

# THE *River*

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## OUR VISION

To become rivers of living waters flowing to the nations ( John 7:38 )

## OUR COVENANT

We believe we are God's church, a chosen people, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation, and a People belonging to God, (1 Peter 2:9). We believe that we are led by God's Holy Spirit to accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. After believing we are v in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; we make this covenant before God and all people, as one body of Christ.

# Our Faith

- a) We believe that the bible is God's own word to all people. It is the only authority for a Christian in his faith and action (II Tim. 3:16).
- b) We believe in God the father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit (Deut 6:4, 1John 5:7)
- c) We believe in the Holy Spirit. We believe that church members must be born again in faith through confession of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. This should happen before acceptance to church membership (II Cor. 5:17).
- d) We believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and that He is at the right hand side of God interceding for us believers (1 Cor 15:1-4, 15:19)
- e) We believe that the New Testament Christians were baptised before partaking of the Lord's Supper with other Christians. (Acts 2:41, 47).
- f) We believe that salvation is by grace through faith and not based on our works (Rom 5:1, 8:14-16, Eph 2:8-9)
- g) We believe that every Christian has spiritual gifts. These gifts are to equip the believer and to build up the body of Christ, the church (I Cor. 12:4-7: 4:11-13)
- h) We believe that each church member has a right to participate in the leadership, planning and conduct of the church. A Baptist church is governed by its members and is not under any group of people outside the church.
- i) We believe that any person is free to decide on religion without being forced by others.
- j) We believe that a church will govern itself but should work together with other churches as it is being directed by the Holy Spirit.
- k) We believe that marriage as was ordained by God is between one man and one woman (Gen 2:18-25)
- l) We believe little children should be brought to church to be taught the ways and word of God (Proverbs 22:6)
- m) We believe children are dedicated to the Lord but not baptised until they are of age and have made a decision to be saved by our Lord Jesus Christ (Matt. 19:14)
- n) We believe in total freedom of the church and separation between the church and the government.
- o) We believe in obeying the laws and authority of our nation.





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# WORD FROM THE CHURCH CHAIRMAN

By Francis M. Kamau



Dear Brethren,

I salute you all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. It is my great pleasure to walk you through the memory lane of KWBC for the last thirty years. I am privileged to have been around since 1986, as a young man, when I received the Lord in this very place. This is just four years after KWBC was born (it was then referred to as New Baptist Church-Kahawa West).

Three God fearing men led of the Holy Spirit and being visionary ventured in this area then and set up a small worship place. The late Stephen Kabutu, the late Mr Muchai and Mr Michael Mungai were the vision carriers. Since they set foot at Kahawa West in the early eighties, they did not look back and they continued preaching, through door to door, crusades (open air meetings), fellowships and the usual Sunday service.

The church grew from a handful of people (less than ten) to the current congregation of over a thousand worshippers every Sunday. In the first ten years they worked tirelessly to grow the numbers and have a place they can call home. They were able to acquire the current one hectare of land, built the original church (recently demolished to pave way for the current Tabernacle). In 1989, the then Missionary attached to this Church, the late Rev Jay Stewart took the initiative to train and ordain the first deacons of the Church.

## In and Out-reach

Our in-reach ministry include:- bible study,

master life, home cell fellowships, keshas, half day of prayer, revival meetings, camps and such other forums where the target population are the attendees.

Out-reach ministry include: - door to door, open air, school rallies, evangelism and other members in the Diaspora. It is through this ministry that kiamumbi Baptist church was born.

## Vision and Mission

The current vision of the church is based on John 7:38 "To become rivers of living waters flowing to the nations". It was engraved in our hearts between 1993-1995 when the church passed through the "desert" and stayed for 2 years without a pastor but there was growth in both numbers and understanding the word of God.

## Physical development

The church started 30 years ago on a rented classroom which could only accommodate not more than 30 people. In less than 10 years, the church had already acquired its own plot and built a sanctuary with a capacity of 400 worshippers in a single service.

Within no time, the church was full and we had to increase the services to 3 in order to accommodate the worshippers. Additional tent and chairs had to be placed outside the sanctuary in order to accommodate more worshippers. Due to increased number of worshippers the tabernacle project was conceived.

The tabernacle project was built in a record time of 1 year and it can accommodate 1000 worshippers in a service.

As the church continued doing the physical structures, Sunday school classes that had been built and only used on Sundays were converted to a school on weekdays, which marked the beginning of KBA School. As expected there were challenges at the formative stages but the school has fully grown with a population of 650 pupils.

Both the church and the school have provided direct employment opportunities for over 50 staff thus providing daily bread to over 200 family members.

## Governance Structure:

Church Council & Pastors and Deacons Board Meetings

The members, through the Annual General Meeting elect their representatives in the Church Council, which is the organ that makes decisions on behalf of the members. The Pastors and Deacons Board

is a member of the Council and attend to the day to day operations of the organization.

We are one of those churches where our departments manage the affairs at the department level and now with the revised constitution, the PDB has been empowered and active. The above two bodies meet every other month, alternating with each other. The pastors and Deacons meet every Thursday for review and planning sessions. These fora enable the Pastors, who are on the ground to update the Deacons and get support for the smooth operation of the entity.

## Birth of Departments

As a church, our strength lies on numbers, which are strengthened by departments. We have seen the departments take a lead role in advocating and spearheading projects, for both growth and The key departments include; Interphase, Ladies, Men, Chlears and

Ministries have been to some extent been mistaken for departments, but the are based more on service than gender. The ministries Worship team, Ushering, Sunday School, Christ By Nature (CBN), Benevolence, Evangelism, KBA School-The Education Ministry of the Church, Intercessory, Choir among others. Both departments and Ministries are not static and most of them are created out of necessity.

## The Future

In the master plan, the church and the school has an office block which is going to provide offices for the pastors, head of department, deacons, a prayer room, counselling rooms and all that goes with a modern office complex. There shall be a multi-purpose hall which will include a modern kitchen for the school. With these 2 main facilities at the current site, the infrastructure will have been completed.

With limited to expand at the site, we have acquired a 3 acre piece of land in Thika which will accommodate a new sanctuary and a school. The vision to have KBA Group of schools will start unfolding.

This also falls within the government's vision 2030 county strategy.

## Conclusion

Once again we thank all of you and others who have been part of this long walk. May the support they provided during the year become a blessing to them too. Let us walk this journey as a TEAM, as taught in one of the capacity building sessions during the leaders meeting: A team captivates, Trusts, Inspires and is disciplined: learns, plans and has feedback mechanism: Honesty, Respects, and Active, resulting to high achievements.



## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Rev. Henry Ngige

My Brothers & Sisters:

Church anniversaries are significant moments in the church's history. They commemorate years of proven leadership. They encourage good fellowship amongst the saints and they also encourage the brethren to seek more of Christ Jesus in their lives.

