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GREETINGS FROM FCM!

We are already half way through the year!! And how good is God to see us through the first half of the year? We have been growing and changing in various ways which has enabled FCM to grow stronger and its path illuminates brighter.

GENERAL UPDATES

- Through our church partners in Kenya, the number of students going through our leadership training program has increased.
- FCM has improved its leadership training structure through the introduction of Discipleship Pathways. Phylis and Josphat from FCM Kenya got the chance to visit Denver, Colorado in March, 2024.
- First Principles series 1 book 1 is currently being translated to Swahili; and it will be such a life changing tool for not only the Christian community in Kenya but also in the East African region.
- FCM held its first fundraiser event in Denver, Colorado in March, 2024. Josphat and Phylis shared their vision of FCM Kenya and what they have been doing so far. It was an honour to have hosted all our guests and shared our vision and work with them.
- FCM leadership met with Kevin Swanson and some members of the Generations board to discuss family discipleship and education.



ONGOING LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

We give all the praise to God for the continued growth and expansion of the leadership program. FCM has improved the program by introducing the Discipleship Pathways that give more form and structure. The Discipleship Pathway entails four levels of training, that is; D0 -Foundations level, D1- Ministry Apprentice level, D2- Ministry Associate level and D3- Ministry Shepherd level. We currently have four new students (2 ministry apprentices and 2 ministry associates) who have joined the FCM leadership program. We are so excited to welcome them into the FCM family and we look forward to growing and being established in Christ together.

ONGOING DISCIPLESHP AND MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

At Deliverance Church Top Station

Every Wednesday, members of the church meet to study and discuss First Principles book series. On Sunday before the church service, members of the church meet to have Socratic discussions of the book of Acts (BILD resource). The church, under the guidance of Josphat Idaya, has decided to start a discipleship series for the families in the church. This series will begin in July, 2024.

At IVC Church Kisii

With the help of Grace who is a church leader and a Sunday school teacher, Wilson taught a discipleship class of teenagers and youth from his church for four weeks. During the four weeks of school holiday, Wilson led the class of 28 students through the study of First Principles series 1 book 3 (Participating in the mission of the church).



FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP AND EDUCATION

Family is at the centre of the church and that is why the devil is so eager and persistence in attacking families today. At FCM, we are so passionate about the family because we believe in building strong churches by building strong families. In March, 2024, FCM leadership met with board members from Generations, including Kevin Swanson to discuss a possible partnership due to our shared belief in family discipleship and education. The meeting was such a great success that Generations granted FCM access to its resources. We are so excited to use these resources to strengthen Christian families in our partner churches and raise up a generation of children that a deeply rooted and established in God's word.



FUNDRAISER IN DENVER, COLORADO

My name is Stephanie and I am a mom to three beautiful girls, ages 6, 5 and 2 with another sweet baby on the way! I have been married to my husband for 10 years and we live in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. I homeschooled and disciple my two oldest while also running a nutrition business, all by the grace of God. I was so blessed by the FCM fundraising night in March. I had the opportunity not only to learn about FCM and the work that is being done but also to hear from the workers themselves (Josphat and Phylis). The part of the event that was most impactful, was seeing how the Lord is working through FCM; meeting with and learning from Phylis (a fellow mom) was such a gift. The stories that she shared about how God has used her to impact families' lives were powerful and encouraging. The FCM fundraising night gave me a glimpse of the work the Lord is doing around the world and invited me into the work He is doing with FCM.



SWAHILI TRANSLATION PROJECT

After successfully completing the translation of First Principles Leaders' Guide to Swahili in January, 2024, we started to witness the blessings of it. Our partner churches in Kenya have started using the translated copy for discipleship and mentoring and so far, the feedback is positive. During the BILD international summit held in February, 2024, FCM Kenya team shared the translated copy with other church leaders from the East African Community, so they could use it in their countries.



The FCM Kenya team got awarded by BILD university for successfully translating a BILD resource to Swahili for the first time.

Currently, the FCM Kenya team is translating First Principles series 1 book 1 to Swahili. A project that commenced in February, 2024. Josphat is the leader of the project, Wilson is the primary translator and Phylis is the editor.

PERSONAL UPDATES >>



ERIC DEKRUIF

Once again, we thank you very much for your continued support and prayers for our family and ministry. So far, 2024 has been filled with much excitement and change. We continue to homeschool our children and are working towards a broader family discipleship model as we seek to 'bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord'. We've continued to introduce more curriculum from Generations into our family worship and devotion time, as well as incorporating their curriculum into our children's education. Our older children also finished their first year in STOA, a Christian homeschool speech and debate club, where they are learning to speak boldly and change the world for Christ. Emma, Sadie, and Ada also participated in Joyful Light Theatre and were part of the productions in late Spring. I continue in my ministry role at Southwest Community Church as Director of the Young Adults as well as the Discipleship Ministry.

