



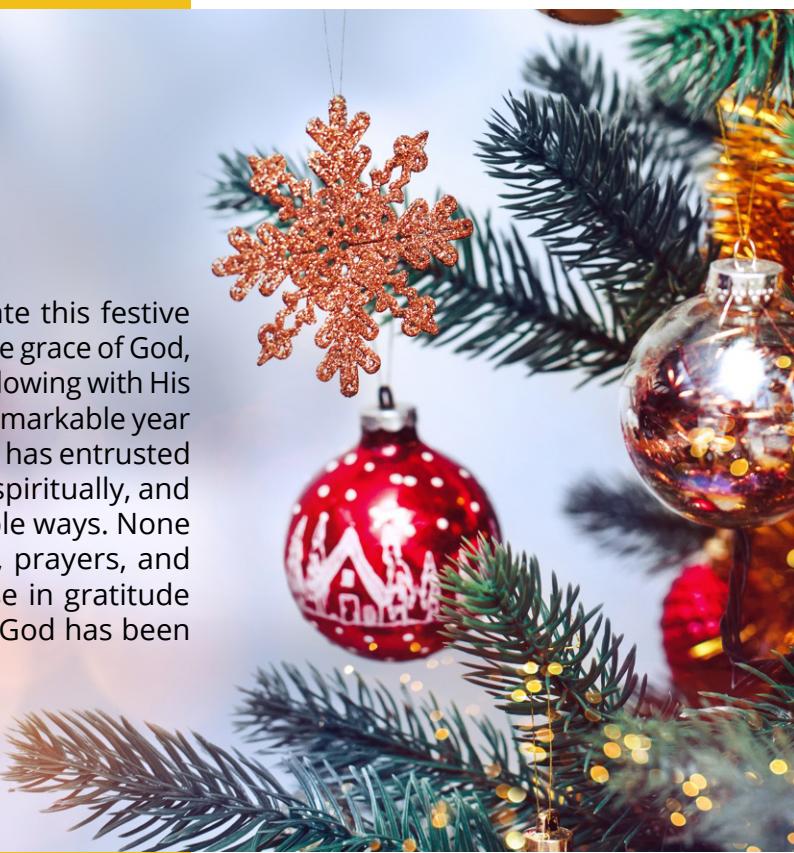
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SEASONS GREETINGS FROM FCM

What a blessing and an honour it is to celebrate this festive season with you in our hearts and prayers. By the grace of God, we come to the close of another year; one overflowing with His unwavering love, faithfulness, and mercy. And what a remarkable year it has been! We have witnessed growth in the work God has entrusted to us, seen individuals becoming more deeply rooted spiritually, and watched families strengthened in beautiful and tangible ways. None of this would have been possible without your love, prayers, and generous support. As we wrap up the year, we pause in gratitude and unity with you to reflect on the incredible things God has been doing through FCM.



GENERAL UPDATES

- 2 new leadership training cohorts have been formed in Trans-Nzoia county, Kenya. Each group has 6 members.
- Desiderio Kanoti, a church leader in Kitale, completed the D0 discipleship pathway and was awarded a certificate of completion by FCM.
- The registration of the new NGO, Equipping House Foundation, is still ongoing. The vetting process has been done and we are now in the final stages of the registration process.
- The translation project of the First Principles Series is ongoing with Jonathan as the leader of the project. Currently, First Principles Series 1 Book 2 is being translated to Swahili.
- FCM Kenya hosted a family discipleship webinar whose topic was family worship.
- FCM Kenya received a shipment of The Jesus Storybook Bibles from Egypt, available in 3 different translations.
- FCM got a new ministry partner in Nigeria who is using First Principles resources for men's leadership training.



MINISTRY PARTNERS

A testimony of transformation from Samson Nuhu- Nigeria

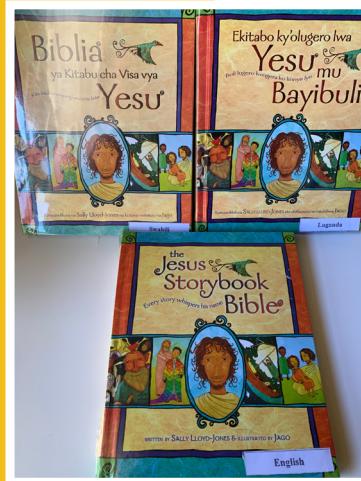
My name is **Pastor Samson Nuhu Mandy**, and I currently serve as the Manager of Jungle Ministry. It is a Christian, faith-based recovery program dedicated to helping young people overcome substance abuse and other life-controlling challenges. Jungle Ministry runs a one-year discipleship program, structured in two phases of six months each, focused not only on recovery but on spiritual formation and true transformation through Christ.