It has been such an honour for me to serve as pastor of this church for the past 6 years. I feel so blessed standing on the shoulders of all the great men who served as pastors of this church before me. Their pastoral leadership and sacrifices of service must have been founded upon the simple Biblical responsibility of each generation teaching the next generation how to praise the mighty acts of God.

As we gather today for worship and praise on the 30th Anniversary of our beloved Kahawa West Baptist Church, I am overjoyed with excitement and jubilation. Since 1982 when the church began as a Sunday school ministry, members of our Church Family have been preaching, teaching, sharing and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. With each passing year, our Church Family has been actively engaged in very passionate ways of teaching the supremacy of God in all things for the joy of all people through Jesus Christ.

**"MANY GENERATIONS  
CONTINUE TO PRAISE  
THY WORKS"  
PSALM 145:4**



Today we can celebrate a legacy based upon vibrant worship services, uncompromising preaching and teaching of the Word of God, zealous Youth ministry, and a sustained Sunday school ministry. Over the years, the ladies ministries of our church have made us very proud. Our sisters' presence during times of bereavements, visitation of the sick and needy, zonal and regional music festivals and their very effective mobilization in support of church projects, all these have left an indelible mark in KWBC ministries. We can celebrate the fact that our church has maintained an unbroken hunger and thirst for righteousness.

This is a very special day for our church family. We witness the realities of thirty years of dreams and celebrate the joys of these years of our fellowship together. As a church family, we gratefully look at what we nicknamed as 'Tabernacle Project' at the beginning of the year 2009, and which is nearing completion with the exterior painting. We offer our praises to the Almighty God who has blessed us with heavenly blessings that we have been able to build for Him this house.

As your pastor, I want to thank each of you for your many personal and willing

sacrifices of time, talent, tithes and offerings, to make this dream a reality. As we look at this sanctuary, I pray that we will always use it for worship, preaching, and teaching in the name of Jesus Christ. I plead with all to set apart ourselves for service, and to offer this sanctuary for the comfort of those who mourn, for the strength of those who are tempted, for the preserving of family values, for the building of character, for the giving of hope and courage to all, and for the restoration of all backsliders.

I want to believe that expanding the sanctuary from a sitting capacity of about 300 to a size of about a 1000, is an expression of faith without which it is impossible to please God – Hebrews 11:6. We have also by faith installed a very good projector and screen, a project that was graciously spearheaded by men of this church to whom I give an officer's salute. This has enhanced the quality of praise and worship to God's glory. I now desire that soon and very soon, we shall join our hands together and buy beautiful wooden pews to fill the empty gaps in the sanctuary, again believing that God will fill them with men and women worshipping Him in Spirit and in truth. May God continue to bless you and your families in all that you endeavour to do as "Many generations continue to praise God's works."

Ephesians 3:20 - Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, be glory now and ever more. Amen and Amen!



# A WORD FROM THE YOUTH PASTOR

By Daniel Kinuthia.



I joined Kahawa West Baptist Church in 1997 when my Dad became the Pastor, when I was in still high school. Upon completing secondary school education, I was appointed to serve in the youth committee in 2001 for seven years at the same time serving as a CBN leader. I joined the worship team then where I serve to date. In 2004 I joined Soul builders while in Bible School until 2008.

In 2008 November, I was honoured and humbled to be appointed as the youth pastor. Since then to now, I could not possibly explain the joy I have experienced in serving the church as a youth Pastor. Despite of it being more difficult as originally expected I continually thank God for the honour. I have worked with Sunday School children, teenagers (CBN), the youth (Intaphase) and Young adults (Chlears). I am also involved in Praise and Worship and evangelism.

One thing I have learned when working with teenagers and young people is to love,

love and love them more. I have met various kinds of young people. There are those who love God and want to grow passionately in the faith. On the other hand there are those who do not care about God and church or the various groups however these individual needed a safe and consistent presence in their lives. Through the years we have had many conversations and experiences of God together. As a result, I have become more passionate about serving the church grown young people helping them develop their relationship with Jesus but also to bridge the gap with the other young people from the community who have no connection with our faith.

Over the years, since I started working in the Youth and CBN ministry, the Lord has continually worked enabling many activities to develop. These activities include bringing up mentors to guide and train the younger individuals on basic life skills that will help them tackle the challenges of life. We are also involved in Set Free camps that happen annually. These camps are useful for teaching and training the teenagers more about the gospel and how to actively apply these in their daily lives.

The young individuals at Kahawa West Baptist are incredible, so gifted and talented. They continually make me a better youth worker and follower of Christ. They have always challenged me to know more, read more and learn more. This enables me to become better consequently serving them better and effectively.

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Youth work in Kahawa West Baptist Church has grown over time however there have been few challenges. Traditionally it was a challenge to connect, participate and assimilate into the church body. With time, with the help of the leaders, I have learnt to fuse the church and youth ministry together. It is pointless to do youth ministry in

isolation of the church. We are aimed at valuing the church and intentionally working with the church in order to make the youth fully devoted followers of Christ. This is only achieved by fitting these ministries to the larger vision and mission of the church body. The youth service, discipleship classes, mentorship classes, CBN service and holiday activities help in accomplishing this.

Another challenge with the young people is when the gospel becomes normal, comfortable and popular. Getting most of the young people to acknowledge they are screwed up and Jesus restores life is a really unique message that they will not hear anywhere else in their lives. The difficulty is in persuading them to understand why Jesus matters and that He is the only way. It is a problem but a good advantage. I think that is why the gospel right here now is very powerful and counter- cultural.

One thing am concerned about the youth is getting caught up in religious politics. We all need to understand that no other approval is needed other than the Bible. Aside from the youth, I have a passion in evangelism and worship. Through the years I have had the opportunity to do several missions around the country. These gave me opportunities to see lives touched through evangelism. However there is a transition between evangelism to discipleship. I am also enthusiastic in being part of the people spiritual progress and growth. It is important to educate new believers and help them understand this salvation.

Kahawa West Baptist Church Worship has grown over the years. Personally I have grown to understand and continually learn how to worship God through my experience in working as part of this team. Sometimes as worship leaders, we can be fake however; the base line is internalizing each song and getting to a place where we can say we are worshipping in truth and in spirit.

In this ministry and all my involvements, prayer has been an important tool. Without prayer this ministry can be swayed by what is enjoyable at the moment.

The Lord is doing wonders in our midst. We are still a growing youth ministry. My heart is here and I pray that God will allow me to be faithful in the years He intends me to stay, around Happy 30th Anniversary.





# WE CAME, WE SAW, AND WE STAYED.

By Debra Sasaka

I can tell you when it happened; it was the time that the youth were planning to go to Coast for a mission. That's when I knew that I had found home.

Kahawa West Baptist has been a lot of things to all those who have had the privilege of being a part of this church. First of all it's amazing to see the tapestry that God has woven to make this small part of the Catholic Church with the common denominator: our Lord Jesus Christ.

