



FAMILY CHURCH  
MINISTRIES

# EQUIP

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## GREETINGS FROM FCM!

It's a true joy and honor to pause at this mid-year point, turning our hearts to God, in grateful reflection. As we look back over these first six months of 2025, we stand in awe of how God has been our unshakeable foundation, His faithful grace knitting our family in deeper love and unity. Your steadfast partnership has been a living testimony of God's love in action—holding our hands, spurring us forward in mission, and championing the global church's growth, establishment, and expansion. With renewed hope, we echo Scripture's promise: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13). Let this heavenly confidence fuel our steps together, trusting in the One who holds our past and charts our future.

## GENERAL UPDATES

- *Phylis Amukowa, Josphat Idaya and Eric DeKruif attended this year's BILD global summit in Ames, Iowa.*
- *Eric DeKruif, together with a team of three men, travelled to Kenya for a mission trip and were a blessing to the ministries, organization and individuals they visited.*
- *The process of registering FCM as a non-profit organization (NGO) in Kenya has begun and a board for the organisation has been formed.*
- *The work that FCM is doing in Africa has begun to expand to other countries such as Tanzania and Uganda.*
- *Generations continues to be a wonderful partner and this year, Phylis and Daniel from Generations, did a promotion video for families in Kenya to attend this year's online homeschool summit.*
- *Through FCM's partnership with BILD university, FCM has adopted using the Equip tool for monitoring and evaluation of the discipleship pathway in its leadership training program.*

## FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP AND EDUCATION

At FCM, keeping the family at the heart of everything we do is more than a mission—it's a joy. This March, we were blessed to welcome Josphat Idaya and Phylis Amukowa to Denver, Colorado, where our wonderful host, Megan DeKruif, designed an unforgettable "open-day" experience. But instead of lectures or slideshows, families rolled up their sleeves and cooked—a hands-on exploration of Kenyan culture, as everyone joined together to prepare a traditional dish for lunch. It was beautiful to watch children's curious questions about life in Kenya and to see mothers delight in sharing and learning new cooking techniques. Experiences like this not only educate—they bring us closer, weaving our hearts together across continents through love, laughter, and the simple art of gathering around a meal.



## LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! My name is Jacob Bonny, and I serve as the senior pastor of New Harvest Fellowship Church in Shinyanga, Tanzania. Together with my wife, Happiness, and our six children, we are witnessing the hand of God as we build a biblically grounded church from the ground up. These early stages are filled with both challenge and great hope, and I am deeply encouraged by our partnership with FCM. Their experience and commitment to family-centered discipleship perfectly align with our heart to raise faithful followers of Jesus and to plant churches that thrive on strong, Christ-honoring family relationships. Never underestimate the power of starting with the family. The home is the first church, and through intentional discipleship there, we can transform entire communities. We continue this good work together, believing that what we build today will echo through generations to come.



## GLOBAL CHURCH: TRIP TO KENYA

A report from Eric Dekruif

In May, I joined a group of three others from my local church, Southwest Community Church, on a trip to Kenya. This was my third time visiting Kenya in the last three and a half years! We were blown away to see God's hand and faithfulness in the timing and details of the trip, as we worked to accomplish the objectives that God laid on hearts for our time in Kenya. After stopping in Nairobi for a day and visiting HEART ministries, we headed to Kisii. One of the highlights from this part of the trip was seeing Pastor Joash, who originally got us connected with the church in Kenya. It was encouraging to see his spiritual growth and renewed vision for his local church. He has planted multiple churches since 2022 and now continues in our leadership training program. While in Kisii, we also visited the new church facility of Pastor Wilson Atambo. We were able to spend a couple days with his church family, worshiping together. I had the opportunity to preach during their Sunday gathering and help commission their new building. From Kisii, we travelled to Kakamega where we spent some time with some new ministry partners including Rush Kenya and Pastor Ronnie and his church, Presence Celebration Chapel in Matete, teaching and dialoguing using The First Principles Resources. From Kakamega, we travelled to Eldoret, staying with Phylis and her husband Kevin and visiting their local church. Our last weekend was spent with Pastor Josphat Idaya in his church in Kitale, where we led a leadership conference and each person on the trip had a chance to preach on Sunday in different local churches throughout the area. Our final stop before returning to Colorado, which was also one of the highlights of the trip, was visiting Mully Children's Family, about two hours outside of Nairobi. Over 35 years ago, Mully started taking orphaned street children into his home and has since rescued over 30,000 children! The visit was very encouraging and inspiring and a true testimony of what God can do through a single family who takes up the Lord's call. Overall, the trip was a great experience for everyone who went, and we all look forward to returning soon. If you would like to read more about our daily updates on the trip, you can visit <https://southwestcommunity.church/kenya/>





# PERSONAL UPDATES >>

## ERIC AND MEGAN DEKRUIF



Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers and support! We are writing this during one of the most beautiful seasons in Colorado. We just got home from spending time up in the mountains with our family enjoying paddle boarding, hiking, and biking in Frisco, Colorado. The time in Frisco was not only refreshing but a time where God continued to confirm what is next for our family. We had a family meeting and decided to start a family economy! This has been something that God is continuing to put on our hearts, but we believe that it is time to start taking some steps of faith. We are so excited to see how God

will lead us in this endeavour. We believe that God has put us together as a family for a reason and that there are things that He wants us to accomplish together that we never could apart. We honestly don't know exactly what this will look like, but we are going to start blogging about the journey on the Family Church Ministries website. You can find it by clicking on [FamilyChurchMinistries.com/blog](https://FamilyChurchMinistries.com/blog). Stay tuned!

