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## SEASON GREETINGS FROM FCM!!

Merry Christmas from the FCM family! As we celebrate the joy of this season, we take time to reflect on all that God has accomplished through us in 2024 and give thanks for His guidance and provision. This year has been filled with growth, new beginnings, and meaningful progress, and we are deeply grateful for your partnership in making it all possible. Your support has been instrumental in helping us start, continue, and complete various projects and programs that are transforming lives and advancing the gospel. As we look ahead to the promise and opportunities of 2025, we're excited to continue this journey with you by our side. May this season bring you peace, joy, and abundant blessings!

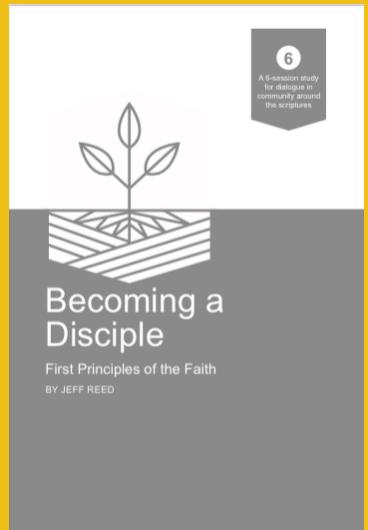
## GENERAL UPDATES

- Eric DeKruif, together with a team of people, traveled to Nigeria and were a blessing to the ministries they visited.
- FCM Kenya hosted a family discipleship webinar in September.
- The number of students in our leadership program has increased, some through our church partners and some through new partnerships.
- First Principles Series 1 Book 1 Swahili translation project has been completed and awaiting finalization from BILD.
- FCM website has received a few updates and is set to be receiving more frequent updates.



# SWAHILI TRANSLATION PROJECT

Translating the resources in our library into Swahili is having a positive impact in the lives of believers not only in Kenya but also in other East African Community countries. This impact is a big motivation for our team working on the translation project. The FCM Kenya team has been working hard to complete the translation of First Principles Series 1 Book 1 into Swahili. The project started in February, 2024 and was completed in October, 2024. Josphat headed the project, Wilson was the primary translator, and Phylis was the editor. The translated copy has been submitted to BILD for finalization and release of the translated version of the book. Our aim is to start the translation of First Principles Series 1 Book 2 in December, 2024.



## FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP AND EDUCATION

In September, FCM Kenya hosted the first edition of family discipleship and education webinar. The aim of the webinar was to define family discipleship, share the challenges and misconceptions about family discipleship, and forge a way forward to help parents to disciple their children. The webinar was such a success with 20 people in attendance, three of whom were ministry leaders, two who were missionaries to Kenya from Germany and USA, and three who were single people preparing for marriage. After the webinar, FCM gave away a free resource to all those who attended the webinar to kick-start their family discipleship journey.



### A WORD FROM A STUDENT IN THE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

I'm Jonathan Omolo from Eldoret, Kenya. I have been married to my wife Joyce Mwihaki for ten wonderful years and we are blessed with two amazing sons aged 3 and 8. I joined Family Church Ministries because my wife and I believe in God's design for strong, thriving families as the cornerstone of a healthy church and society. Over the years, we've developed a deep passion for encouraging young marriages to flourish and for equipping parents to raise their children in an effective and godly way.

FCM's mission of empowering families to understand and live out God's ordained purpose, aligns perfectly with our vision. By being part of this ministry, we hope to grow, not only in our family life but also in our ability to serve and support others. It's a privilege to walk this journey with like-minded believers as we seek to honor God through building Christ-centred homes.



# PERSONAL UPDATES >>



## ERIC DEKRUIF

As we near the end of 2024, we can look back and see God's continued faithfulness in our lives. At the end of June, our family moved out of our Denver home to a house in Lakewood, CO in order to be closer to our local church community at

Southwest. I continue to serve in my ministry role as the director of the Young Adults and Discipleship ministries. Shortly after this, I left for a 12 day trip to Nigeria with my son, Landen. Immediately upon my return, I had the privilege of preaching on discipleship at a Sunday service at Southwest. Needless to say, it was a busy month for us. We started a new semester of school with our children in the fall. The younger girls

returned to a Classical Conversations community at our local church and the older three children transitioned to using the Generations curriculum full time. We are also in our second year with STOA, a Christian homeschool speech and debate club, where the kids are learning to speak boldly and change the world for Christ. Emma and Sadie continue to participate in Joyful Light Theatre and were part of the productions in the fall. Landen helped out with lights and sound for both of their shows. Family time on Friday afternoons has been a highlight in our week where we take trips up to the mountains to explore, hike, and enjoy the beauty of God's creation in Colorado. We pray that God continues to guide our steps into 2025, and we trust Him to lead our lives and ministry as we seek to continue our vision to build strong churches by building strong families.



## PHYLIS AMUKOWA

Kevin, Gianna, Gaddiel, and I are doing well, and we give all the glory to God for His faithfulness in seeing us through this year. Our couples' ministry has been growing steadily, and we've officially formed a group to help strengthen relationships among couples. Personally, my passion for the work we're doing at FCM continues to deepen and become clearer with each passing day. I'm excited to share that I'm working towards getting FCM Kenya officially registered, as there is a great hunger for our programs from family discipleship to leadership training across the country. Just as Jesus said in John 4:35, I believe the fields are ripe for harvest, and I am eager to see how God will continue to move in Kenya through FCM's ministry.