My experience has been like following the life of a river. There are times when

It has been packed with action flowing with so much force the beauty being that in the life of young person is perfectly fit for that. It then goes to the waterfall where God has given me opportunities

to serve, which has been an amazing experience the middle stage is when it all seemed quiet like the normal was happening but it really wasn't because God's work is really never over, until He calls us yonder.

## MY MEMORIES

I have been honoured to make some very good friends when I have been in this church. We have gone through the seemingly endless sadness of losing a loved one. Leslie says that he remembers how people turned out at his mom's burial and the unmistakable sound of the singing: We have stood together.

There are some who have been blessed to find love in KWBC. You see the beam across their faces when they find that they have been walking with the person they love all along: They find love.

We have been told that the October camps are legendary. We sit around camp fires all night, laughing till the break of dawn. Only, to do it again the next day... Why? Because we are getting

away. We found joy

How can I sign out without talking about youth week? When we really live out the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ & get to do have a fun Sunday where new youth faces are debuted at the pulpit, with their teammates cheering them on & looking lovely in matching colours: We find unity

I know that we are a part of the body of Christ whether at KWBC or elsewhere. God has called me to be in this fellowship from the time I found home till I have to move out. It has been home to me in every way & am glad with all that Jesus keeps doing through His church. Let us keep in Love 1 John 4:7 "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God."





# A PLACE I CAN CALL HOME

By Carol Khaoya.

Kahawa West Baptist Church has been my home for close to 20 years now and I am glad that God has given an opportunity to be of service to Him and His people in the youth ministry for the last 5 years.

Everything has its challenges and as the serving as a leader in the Intaphase department was no exception. I can say that I am glad that I was used of God to reach out to so many people and to be a part of this great community. I have learnt to love and to accept my fellow Christians with their faults. God has taught me what it means to be a leader- to sacrifice and to be an example to others. And most importantly it's through this ministry that I have forged friendships that I know will last for many years. Truly, KWBC has been a home for me. A place to be nurtured and to nurture, to teach and to be taught and most importantly a place where I can be used of God. Congratulation KWBC as you turn 30 years!!



# MY LIFE WAS TRANSFORMED THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF KWBC

By Pastor Isaac Macharia

I have said this before and will say it again and again, "It is one thing to serve the Lord and it is totally a different thing to serve the Lord with KNOWLEDGE". Every believer has a responsibility to "work out" their gifting in order to bear fruit for the kingdom of God. In respect to this it is critical to note that every believer has been called to a particular work for the Lord. Consequently, diligence and commitment are necessary to demonstrate good stewardship of the deposit God has poured into each believer. One of the highest forms of stewardship I believe is endeavouring to 'sharpen' that which God has entrusted us with in regards to our various callings. That is the step I remember taking in the year 2006 when I attended a short term bible school at Word of Life, Kabete. After completion of this certificate level training, I still felt a strong impression in my heart from the Lord to seek deeper and higher training because of the work He was calling me into. That is how I finally ended up at Pan Africa Christian University for my undergraduate Theological studies, just to demonstrate that I wanted to be a good steward of the preaching and teaching ministry God had laid in me. I recognized that I needed to be

trained.

Nothing spreads God's grace like the local church. It's God's way of spreading the gospel and the good works that come from the gospel. The Church in Nairobi and generally Kenya has grown and leaders desperately need and want training. In very many cases, Christians love Jesus and are committed to serve him, however their knowledge of Christ is very superficial because even their leaders themselves are not adequately trained. Leadership training has always been identified as a top priority for the Church. There is no doubt that God can use anyone who is obedient to Him, irrespective of their level of education. In fact, throughout history, He has used those who were educated like Daniel and Ezra, and those who were not like His very own disciples. The Lord's requirements for ministry comprise his specific call upon a believer and our obedient response. God's call will be accompanied by God's empowerment. Consequently, there are numerous circumstances in which untrained individuals are called to particular ministries, and these ministries may flourish and be successful. It is unwise, however, to make the exception the rule, by arguing that training as a general

principle is unnecessary. The anointing without sound training can lead to a narrow and unloving rejection of fellow believers who differ on minor doctrinal matters. More importantly, it can also lead to error in both doctrine and practice. On the other hand, the danger of training without the anointing is a stagnant intellectualism with a corresponding inability to bear genuine spiritual fruit. Let me in conclusion remind the Church of Christ that the mind of the Spirit was expressed in 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to show yourself approved to God, a workman who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth"(NIV). It is evident that only a thorough study of the Word could lodge within the mind that which the Spirit would later be able to bring to remembrance (John 14:26). Samuel's school of the prophets and Jesus' "three year school" for His twelve disciples should be highly regarded as ample examples and precedent for latter-day believers in regard to theological training. Take advantage of the various theological training programs that are now available and accessible in many institutions and demonstrate stewardship.

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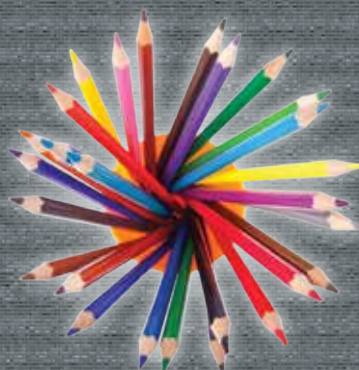
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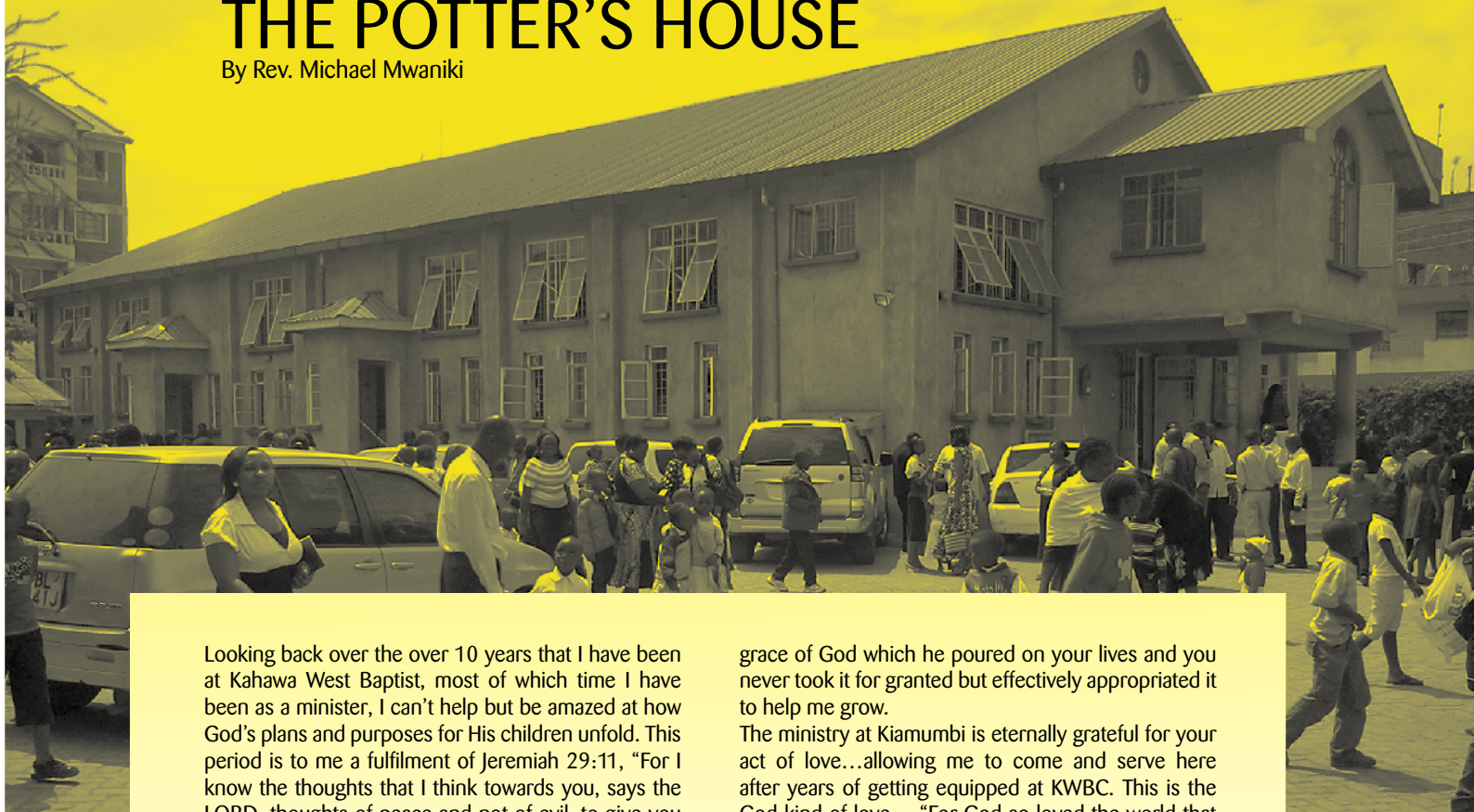
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# THE POTTER'S HOUSE