The kids have finished up their formal schoolwork for the year, and we have entered into a different season of learning. Emma and Landen are both completing a practicum this summer, which they got to choose with our guidance. Landen is learning graphic design. He plans to help us with slideshow updates from Eric's last trip to Kenya and to work on the FCM website. Emma is learning to teach piano lessons, and she started teaching both Ada and Hattie. The younger three will continue some of their studies, but just at a slower pace. We created a summer reading program for all our kids to encourage them to read great biographies and Christian classics. We hope that by prioritizing these great stories that it will shape their character and worldview.

Part of our family economy will be preparing for coming to Kenya in early 2026! In faith, we are planning to take all five kids with us for several months. Please pray for all the details of this trip and that God would continue to give us vision of how to do this together as a family!

*Love,  
Eric and Megan*

## PHYLIS AMUKOWA



The first six months of 2025 have passed in what feels like the blink of an eye, and I'm filled with gratitude to God for keeping us anchored in Him. Kevin, Gianna, Gaddiel, and I are thriving, and we give all glory to His unwavering faithfulness. Our home continues to be a place of fellowship and connection, enriched by guests from Kenya and other countries—reminders of the unity we share in Christ. In February, I celebrated a milestone by graduating from BILD University with a master's degree in ministry—a truly humbling privilege, equipped now to serve and pour into others. As another step forward, the formal registration of FCM as a nonprofit in Kenya has begun. We now have an officially approved name by the government and are diligently completing the remaining steps. By God's grace, we anticipate finishing this process by the end of July. We rejoice in His provision and excitedly look ahead to what He will continue to do through us all.

## JOSPAT IDAYA



Christine and I are doing wonderfully and remain in good health, thanks be to God. We're overjoyed to share that we're expecting another grandchild from our daughter, Philister, and we can't wait to welcome that precious little one into our family. Our son Jacob is currently pursuing a medical course in Eldoret—our prayers are with him as he dedicates himself to his studies and future calling. These days, we're blessed to reside with our four grandchildren, helping support their parents by providing a loving and stable home environment. In church news, as senior pastor of Deliverance Church TopStation, I'm excited to share that we're exploring the possibility of Pastor Robert Wasabulo transitioning to serve as senior pastor at Deliverance Church Kiringet in West Pokot—an opportunity we believe will bring fresh vision and blessing to that congregation. Thank you for journeying with us in faith, family, and ministry!

## JONATHAN OMOLO



The first half of 2025 has truly been a season marked by God's grace and steady growth in both our family and ministry. At home, Joyce and I have treasured the rhythm of daily devotions with our sons, where together we're learning to model humility, prayer, and open hearts as we journey through Exodus. Our home has come alive with the warmth of small group gatherings, where worship and service blend seamlessly into family life. One of our greatest joys has been walking alongside Perpetua and Phil as they prepare for marriage, guided by John Piper's Preparing for Marriage, sowing truth into their foundation. In ministry, it's been a blessing to pour into the next generation—teaching Sunday school, mentoring young men like Hamisi and Deng, and deepening fellowship with church leaders across East Africa. Hosting Eric DeKruif and his team in May was a refreshing time of encouragement and rich Bible study. As I continue pursuing leadership training and piloting participatory Bible discussions, I'm reminded daily of God's faithfulness. We are deeply grateful for your continued prayers for wisdom, unity, and lasting fruit in our lives and calling.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### *Deliverance Church Top station:*

- Need for transportation for pastors serving in far and near areas.
- Church hall renovation is ongoing and needs financial support.
- There is a pressing need to build 5 classes at Deliverance Church Jabez.
- A need to solicit funds to build more classes at Rohi Mission school.
- Prayer for unity, revival, and protection for all the churches and their leaders.

### *From us at FCM:*

- Prayer for wisdom and guidance as we register FCM Kenya as a non-profit organization in Kenya, in 2025.
- Prayer for financial provision as our programs and projects expand globally, especially Kenya.
- Prayer for the DeKruif family as they plan to come to Kenya in 2026.
- Prayer for all the families that desire and are working towards family discipleship for spiritual maturity and thus the strengthening of the church.
- Prayer for all our partners that God will continue to use our partnership for the glory of His name.



## CALL TO ACTION

The first half of 2025 has been a season filled with growth, grace, and heartfelt moments—and none of it would be possible without your support. At FCM, we're meeting a growing need across Kenya through our various programs. But we can't do this alone. By partnering with us through monthly donations or one-time gifts, you empower families, equip leaders, and strengthen communities. Your giving fuels our family discipleship and education programs, leadership training, supporting our ministry partners and family-centered events—planting seeds that grow into lasting spiritual transformation. Will you stand with us? Your support is essential to bringing hope, healing, and the gospel to homes across East Africa. Let's make a difference—together!

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## GALLERY