## JOSPHAT IDAYA

Thinking about the whole year, I cannot help but be grateful to God for sustaining me, my family and the ministry. There have been various challenges throughout the year, from personally being involved in a car accident to my ministry facing difficulties that upset the unity of the church. However, God's grace has carried me through. My family is doing well, my ministry and church networks continue to be rooted in Christ, and I am passionately continuing to shepherd the staff and students at FCM through mentorship and discipleship. I have been working hard in ministry the whole year and I am looking forward to taking my annual leave in December so I can rest and spend more time with my family, especially my grandchildren.



## WILSON ATAMBO

2024 has been a year that has tested my faith in God and the year that I have gotten to truly understand God's grace. I have faced big challenges especially in my ministry. With the church being asked to leave the rented premises, a huge strain was put on me as the pastor of the church. The members were shaken and the future of the church uncertain. However, in the midst of this storm, my wife graduated from college after completing her course in Pharmacy, the unity of the church remained and God provided a way for the church to get a new premises. The FCM family has been such a wonderful support system for me and my family during this difficult year, and I am grateful for them. I am looking forward to celebrating Christmas with my church and my family as we give thanks to God for His faithfulness.

# GLOBAL CHURCH: TRIP TO NIGERIA

In July, I had the privilege of traveling to Nigeria with a group of seven individuals from our home fellowship at Southwest Community Church. The purpose of the trip was to work alongside a family from our church, who are serving with the mission agency SIM in the city of Jos to bring the light of Christ into the community. Through God's amazing grace and provision, my son, Landen, who is 13, was able to join me. The trip was a huge success, as we spent our time in discipleship and leadership training and visiting many of the different ministries in and outside of the city. One of the highlights was serving at Jungle Ministries, whose mission is to bring the forgiveness and reconciliation of Jesus Christ to those trapped in substance abuse and sin in the Nigerian slums. The men in the group, including my son, spent five days in discipleship training with around 40 other men from Jos. They worked through a study of the book of Proverbs and taught through the First Principles of Community Life, which focuses on what it means to belong to a family of families. By God's grace, I have also been able to continue leadership training with a smaller group of men from Jungle Ministries on a weekly basis through an online platform. I look forward to continuing to work alongside them for the greater progress of the gospel, and I'm hopeful to return in the next year to continue to encourage and strengthen the local church.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### *From our partners:*

#### ***Deliverance Church Top station:***

- Prayer for funds to help with the completion of church structures at DC Jabez and Bikeke.
- Prayer for revival and commitments for Sunday school, teens, youth and men's ministry as more workers are needed in these ministries.
- Prayer for funds to be able to purchase land for Rohi Mission Schools to allow its growth and expansion.
- Prayer for the worship team at church to have peace and unity among them.
- Prayer for Josphat as he takes a month's leave from ministry to rest, that God may sustain the ministry and financially provide for him and his family during this time.

#### ***IVC church Kisii:***

- Prayer for a good and lasting premise for the church.
- Prayer for unity and peace among church members.
- Prayer for strength, wisdom and courage for Wilson as he handles the issues facing the church.
- Prayer for financial provision to meet the pressing needs of the church and Wilson's family needs, especially tuition fees for his children.

### ***From us at FCM:***

- Prayer for wisdom and guidance as we register FCM Kenya as a society organization in Kenya, in 2025.
- Prayer for financial provision as our programs and projects expand globally, especially Kenya.
- Prayer for success and positive impact for all the events planned for 2025.
- 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.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Josphat and Phylis will be travelling to the United States of America in February 2025 and are looking forward to meeting you and sharing their testimonies with you.
1. FCM is planning for an open day event in March 2025 where you get the opportunity to learn more about us, support us in donating funds for our programs, and meet some of the FCM Kenya team. Visit our website to sign up for the event.
1. Eric DeKruif is organizing a mission trip to Kenya in May 2025. Contact us to find out more about how to be a part of the trip or supporting the team going on the trip.

## CALL TO ACTION

At FCM, the work we do continues to meet a growing need, and thanks to God, our impact is expanding—yet we can't do it alone. Partnership is essential in advancing the gospel and strengthening communities, and we need you to join us in this mission. By partnering with us through monthly donations or one-time gifts, you enable us to empower families through our programs and events, and equip leaders through our discipleship pathway leadership program. Your support is crucial to the continued growth and success of our work, and we pray you feel convicted to stand with us as we seek to transform lives and communities for the Kingdom of God. Together, we can make a lasting difference!

Visit our website to know how you can partner with us through your kind donations.  
[www.familychurchministries.com/give](http://www.familychurchministries.com/give)

## GALLERY

**The First Principles**  
Series 1  
By Jeff Reed

1.1 Becoming a Disciple      1.2 Belonging to a Family of Families  
1.3 Participating in the Mission of the Church      1.4 Cultivating Habits of the Heart



Couple's Hangout in Eldoret, Kenya



Esther, a new student in the leadership program