By Rev. Michael Mwaniki



Looking back over the over 10 years that I have been at Kahawa West Baptist, most of which time I have been as a minister, I can't help but be amazed at how God's plans and purposes for His children unfold. This period is to me a fulfilment of Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

But above being a time to see God's plan unfold, it has also been a time to grow; a time to be equipped for the task ahead. I can with confidence describe KWBC as "THE POTTER'S HOUSE"; a place where items are prepared to be used in regions beyond. And this would be a phrase many would use for KWBC. What a great work!

The transitions below have been to me a path that grows brighter and brighter, moving me closer and closer to the full realization and accomplishment of my life mission.

1. 2001-2003-Administrator/ Accountant, Worship Co-ordinator, Missions Co-ordinator and preacher
2. 2004-2005-Assistant Pastor, Missions Co-ordinator, Worship Co-ordinator, Youth/ Young Adults Co-ordinator
3. 2006-2008-Full time Pastor
4. 2009-2011-Pastor with special assignment to Kiamumbi Baptist Church
5. 2012-Present-Full deployment to Kiamumbi Baptist Church

These various capacities have worked to build me up, sharpen my skills and make clearer my calling in the LORD. Am eternally grateful!

But above all the opportunities, what has impacted upon my life most are the people we have worked together with during this period-the Deacons, Church council and the entire membership. I highly appreciate the leaders who took me an unskilled, timid and raw apprentice, saw the gift of God in me and chose to develop it. Am what I am, not necessarily because of the positions I have held, but for the people who have walked with me encouraging me, urging me on and correcting me in love...may God bless you.

I can confidently say that I am what I am today by the

grace of God which he poured on your lives and you never took it for granted but effectively appropriated it to help me grow.

The ministry at Kiamumbi is eternally grateful for your act of love...allowing me to come and serve here after years of getting equipped at KWBC. This is the God kind of love... "For God so loved the world that He gave..." (Jn.3:16). And it follows then that KWBC flows further and soars higher through Kiamumbi Baptist Church. There is a definite reward upon KWBC and you all just because YOU GAVE...

And therefore now being better equipped, I look back and am grateful to God for you. I pray for continued growth, that you may excel in every good thing, that you may continue identifying, developing and positioning God's servants in their areas of ministry. If that's all KWBC would exist for, then she has fulfilled her purpose in God...being a potter's house...!

And so brothers and sisters in the Lord like Paul I urge you:

"Quench not the Spirit, prove all things; hold fast that which is good...and the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God that your whole spirit and soul be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that called, who will also do it" (1Thess.5:19-24).

Keep the unity of the Spirit and purpose. May the work that has taken place and continues to take place (through KWBC) and especially Kiamumbi be a constant reminder that there is a special grace amongst you to pick up and rebuild what has been destroyed.

May this guide the evangelistic ministry of KWBC-the call to not only establish new churches, but- to REVITALIZE those that have lost passion and purpose and turn them into vibrant, passionate and purposeful congregations like has happened at Kiamumbi.

On behalf of the leadership and entire congregation of Kiamumbi Baptist Church, I wish you a blessed 30th Anniversary. There is more for all of us to do together. He who called "...is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To Him be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever more, Amen" [Jude 24-25]

# THE TIME TO WORSHIP IS NOW

By Deacon James Muhu



This is a great Occasion to Kahawa West Baptist Church in celebrating 30 years since the church was planted. I wish to Praise God for the achievements the church has experienced over the years especially In discipleship, bible study, intercessory, women and men ministries, youth, Sunday school, evangelism etc.

The Praise and Worship team too has grown tremendously over the years. This being one of the devil's nightmare ministries, discipline has been maintained in the team. Commitment to practice and prayer and fasting has enabled the team to give quality service.

The Church is lead to the highest place through singing and thus enjoys the presence of God during worship services. Learning of new inspirational songs nourishes the soul. This has encouraged the church to long for worship session during worship services. Special Sundays like Cultural and Praise and Worship usually are awesome. This is one of those days one feels like not leaving the sanctuary and wants to camp in Church because of the experience and the

presence of God.

God inhabits the Praise of His children [Psalms 22:3] Give God praise and He will surely reveal Himself to you. Lift up Praise to Him from the heart and you will experience a fall of His presence mighty rushing wind. The time to worship God in spirit and truth is now. [Jon 4:23]. Worshipping God in spirit means worshipping with a revelation. In truth means being truthful to yourself first then you will be truthful to God.

To Kahawa West Baptist Church thanks to God NURTURING many and congratulations on turning 30 years! God Bless You.

Deacon James Muhu





# THE WORSHIP MINISTRY

By Francis N. Mwangi

Worship is a subject that remains an enigma to many believers and unbelievers alike. Many conceptions of what worship is exist mainly as a result of mislack. That is not how the Lord God intended to be, and it's no wonder then He sent His only begotten son, to be born of a woman, that He (Jesus) would paint for us clearly what God intended His worship to be.