Over the past year, we have experienced something extraordinary. Since fully adopting the First Principles materials for discipling our second-phase students, we have witnessed an exponential growth in their understanding of Scripture; studied faithfully, accurately, and in context. Young men who once battled drug addiction, alcoholism, and the chaos of street life, many with little or no biblical grounding, are now sitting with open Bibles, eagerly engaging in sound scriptural exegesis and hungering for deeper knowledge of God's Word. To hear their insights, to see their eyes light up with revelation, and to watch the Word take root in their hearts has been one of the greatest joys of my ministry. The behavioural changes that flow from this renewed understanding are unmistakable. Lives are being rebuilt. Hope is being restored. Purpose is being rediscovered. What once seemed impossible is becoming a daily testimony of God's grace and redeeming power.

For me personally, facilitating these classes is a privilege beyond words. I count it a blessing to learn alongside these young men as God shapes their character, renews their minds, and prepares them for a life of freedom and spiritual maturity. Their stories remind us that no one is beyond the reach of Christ's transforming love. As we celebrate the birth of our Saviour this Christmas, may this testimony from Nigeria uplift your heart and remind us all that God is still in the business of making all things new.

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP AND EDUCATION



This year, FCM Kenya was blessed to host yet another impactful family discipleship webinar in November. The session focused on Family Worship and was attended by 21 families eager to grow in nurturing Christ-centered homes. It was a rich, interactive time where we explored what family worship truly means, how it looks in different households, and how each family can make it a joyful, meaningful rhythm in their daily lives.

Three couples generously shared their personal experiences. Their testimonies were filled with joy, lessons learned, and the blessings they have witnessed as they intentionally lead their families in worship. Their stories encouraged and reminded us that every family, regardless of stage or size, can cultivate a vibrant spiritual life at home.

As a special gift to those who attended, we provided two resources: one designed to equip them in family discipleship, and another that could be used directly during

their family worship time. It was our joy to bless these families with tools that strengthen their walk with God. Beyond the webinar, this season brought an exciting milestone for FCM Kenya: the acquisition of 750 copies of The Jesus Storybook Bible, shipped all the way from Egypt. These children's Bibles, available in English, Kiswahili, and Luganda, are a tremendous resource for establishing young hearts in God's Word. They have been made easily accessible to individuals, ministries, and organizations across the region.

We look forward with great expectation to the impact these Bibles will have in homes across the East African community. It is our prayer that families will grow deeper in Scripture, children will encounter the love of Jesus, and a new generation will rise firmly rooted in God's truth.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Leadership development report by Desiderio Kanoti-Coach, Kenya

This year, the Kiminini class of six embarked on a profound journey of spiritual formation through the First Principles Series I, II, and now III, marking a season of renewed commitment to biblical discipleship and Christ-centered leadership. Beginning in August 2025 under the capable facilitation of Pastor Isaac Marauni, this group of pastors and leaders has shown exceptional dedication to rediscovering the biblical foundations of faith, church life, and ministry.

In August, the class completed First Principles Series I, which focuses on establishing believers firmly in their faith. The group explored the meaning of true conversion, the biblical design of the local church, and the believer's role in participating in the mission of Christ. These lessons called the leaders back to Scripture, encouraging them to build their ministries on solid biblical ground.

By October, the group advanced to First Principles Series II, shifting their focus to the essential areas of marriage, family life, ministry development, and understanding true success. This phase invited the leaders to reflect deeply on their personal lives, relationships, and calling, inspiring many to strengthen their homes and model godly leadership within their congregations.

Today, the Kiminini Class is actively studying Series III, continuing to grow in both knowledge and application. The impact has been remarkable. As the leaders apply what they are learning, their ministries are becoming more relational, more intentional, and more firmly rooted in biblical truth. Many have begun to disciple emerging leaders with greater clarity and purpose, creating a ripple effect of transformation within their communities.



GLOBAL CHURCH: TRIP TO KENYA

A report from Andrew Kuntzman



From 20th May to 3rd June 2025, I had the privilege of visiting Kenya on a mission trip with FCM; a journey that filled my heart with gratitude, joy, and a renewed sense of God's global work. As both a missionary and a board member, my desire was to stand alongside churches and families, equipping them to do God's work much like the Apostle Paul did in Acts. What I witnessed was nothing short of God-orchestrated transformation.

During one Sunday service, I had the honour of preaching on family economy, drawing from Psalm 127:3-5 and the book of Genesis. We explored God's call to faithfulness, the blessing of children, and His first command to humanity;

"Be fruitful and multiply." The message opened doors for deeper conversations as we met with church leaders to discuss sound doctrine, strong family values, and the importance of raising children in the fear of the Lord. Every meeting, every dialogue, and every moment felt guided by God's hand.

