspires our graduands to continued personal transformation into Christ-likeness as they invite family and friends to celebrate with them as they continually clothe on a servant heart, and join a network of ATS alumni for a working partnership in Christ's vineyard.

Pray with us here at ATS that through these planned graduation activities, each of our 2011 graduands may be all that God called has them to be!

By Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Chemengich

ATS Kenya Principal

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.

Special Feature: ATS Uganda Graduation

19 March was graduation day at ATS Uganda located in Tororo. Dr. David Omalla, the Principal of ATS Uganda, and his team worked hard to make this a wonderful event. This was ATS Uganda's 4th graduation. 8 graduated with degrees in Bible and Theology and of those, They were 7 men, and 1 lady.



5 men were awarded their Advanced Certificates and 1 earned his Diploma in Bible and Theology.

The campus was beautiful, the program efficient, and the food was delicious and ample for all.

Dr. Mick Antanaitis gave the convocation address. He's a pastor from Belmont Church, Tennessee (USA), and has been a friend of ICM for 21 years. He said, "This school has a special place in my heart. You are among the heroes of the faith in Uganda, Kenya, and Sudan. You may not be famous on earth, but you are quite well-known in Heaven."



He went on to add, "Though today you are receiving your hard earned awards, don't forget that it is the witness of your character, the way you serve the ill and those unable to help themselves. That's when the character of Jesus will be seen. And when the character of Jesus is seen, that is the most powerful thing on earth."

He challenged the graduands to "Go and be faithful to do what God has called you to. Stay on the road until you hear the Saviour say, 'Well done!'"

Below you see several BA graduands receiving their degrees. They are being congratulated by Dr. Omalla and Rev. Dr. Chemengich, principal of ATS Kenya.

Men, women, young and old study at ATS Uganda. If you are a Christian worker in Uganda and you need training

to be a sharper tool for the Master's use, consider enrolling at ATS Uganda.

Their doors are open for you! www.icm-uganda.org



(Several photos courtesy of Greg Snell)

Upcoming events

Graduations:

- * **This Saturday**, 26 March, come to the **ATS Kenya, Kitale Campus Graduation!** It will be held on the Kitale campus, Section Six, Waterworks Road. Ceremonies begin promptly at 10:00 AM.
- * **Saturday, 09 April** you're invited to attend the **ATS Kenya, Mt Elgon campus Graduation!** It will be held on the Kopsiro campus. Ceremonies begin at 10:00 AM.

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