Remember there at the well, the place where many would come and draw water to quench their thirst. It is at this place incidentally that Jesus chose to make known to the Samaritan Woman what TRUE SPIRITUAL WORSHIP OUGHT TO BE. Once transaction puts it this way, "For it is not where we worship that counts, but now we worship – is our worship spiritual and real? Do

we have the Holy Spirit's help?

For God is spirit and we must have His help to worship as we should," John 4:23-24 TLB.

It is to this end that the worship team at K.W.B.C exists. We are committed to helping God's people experience His presence through spiritual songs of praise and worship (Eph. 5:19-20), in order that they may grow to know, to love and serve Him Jesus Christ our Lord. Our goal has and always remains to lift Jesus and to make Him known through worship. To this end, we give ourselves to creating an environment for God to manifest Himself (His presence). We endeavour to provide an environment for God's people to nurture and express their love for God as they celebrate God's presence in corporate worship. We help, and this by God's Spirit, God's people establish worship as a lifestyle. This is achieved through involvement in departmental and home-cell fellowships. The framework of governance at K.W.B.C has eased the work of the worship team as it places us directly under the pastoral office, where the primary role is teaching doctrine and biblical truths. This somewhat determines the role and place of the ministry. It would thus be true to say that the mandate of the worship team ministry isn't only to lead people in worshipping God but also facilitate in teaching of doctrine to the congregation through the words put before them in song.

The ministry has seen great evolution to where we stand presently. We have had to sit and take a long hard look at what the Lord – our ultimate lead, would have us do, what the church has mandated us to do and how well we are playing this role. In so doing we have managed to remain focused on the true calling and helped us make adjustments where we found we had missed the mark or were lagging behind.

With the help and guidance of our pastors, Pst. H. Ngige and Pst. D. Kinuthia, we have come up with a thematic approach to worship where we line up the ministration of the day to that particular Sunday's theme/focus. This means that our song selection or choice of songs, scripture passages, and any statements made during the sessions, are geared towards pointing people to a particular direction. This makes it easy for the church to move together and also creates harmony and a flow from the start of the service to the end.

## TEAM'S COMPOSITION

The team pupils its members from departments that form K.W.B.C. family namely: - men, women, youth and the young adults. Rarely will you find us picking/recruiting members directly from the congregation. This is for obvious reasons, one of them being that to qualify to serve with K.W.B.C. worship team one has to have been first and foremost born again, a church member and by default belonging to a home cell/department. This most of the time isn't the case with many congregates.

God has blessed us with 28 volunteers: 1 keyboardist, 25 vocalists and 2 technical support guys. We are trusting God for more committed and gifted instrumentalists who will go on to form the band.

## THE FUTURE

In the last three years, the major goal for the leadership of the worship has been to bring together a cohesive team and lay a foundation for growth of the ministry. This we can proudly say we have managed to do by God's grace.

The 1st Phase was rebuilding and construction phase. No the next phase, the revival and instruction phase, will be to groom up the next generation worship leaders. As we do so, hopefully we will also raise the standards of worship of K.W.B.C. Phase II has slowly been rolled out but not fully. Our desire is that the entire K.W.B.C. family would adopt right attitudes towards worship, ultimately making worship a lifestyle. This is not an easy task we must admit but all of us working together, allowing the Spirit of God to work and direct us, I believe it's an achievable goal.

We hope to have a recording out in the course of this time: have a compilation of songs done in addition to the live recordings of our worship services. We hope also to publish our very own "songbook" one that will come in handy for individual worship.

Lastly, it is our prayer that God would make K.W.B.C. worship team a beacon when it comes to the area of worship. In this regard, we hope and pray that God will enable us set up our own "school of ministry" or "school of worship" where we can nurture and raise other worship teams in not legions of worshippers.









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# THE STORY OF KBA SCHOOL.

Dr Moses Mwangi



KBA School started in 1991 initially to offer nursery education to the Sunday school children who were increasing rapidly as the church roots began to hold strong. The church council then acknowledged a number of factors and decided to address them so as to serve its members as follows;

1. With the growing population in Nairobi without attendant increase in opportunities for nursery and primary school places, parents would at times wake up at 3 am and make long lines at Muthaiga, Kahawa or other nursery schools that would eventually guarantee a place in the perceived good primary schools accessible to Kahawa west estate residents. Some would eventually get disappointed and sometimes wait for the following year to secure a place for their children.
2. The church had constructed a Sunday school block which was idle during week days. The council felt that this facility could be better utilized to offer formal school during the week days and still be available to teach Sunday school. This was considered complementary services that would add value to the church community while at the same time enabling the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.

KBA School was therefore borne out of

necessity and thus offered nursery education for a number of years until about 1997 when the school expanded to offer primary education driven by the need to sustain high education standards. After a number of years running as a nursery, parents began to put pressure on the church council to consider a primary school as they felt that the pupils who were then proceeding to city council schools in standard 1 were finding the standards low at these council schools. The founding chairman of the school, the late Stephen Ndungu Kabutu convinced the church council to take the risk and there began the KBA dream.

**KBA School Vision**

To provide quality education grounded on Christian values to impact God's Kingdom.

**KBA Mission**

To provide an enabling environment for learners to know and experience God as they acquire quality formal education, guided by highly empowered God fearing staff.

**Foundational Pillars**

KBA School aims to be the Best Christian School in Kenya.

Being the best means;

1. Attracting and retaining staff that performs at the highest level possible.
2. Attracting and retaining pupils with capacity to achieve high academic grades.
3. Providing an enabling environment for stakeholders to contribute and realize their God given potential.
4. Developing the character of learners and staff by ingraining in them sound Christian values and virtues.
5. Achieving and sustaining top 50 position in National Examination results.

To achieve these goals and aspirations, the school is guided by pillars under the code name PACEP-F which means:

**Pupils Enrolment**

This pillar is measured by the number of

pupils per class. The objective is to have an optimum of about 30 pupils per class. The school is currently double stream from Pre-school to Std 8, thus maximum population of 660 pupils. In each section of the school, the Board measures and monitors progress on the number of pupils enrolled and retained. Any transfers must be explained and justified.

**Academic Excellence**

Performance in academic is measured against set targets at each level and bench marked with the best in the zone, province and National. Since the first KCPE cohort of 2005, the school's performance has been remarkable as measured using mean score, lowest and highest mark bench marked with the performance of Nairobi county and national level. In 2005, the top mark was 381 and mean score of 325 marks out of 500. In 2011, the top mark was 420, mean score of 372 and the school was ranked number 6 in Nairobi county and around position 81 in Kenya. Other classes have also done very well in Kasarani/Embakasi district cluster exams, quizzes and other such measures.

**Christian Ethics and Values**

Pupils and staff are expected to have daily, weekly, monthly and termly spiritual programs that ensure that they form and develop sound Christian character and values that live in them beyond their school life and thus impact society. As a ministry of KWBC this pillar is key to the school and must always remain on the dash board as the school grows and expand.