One of the greatest highlights of my trip, the "icing on the cake", was visiting Mully Children's Family, the world's largest family orphanage. With over a thousand children at any given time, and more than 35,000 lives impacted over the past 35 years, the ministry stands as a powerful testimony of what God can do through surrendered lives. Sharing lunch with its founder, Charles Mully, was deeply humbling. His God-given vision is unmistakable—evident in children winning eighteen gold medals in karate, developing exceptional construction skills, and in the planting of twenty million trees that have miraculously transformed a once-desolate desert into a flourishing microclimate with a flowing river. Truly, God makes all things new.

My mission also intertwined with sweet moments of fellowship as my family spent time with our adopted grandpa, Opa, and his neighbour. Together, these experiences reminded me of the beauty of God's provision and the blessing of belonging to a big, faithful, global family.

As I reflect on this Christmas season, my heart overflows with thankfulness. It is amazing to see God at work, His people, His family, scattered across nations yet united in purpose, bringing the kingdom of God to the lost and the broken. Kenya reminded me once again: when we trust Him fully, He writes stories far greater than we could ever imagine.

PERSONAL UPDATES



ERIC AND MEGAN DEKRUUF

Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support! We are grateful to share updates from our family and ministry.

As we look back on the last year, we continue to see God's goodness, faithfulness, and richest blessings in our lives.

In our last newsletter, we mentioned that we were starting a family business in order to use all of our gifts and talents to work together as a family. We launched ON Household Services in July! So far, we have been learning how to set up an LLC, create a website, write invoices, manage finances, and tile a kitchen. We are learning so much, and the best part is that we are able to do it together! We

are also working on involving our children more in the ministry of FCM and are enthusiastically starting to plan and organize for our trip to Kenya coming soon at the end of March. Lord willing, we will leave March 31 and arrive back home on May 28. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to engage in missions as a family, and are praying that God would continue to give us clarity and vision for the trip as we finalize our plans.

It's hard to believe that half of the school year is almost over! What a blessing it is to have our children at home to learn together as a family. We start our day off in family worship, with psalms, hymns, scripture, and prayer. This year we have been reading and discussing Proverbs, which has provided some great family discussions and a deeper desire to seek out wisdom from God in all areas of our lives. Recently, we have started singing Psalms too, which has been a sweet addition to our family worship time. Emma, Landen, and Sadie all take turns preparing songs and hymns to play on either the piano or guitar. Emma started learning violin this year, so hopefully that will be added into our worship time soon. Landen and Emma are in 9th grade, Sadie is in 7th, Ada is in 2nd, and Hattie is in Pre Kindergarten. They are all continuing to work hard on their individual school lessons, as we are trying to focus on the skills of learning, content, as well as character. Our children have had the opportunity to be involved in many different activities and learning opportunities this semester, however, moving into this next season, we are looking forward to slowing down a bit as a family and taking some intentional time to seek God's direction. We desire to fill our time, schedules, and hearts with the ministry that He has prepared ahead of time for our family. We would love to keep you updated while we prepare for the trip to Kenya and while we are abroad. If you have not signed up to get updates from us, please visit FamilyChurchMinistries.com to sign up. Thank you again for all your prayers!

Love,
The DeKruif Family

PHYLIS AMUKOWA



As I look back over this past year, my heart is full of gratitude for how God has used my family and me in the growth of His Kingdom. This year has been a profound season of learning, especially about family economy; learning to serve not as individuals, but as a family united in faith. Kevin and I have supported each other in ministry, and our home has been a space of hospitality where our children are learning, practically and joyfully, what it means to serve God and others.

Family worship has not always been easy, but we have remained faithful, and I can joyfully say we are seeing the fruit of persistence: our children are growing in prayer, and Kevin and I are deepening our walk with Christ. These small, daily acts of faith

remind me that the Kingdom of God often begins in the heart of a family.

This year has also been incredibly encouraging for FCM. Across Africa, the work of equipping leaders and families continues to grow. In Kenya, two new leadership training cohorts were launched. In Nigeria, a new ministry partner is making a remarkable impact. Local ministry leaders are increasingly using First Principles resources in homes and churches, discipleship pathways are being completed, and paradigm discussions have become a powerful tool for inspiring growth and understanding. Witnessing this unity of God's family across nations has been truly heartwarming. Of course, there have been challenges, but looking back, I see that each challenge was a doorway to growth. God's faithfulness in every trial has been evident, and I am grateful for His teaching and guidance through them. As we celebrate this Christmas season, my prayer for 2026 is that FCM's work in Kenya will be firmly established and deeply rooted through the Equipping House Foundation, becoming an "Antioch" for neighbouring countries. May the joy of Christ's birth fill every home, and may families, churches, and leaders continue to shine His light to a world in need.