In February, I attended the BILD conference in Ames, IA and was able to connect with many church leaders from around the world, many that I had not seen since the last BILD conference in 2019. After the conference, we welcomed Josphat Idaya and Phylis Amukowa, who had been attending the conference as well, into our home in Denver. We spent

a week with them showing them around the area and discussing vision and strategy for developing Family Church Ministries in Kenya. During their time here, we also had the opportunity to meet with the leaders of the Generations ministry in Elizabeth, CO and meet Kevin Swanson, who generously provided many books and curriculum for Josphat and Phylis to take back with them to Kenya. The FCM board also approved Phylis into her new role as Assistant Director of FCM Kenya and approved a budget that will allow the ministry to contract ministry work with additional individuals at Josphat's church in Kitale.

And in recent news, God has opened the door for us to move to a house in Lakewood, CO, which is closer to our church and the community that we love. We praise God for His goodness and provision. We are looking forward to using our household as a mission centre to reach our neighbourhood and the community around us with the gospel. In July, I am planning to take a trip back to Nigeria with Landen, my 13-year-old son, along with five others from our local church. We will be spending our time in discipleship and coming alongside a family from our church who is there for three years in order to strengthen, encourage, and equip the local church body. We look forward to the rest of 2024 and continuing to see how the Lord leads this ministry and grows our vision to build strong churches by building strong families.



PHYLIS AMUKOWA

Kevin (My husband), Gianna (2 and a half years old), Gaddiel (1 year 4 months old) and I are doing well as a family. We moved to a new home in Eldoret (the town we live in) which has more space that allows Kevin and I to work from home and above all make our home a mission centre for the Kingdom of God. Kevin and I continue to host Couples' meetings in our home for Bible study (currently studying First Principles series 2 book 1) which has been a great platform to talk about family discipleship and education, that we are so passionate about.



JOSPHAT IDAYA

I praise God that my family is doing well and are healthy. Alice, my first born, and Philister, my third born, have started a business together in Nairobi. Jacob, my second born, continues to work hard in his business that is based in Kitale. Solomon, my last born, is in second year of high school and they are currently preparing for their end of term examination. Unfortunately, a few weeks ago, I was involved in a fatal accident where two people lost their lives. It has been a big struggle for my family to meet the legal financial compensation of KES 1.2 million required by the bereaved families.



WILSON ATAMBO

I am grateful to God that my family is doing well and my wife, Everlyn and I are enjoying our marriage. Everlyn is currently in Eldoret town taking her pharmacy level 2 examinations. My first born, Faith, is at college taking a course in nursing. Wisdom, my second born, is in the third year of high school and already preparing for his final high school examinations next year. Precious, our third born, joined high school this year. My last born, Praise, is in grade 2 and he is the only child who is living at home with us since the rest are away in boarding school. I have been living with my sister Zipporah, since she was 8 years old and she has now completed her college education and works for an Information Technology (IT) business.

PRAYER REQUESTS

From our partners:

Deliverance Church Top station:

- Prayer for funds to complete Sunday School classrooms and the loan used to purchase the land at DC Jabez church.
- Prayer for funds for Josphat who got involved in a fatal accident where two people died.
- Prayer for growth and expansion of DC Top station, Jabez and Bikeke for numerical and spiritual multiplication.
- Prayer for funds required for infrastructure repairs at Rohi Mission Schools.

IVC church Kisii:

- Prayer for the church to be unified during this difficult season where our church is being evacuated from its current premises.
- Prayer to continue with the church outreach program once a new venue is found.
- Prayer for the church to be able to find a piece of land where they can build and settle in.

From us at FCM:

- Prayer that we will be good stewards of the resources that have been given to us.
- Prayer for availability of funds to enable us to translate more resources to Swahili.
- Prayer that we will continue to grow and impact the lives of more families and church leaders.
- Prayer for wisdom and strength as we aim to equip others.

CALL TO ACTION

At FCM, our heart is with Christian families and ensuring that we equip them with godly resources so they are deeply rooted and established in God's word, thus ensuring the growth, expansion and establishment of the Church (Matthew 6:21). But we cannot do this alone. We need you!!! Your monthly donations and one-off giving will enable us avail resources, trainings and various programs to church leaders and families around the world.

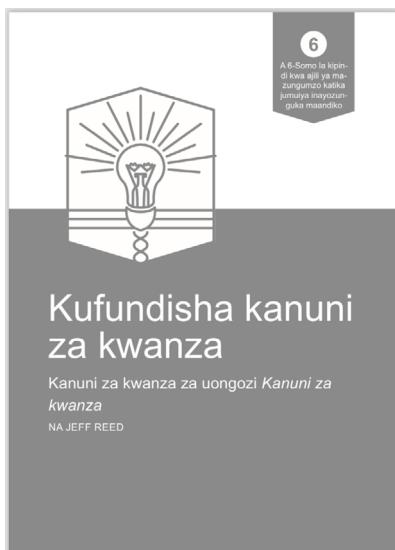
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