**Empowerment**

The board and management make deliberate effort to empower stakeholders appropriately. The pupils are trained to be bold and effective in their communication and other aspects of their character development. Co-curricular activities that empower learners, such as sports, drama, music, scouts and so on are part of the school program. Staff and



especially so teachers are encouraged to have continuous learning to improve their role as partners in the education and upbringing of the children, Physical Facilities Improvement and Aesthetics.

Deliberate effort is made to expand, improve and modernize physical facilities as well as the environment. Every so often, goals are set regarding what projects to invest in, so as to provide an enabling environment for the achievement of the desired goals. Towards this end, the School has so far completed one tuition block housing the primary school section and is about to embark on the second block which will house a hall, offices, library and additional class rooms. Once the second block is completed hopefully by the end of 2014, it will be time to expand beyond the current location. The board recently acquired a 3 acre plot in Thika where we plan to build a Church, a primary and high school thus pursuing the dream of KBA group of schools. In addition, the School currently owns two 29 seater Isuzu buses which ferry pupils daily, to and from home as well as for learning trips, church missions and community activities.

#### Financial stability

The school must pay for its programs and projects and have surplus for investment in pursuit of its dream of KBA group of Schools. Efforts are being made to manage resources, ensuring that fees is collected on a timely manner and accurate financial information is kept and disseminated to relevant stakeholders in a timely and usable manner. Towards this end, the School has invested in a financial management system and qualified accounting staff.

In conclusion, the KBA school story continues to unfold. It is important to note that KBA is a ministry of Kahawa west Baptist church and every effort must be made to nurture and sustain a healthy relationship between the two institutions. As evident during the regularly held KBA Sundays where the school community gets an opportunity to run Church services, this relationship brings together the largest single congregation at the church and enables us to reach the Kahawa west community for Christ. It is my prayer and that of KBA School board that the Church community would continue to see value in investing and supporting the school to play its role in expanding God's kingdom.

Long live KBA School, long live KWBC.



## EVOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN & TEENS' MINISTRY

By Lydia Ntung'u

### Foundation

The Sunday school of Kahawa west Baptist church was started in 1988 by Lydia Ntung'u and Jane Mwangi. This was as a result of realizing that the children too have a spiritual need that could not be effectively addressed by the Sunday services for the adults. The following year 1989 I was appointed as the Sunday School Director a position I held for 10 years. During this time space to have the Sunday school was a major challenge for the only rented building is where the service was held. Efforts to make the children have their service early and the adults later did not succeed since most parents understandably were uncomfortable to release their kids and preferred to come with them. The first Sunday school classes were therefore held under a tree with about 10 to 15 children attending.

A lot of focus was given to this ministry and later we were joined by Mrs. Laura Stewart

wife to Jay Stewart. She introduced the use of Baptist material and colorings which was very well embraced by the children. Within a period of three years the ministry has grown to more than one hundred children and the new church has been completed. The children started using the old church for Sunday and later three Sunday school classes were constructed.

### Growth

Several factors significantly contributed to the growth of this ministry.

- Dedicated teachers who consistently taught from year to year without a break. This means they knew their children well and the children identified with them creating a strong bond. This relation was extended to the children's family when the teachers rolled out a program of visiting the children at home. This made several families who only used to drop the kids to church to actually join the church. The Sunday school department was very instrumental to the growth of the church
- Well laid out Sunday school program with materials and interesting activities such as colorings, singing and presenting in church, drama etc.
- A motivation and reward system for Sunday school attendance, participation etc. Each year we used to reward children who had not missed a single service and we also used to have a children Christmas party.
- Division of classes into ages which made it easier to effectively communicate
- Regular outings

### Challenges

- Space was always a constant and frustrating challenge until the KBA school was founded and more space became available
- As the department grew getting very dedicated staff willing to teach all year round and who view Sunday school as an important church ministry was not easy.
- Acquiring teaching material and funding the department
- Training to teachers as more people joined the department become inevitable and it was expensive

### Development

Because of the close contact between the teachers and the children it later became evident that children were attaining the age of twelve and disappearing from church until about when they are 16/17 years when they join the youth and; even then some only came to the youth meetings and not to the church. A research was done by the Sunday school department. It emerged that the children felt they were no-longer children hence they could not come to

Sunday school any more while they felt too small for the “big Church”. On identifying the need it was felt there was a need to create a teens’ service which would bridge this gap and hence in 1996 the teens’ service was formed under the name CBN (Christ by Nature).

#### CBN (Christ by nature) Ministry

CBN first operated under the Sunday school department but later grew to be recognized as a department on its own registering over 200 children. I become the first director of the ministry. Because of the tremendous growth and constant teens’ challenges it was felt that there was more need for closer contact since majority to the children were in boarding high school and were only home for a short period of time. To be more effective, besides the Sunday service two more weekdays were set aside when they could come to church for more activities. Juice and biscuits were provided and interesting activities. This made even more children whose parents were not members of the church to join and it become apparent that there was need to have a full time worker taking care of this programme. This is how a youth worker position developed with Ezekiel becoming the first youth worker. This position later become known as youth pastor. CBN ministry is a success story and in the year 2000 we held the first youth camp in conjunction with the youth department and we registered over 100 children. This is now a yearly event.

#### Soul Builders Ministry

As a result of our close contact with the children we started being invited in the schools where they were boarding. Several Sunday services saw us invited for a weekend challenge. In the course of the preparations we encountered some resistance since the school we were to visit was sponsored by a different denomination. To overcome this challenge we decided to use a name that was unifying with no denomination inclination and in the year 2000 Soul Builders Ministry was born and I, Lydia Ndungu, Jane Mwangi and Michael Mwaniki become it’s first directors. Our mission theme is in Ephesians 2: 20. “For we are co-workers building on the foundation of Jesus Christ”. Our first mission was in Bishop Mahia-ini Boarding school which was a great success. This made us receive and undertake other weekend challenges in the same school continually for 10 years. Other schools got to hear of it and invitations for Sunday service, day seminars and weekend challenge were overwhelming and we could not attend to all. Some of the schools where we visited in the years include., Bishop Mahia-ini primary and secondary school, Nginda girls, Githunguri girls, Ruchu Girls, Kiaguthu boys. Kangema boys, Multiple academy- Nakuru, Makuyu Girls, Kaharo Secondary, and St Francis girls- Mangu among others.

My greatest moments which I will forever cherish was to see children receive Christ and in a child like manner live the faith and become mature while Christ in still the centre of their lives.

By Lydia Ndung’u

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY

By Florence Kibunja



Children’s ministry is a Ministry to associate with. This is the future church of KWBC.

This is a place where you practice what Jesus talked about when he said that the kingdom of heaven will be for those who will be like little children.

As a Sunday School teacher for about 7 yrs now, I have learned that I need to be taught so that I can also teach others.