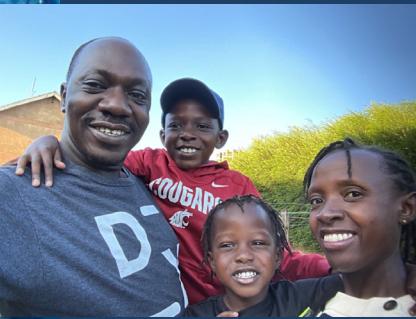
JOSPHAT IDAYA



Truly, we thank God for His faithfulness over our lives. This year has been a journey marked by grace, love, and continual growth in serving the Lord together. As a family, my wife Christine, our children, and grandchildren, we rejoice in God's goodness and remain committed to serving Him wholeheartedly through both our home and ministry. Our continual prayer is that our children and grandchildren will walk in the fear of the Lord and grow in His wisdom. Our family remains united in love, faith, and service to God. Our home continues to be a place of prayer, fellowship, and encouragement, where God's presence is welcomed daily. We give thanks for His sustaining hand and guidance over our lives.

In ministry, our focus remains on fulfilling the five purposes of God: worship, evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, and ministry. We are grateful to witness steady spiritual growth and a deepening hunger for God's Word among our congregations. Through discipleship classes, evangelistic outreaches, home fellowships, and community prayer meetings, lives are being transformed, souls are coming to Christ, and the body of believers is being strengthened. We thank God for His favour, provision, and the unity among our church members and leadership. We also deeply appreciate the prayers, encouragement, and partnership of our FCM Kenya family. Your support continually strengthens our faith and empowers us to serve with greater joy and effectiveness.

JONATHAN OMOLO



Over the past six months, I have continued to serve faithfully in ministry, focusing on discipleship, mentorship, and family enrichment. Together with my wife, Joyce, we remain passionate about helping young marriages thrive and guiding parents to raise children in faith. It has been a joy to offer practical and biblical counsel to couples and families seeking to grow in unity and spiritual maturity.

A significant part of this season has been mentoring in Bikeke, Trans-Nzoia County, where I have walked alongside young leaders, helping them develop spiritual maturity, leadership responsibility, and godly character through BILD Resources. We are currently studying "The Story", tracing God's unfolding story throughout Scripture, which has sparked deep reflection and growth among the leaders. In addition, I have been actively mentoring new FCM ministry contacts, guiding them in understanding how we can partner with them in God's calling and equipping them for effective ministry. This ongoing process has been both rewarding and instructive, allowing me to invest in emerging leaders while learning alongside them.

Overall, this season has been marked by fruitful growth, strengthened relationships, and a renewed commitment to building strong families and multiplying disciples within the community.



PRAYER REQUESTS



Deliverance Church Top station, Kenya

- Prayer that the church community will continue to flourish and that many lives are transformed through the Gospel.
- Prayer for God's abundant provision for all our financial needs so that we may continue advancing His kingdom.
- Prayer for protection over Josphat's family and the church leadership from all spiritual attacks and distractions.

Jungle Ministries, Nigeria

- Prayer for God's continued grace to sustain Samson and his family as they fulfil the Great Commission.
- Prayer for the 45 men who have been going through discipleship class, that God will transform them for His Kingdom's glory.
- Prayer for protection from the high level of insecurity in Nigeria.
- Prayer that God will raise godly men and women who will stand in the gap.

From us at FCM

- Prayer for the successful and complete registration of Equipping House Foundation (Non-Governmental Organization) in Kenya.
- Prayer for the establishment and growth of FCM programs around the world, especially Kenya.
- Prayer for the Dekruif family as they plan to travel to Kenya for 2 months to do mission work.
- Prayer for financial provision to be able to meet the expenses of the organization which will enable progress of the work we do for the kingdom of God.

CALL TO ACTION

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, we are reminded that God's greatest gift is love, and that love calls us to share His hope with others. At FCM, we have the joy of seeing lives transformed through family discipleship, leadership training, and the support of ministry partners. But we cannot do it alone.

This Christmas, you can make a difference. By partnering with us through a monthly donation or a one-time gift, you are planting seeds of faith, hope, and joy in families and communities across Kenya and beyond. Your generosity equips parents to disciple their children, trains leaders to shepherd with wisdom, and strengthens homes to become beacons of God's love.

Imagine the impact: families flourishing in Christ, children growing in the Word, and leaders walking boldly in faith. Every gift you give fuels this work, multiplying God's Kingdom in ways that will ripple for generations.

Join us this season in bringing light, hope, and the gospel to homes across Africa. Together, we can reflect the love of Christ in every family, every church, and every community. Let us labour side by side for God's Kingdom, because Christmas is not just a season; it's a call to action, a call to love, a call to transform lives.

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