Serving the children ministry will make you grow spiritually in that you borrow the character of children in you. Personally it has taught to: -

Trust God fully, to humble myself, to be honest, to have faith, to learn to follow, to listen, to shepherd (guide), love fully (without discrimination) just as little children do.

As a leader I have also learned to listen and not count myself all knowing, to seek other people’s opinion, and also to work as a team with the other teachers and understand them as I employ the above virtues. Even when I feel hurt by words from other people it takes a very short time and I forgive and move on. Something I could not do before.

Also read the word of God more as I prepare teach children - the word of God tells me that teachers will receive stricter judgment, so I have learned to tell the bible truth to children.

If you want to grow spiritually, this is the place to serve in receive the love that I and all the teachers have received from God and from these dear children.





# THE CHURCH CHOIR

By Leah Ngige

The Kahawa West Baptist church choir was founded in the mid 1980s by Alfred Ogao(Doki) who was the trainer and at the same time the choir leader. There was about 18 choir members. Mr. Ogao left Kahawa west Baptist Church in 1993. Mrs Phanice Omwenga who was a choir member by then became the choir succeeded him and remained in this capacity until when she went to be with the Lord on March 13, 2008. Leah Ngige who was then her deputy took over the leadership of the choir to date. Fred Jienda is a professional music trainer and started training the choir officially in September this year. This year the choir has grown tremendously and currently has 32 choristers as follows:-

- .....
- Soprano:-12
- .....
- Alto:-10
- .....
- Tenor:-5
- .....
- Bass:-5
- .....

**MISSION**

Minister and give witness to the saving grace of Jesus Christ through music as we promote and encourage fellowship, spiritual growth and development among the choir members.

**REHEARSALS**

The choir meets every Saturday in the church sanctuary from 4.00pm to 6.00pm for rehearsals. We usually add extra rehearsal time as agreeable with the members especially when preparing for special occasions like weddings, Easter carols, Christmas carols etc. The choir serves both in the second and the third services.

**GOALS/OBJECTIVES**

- To minister regularly through music in the worship services
- To Spread the Gospel through music
- To motivate and inspire Christians through music
- To appreciate God's unique gift to each choir member
- To help the choristers identify and improve individual strengths and weaknesses
- To ensure spiritual growth of members by attending bible studies and discipleship classes
- To prepare and nurture future church leaders
- To present special music in special seasons like Easter and Christmas and in other occasions like weddings
- To prepare the hearts of the congregation for the preaching of the word of God
- To support the Church vision, mission and all its policies and activities.

We organize various activities every year to meet the above objectives.

ACTIVITY	PURPOSE
Carolling, concert, visitations, missions	Witness/Service
Annual retreat, fellowships, prayer breakfast, Keshu, birthday celebration	Fellowship
Discipleship classes, Bible study	Spiritual growth

# PASTORING THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

By Rev. Joe Michael Kamau



It was in 1997 when I joined Kahawa West Baptist Church as its Pastor after meeting Dr. Moses Mwangi while at Parklands Baptist Church. For several Sundays I did come to for preaching assignments and finally I was interviewed to the position of being the Pastor. I was taken and held that position for about seven years.

During my time as the Pastor I knew one thing, for any Pastor to excel in his/her work one has to be a person of prayer. My work must be born in prayer, preceded by prayer and accompanied by prayer. I therefore developed a quiet and secret prayer life. That is where my energy and vision has been coming from.

After assuming the position of being the Pastor of the Church, I started visiting people in their homes who were members of the Church but they were not attending services on Sundays, due to church divisions which had taken place. This was when the late Pastor Peter Kimani took some people and started a church within Kahawa West which was

called Neno Baptist Church.

The church was able to continue growing both in number and in faith. This was not my effort alone, it was a combined effort of the Pastoral office and the entire

-The Sunday School has continued to grow and it should be viewed as a strong pillar of the church. Those who were in Sunday school around 1997 are now leaders in various departments.

-Christ By Nature (CBN) group has always been a group between the Sunday school and the Youth. It is a good department to grow up



the young people before they become Youth.

-The Youth and Young Adults are very vital in the church. They do a lot of work in the church. The church leadership should give this department more opportunities to serve. They are the church leaders of tomorrow. We have seen some growing from Young Adults into church leadership.

-The Choir is a good department in the church. But the leadership should always give support to this department. When getting a leader for it, the church should look at skills and commitment.

-Women have always been the pillar of the church. They kept the church going. Who is like mama?

-Men needs more support from the church leadership. Though we have men in the church not all of them actively get involved in the church activities. This always been the case. We need to change it.

-Intercessory is the back bone of the any church. I do not know about now, but not many people get involved in intercessory. More efforts should be applied by the leadership to support this group. Although I know this is a voluntary group, my prayer is for God to give us more people in this department. If you want to know how strong the church is, look at its prayer group.

-Worship is for all the believers. But as we structure the worship in terms of how many worship services to have in the church we should involve the members, so that we move together as a team.

-Discipleship is the back bone of any Christian. The church should put more emphasis in the area of discipleship. In Matt.28:19 we are told to go and make disciples and not church members. We should have a deliberate effort to make disciples in all areas in the church. We should raise more new leaders for the church through this department.

In Matthew 6:21 it says, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also". Due to the fact that my heart has always in reaching out, I started going out in the community and outside the community in terms of open air and one on one missions and also teaching different evangelical churches in evangelism, discipleship and church planting. I remember our missions around Kaharo area in Murang'a, New City in Mweiga, Malindi, Narok, South Coast and even Njoro Area in Nakuru etc. This was in line with the vision of the church which

says," To Become Rivers Of Living Water Flowing To The Nations (John 7:38).Indeed the church of Jesus Christ should to take living water to the nations. We are to shine where there is darkness in the community. In the area of evangelism, all the believers should be involved. That means the church should train all the members how to do evangelism around where the church is and away from where the church is. All are called to do share Christ Jesus wherever they are. May the Lord make Kahawa West Baptist Church that goes out to share Christ Jesus both here and far. Every tree is able to bear fruits according to its kind. Therefore a church should give birth to another church. We need a deliberate effort in this area plus a budget for it.

In the year 2000, we were able to assist Pastor James to begin a Baptist church around New City in Mweiga area. This happened around April 2000. That church has been able to plant another church around that area.

In the same year we were able to do evangelism, discipleship and church planting around Kiamumbi together with Global Fellowship Ministry team. This happened during the month of June 2000. About 356 people were reached with the gospel and about 66 got saved. As the result Berean Baptist Church was born. The first Pastor was Boniface Kinoti. After some years the church underwent some challenges, which prompted the leaders at Berean Baptist Church and Kahawa West Baptist Church to change its leadership and its name. The current name is now Kiamumbi Baptist Church. The Pastor there now is Rev. Michael Mwaniki. The Church is growing and right now it has about 200 adults and about 100 children as members. The church has now made an impact in the community and it is growing as an icon in the community. Under Rev. Mwaniki and the current leadership I know the church will be able to grow in all areas.

During my time at Kahawa West Baptist as a Pastor, the following were able to join ministry on full time basis; Rev. Michael Mwaniki, Rev. David Mbuvi, Rev. Ezekiel Kayeli and Pastor. Boniface Kinoti in addition, my own son Pastor Daniel Kinuthia was able to join our Kenya Baptist Seminary at Tigoni and graduated with a diploma.

As I come to the end let me say this, "Empowering people towards a church planting requires;  
- Mentoring people more than managing them.

- Equipping people more than controlling them.
- Investing in people more than demanding from them.
- Challenging people more than pushing them.
- Encouraging people more than criticizing them.
- Convincing people more than commanding them.
- And finally Training people more than lecturing them.

A writer by the name Sanders in his book on Spiritual Leadership had this to say, "Leadership is influence, the ability of one person to influence others". It is always good to influence others to do good in the community. That means Team work should always be in the forefront in the ministry, since it was a normal pattern for the ministry in the New Testament.

When I left the position of being the Pastor at Kahawa West Baptist, I was more in evangelism, discipleship and church planting with different evangelical churches in various parts of Kenya. But now I am training different evangelical Bible believing churches near or around the areas with no evangelical Bible believing churches how to begin Discipleship Centres where Pastors and leaders with the vision to reach out are trained for six (6) months. Within six months each student is required to begin a cell group or a daughter church in order to graduate. The aim is to be able to duplicate myself into many other people with the same vision.

As I come to the end I say this, "I will always pray for Kahawa West Baptist Church to prosper and to expand beyond its boarders". But always remember, good planning and good strategy is okay or even required, but we must realize that God will intervene and some times change our plans as He guides us actively as we pursue our church objectives.

**"LEADERSHIP  
IS INFLUENCE,  
THE ABILITY OF  
ONE PERSON  
TO INFLUENCE  
OTHERS".**

# THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

By Solomon Mbuthia

Our vision at KWBC is to become rivers of living water flowing to the nations (John 7:38). With this in mind, we are committed to preach the gospel truth not only in Kahawa West but also in different parts of the country and the world as a whole as the Lord leads us.

To evangelize is to preach or proclaim the gospel of Christ to someone. This is never complete until the new converts are brought into discipleship. Discipleship therefore forms an integral part of evangelism and these two go hand in hand. Christ Jesus commanded us to “go and make disciples of all nations ...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...” (Matt 28:19- 20) over the years we’ve been involved in evangelism and discipleship because it is a Biblical Mandate; this largely focuses on the Great Commission (Matt 28:19, Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8) and on the Apostolic Mandate and Practice (Acts 2:14-42, 8:26- 40). As KWBC we do not regard it to be soul- winning to steal members out of churches already established and teach them our doctrines but rather we aim at bringing souls to Christ. As one preacher said....we count it utter meanness to build up our own house with the ruins of our neighbours’ mansions; we infinitely prefer to quarry for ourselves.

Christian discipleship can be defined as developing a personal, lifelong, obedient relationship with Jesus Christ in which He transforms your character into Christ-likeness; and changes your values into Kingdom values; and involves you in His mission in the home, the church, and the world. At KWBC we have an ongoing program on discipleship; our aim is to

ground believers in the Word of God and equip them for ministry. We desire that every believer who goes through the discipleship program will be committed and wholly devoted to Christ and to His written Word. We must not follow all kinds of false teachings that complicate or contradict the gospel of Christ.

These are strange times when sin is being redefined so that the things that used to be sin are no longer considered sinful, the clear truths of Scripture are considered outdated and new revelations and experiences are sought with all gullibility, the church tends to listen more to the world than to the WORD, we have shifted from the “great commission” to the “great entertainment”. As KWBC our goal is to guard what was entrusted to our care (1Tim 6:20 -21). We are not ashamed of the Gospel (Rom 1:16) and as a ministry we endeavour to preach and teach the Truth in Love.

Finally quoting J.I Packer he says “Evangelism is a task appointed to all God’s people everywhere. It is the task of communicating a message from the Creator to rebel mankind. We are sent into the world as God’s Ambassador. Our job is to go out to our fellow- men and tell them the gospel of Christ, and try by every means to make it clear to them, and to urge them to respond to it. This is our abiding responsibility; it is a basic part of our Christian calling”.



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# DISCIPLESHIP, THE BACKBONE OF THE CHURCH.

By Rev. Ezekiel Kayeli

Christians are designed to grow. Whenever a Christian is stagnant, something is drastically wrong.

Each of the three stages of discipleship (1. Basics steps of Discipleship, 2. Intermediate stage of discipleship, 3. Advanced Stage of discipleship) is developed from 1 John 2:12-14 where John uses human growth to describe the stages of spiritual growth. These three stages can easily be equated to: infant/child, young man and father.

John's own words tell us that each stage has its special characteristics. Because the person is going through such a stage, he has special needs and special opportunities to grow. A child and an adult's growth patterns will have similarities. We must not be ignorant of them. Within this general understanding of life principles, however, there are special needs of each group. We know this physically. The infant needs much to be done for her whereas the teenager is learning to live out her life on a whole different context. My life and ministry at Kahawa

West Baptist was more powered by discipleship any successes or challenges that followed therein, were all in bid to incarnate the culture of discipleship which I know is a slow but sure process. Looking back, I see the fruits of the six years I was in ministry at Kahawa West, and I must mention champions of the faith that partnered with me, trained me or worked closely with me to ensure fruit was brought forth.

I must salute the late Mrs Omwenga, Bethuel Kinyanjui, Mary Solomon, Phaustine Khaoya, The Late Pastor Gilbert Kivuti, Liz Wang'ombe and Lydia Ndung'u.

These great servants were priceless to the ministry of Kahawa West Baptist, and the success of the youth ministry then greatly is founded in their dedication and service.

It is urgent to formally disciple God's people. Jesus commands us to make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). To disregard His summary of our duty as said in this Great Commission is

utter folly. And yet, few Christians are making disciples. Once we understand the importance of discipleship, we need to start thinking of how we disciple God's people.

Most pastors think of doing this through a sermon. They are observing the general principles of life. We all should be learning at worship services. God will meet us there, but it is not sufficient. We need to formally disciple others so growth comes easy and enjoyable without much stumbling due to ignorance and hopelessness.

These three discipleship stages provide a Biblical and integrated perspective on spiritual growth and practically apply to the experience of the local church. I attribute the growth of the youth ministry at KWBC to focused discipleship with a clear curriculum.

Happy 30th anniversary as the Lord continue to use you to grow His people.

Christians are designed to grow. Whenever a Christian is stagnant, something is drastically wrong.

# KBA SCHOOL



KBA School is the education ministry of Kahawa West Baptist Church. Offering Pre-school Services:- Baby, Nursery, Pre-unit and Primary Section Class 1-8. It was founded on a high determination to offer quality education ingrained in the character moulding of the young Kenyans entrusted to us.

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