



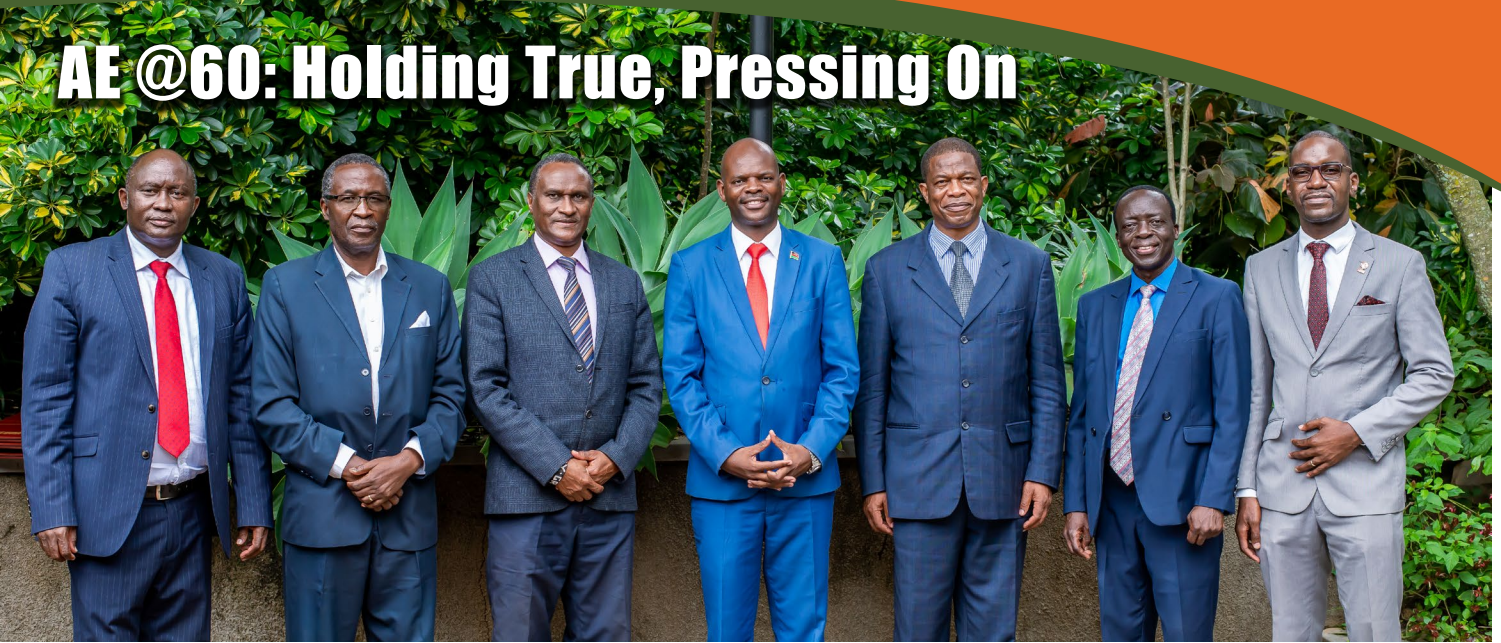
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**Celebrating 60 Years
of Ministry in Africa**

AE @60: Holding True, Pressing On



Since its founding in 1962, the ministry of African Enterprise has continued to evangelize the cities of Africa through word and deed in partnership with the church. As a result, many lives have been transformed by the gospel through this ministry that now has offices in 12 countries across the continent.

This year, African Enterprise celebrates its Diamond-Jubilee under the theme “Holding True, Pressing On” drawn from Philippians 3:14. The organization seeks to celebrate this milestone through three sequential celebratory missions scheduled for August through September in Uganda, South Africa and Zambia.

The grand celebration is scheduled for Friday 2nd September in Lusaka, Zambia. This shall be in form of a National Prayer Breakfast in which we seek to host the Presidents of Zambia and Malawi.

The International Team Leader (ITL), Dr. Stephen Mbogo and the International Operations Manager (IOM), Mr. Simon Mundu visited Lusaka, Zambia and Lilongwe in February with intent to meet the President of Zambia, Mr. Hakainde Hichilema and the President of Malawi, Dr. Lazarus Chakwera to share the vision of the National Prayer Breakfast and formally invite them to the breakfast as Guest of Honor and Guest Speaker respectively.

Though the two officials were not able to meet the two presidents who were away for a summit, the duo were able to meet the Vice President and Acting President of Zambia, Mrs. Mutale Nalumango, the Provincial Minister for Lusaka, Mrs. Sheal Mulyata, the Clerk of National Assembly, Mrs. Cecilia Mbewe, the Speaker of National Assembly, Nellie Mutti, in Lusaka and the Advisor to the Malawian President on Religious Affairs in Lilongwe.

The choice to hold the 60th Anniversary celebrations in Zambia is strategic as Zambia forms part of the African Enterprise Southern Africa Region (AESAR) alongside Malawi and Zimbabwe. AESAR is currently being led by Dr. Lutangu Lubasi, who was inducted into the role last month at a church service in Lusaka, Zambia.

In Malawi, Dr. Mbogo, Mr. Mundu and Dr. Lubasi held a meeting with the AE Malawi Board where they concluded and signed a Memorandum of Understanding.

The Memorandum of Understanding between AE Malawi Board and the Regional office will ensure the smooth-running of operations between the two parties as they pursue AE’s mandate of “Evangelizing the cities of Africa through Word and deed in partnership with the church”.



CELEBRATING AFRICAN ENTERPRISE

60th Anniversary

Holding True, Pressing On

SEQUENTIAL CELEBRATIONS

AEE Uganda
1st - 7th August

AE South Africa
12th - 22nd August

AESAR [Zambia]
25th Aug. - 4th Sep.

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus ~ Philippians 3:14



Overcoming Challenges Faced by Festo Kivengere in Uganda: I love Idi Amin

In the time and reign of Idi Amin in Uganda (1971 – 1979), the challenges faced by Bishop Festo Kivengere, the then AE East African Team Leader and other Bishops were immense and frightening. Amin became one of the most brutal dictators of the 20th Century and some 400,000 people were slaughtered during his reign.

He started out looking like a benevolent dictator and Festo and the other Bishops sort of tolerated him but gradually, he became more and more brutal and he made life appear cheaper and cheaper. Those who opposed him were ruthlessly assassinated and multitudes “disappeared”, as locals put it.

The major requirement for Festo, other Bishops and the Church as a whole was courage in facing the dictator’s threat. All of this raised very acutely the assorted issues relating to Church and State. And how long and how far the Church continues as per Romans 13:1, to “submit to the powers that be.”

Clearly, Festo could not sanction revolution or

attempt to see the dictator overthrown violently, but they had to figure out at what point the Church could no longer sanction submission to state brutality.

Festo and his colleagues knew that Jesus had said “render to Caesar the things that are Caesars and to God the things that are God’s” (Mark 12:17). The challenge for Festo and others was to discern at what point Caesar was asking people to render to himself the things that were God’s. In early 1980, Archbishop Janani Luwum (who was also AEE Uganda’s chairman), Festo and the other Anglican Bishops drew up a very bold document challenging Amin about his behaviour and where he was taking the country.

This infuriated Amin and he ordered the assassination of Luwum in cold blood. It was clear that Festo had now become the first on Amin’s hit list and all the local Christian brethren urged Festo and Mera to flee at once. This they did through forest tracks leading to the base of the mountains separating Uganda from Rwanda.



Festo and Mera courageously trekked up the mountainsides during the night till finally they crossed the border into Rwanda where they received a huge welcome. They then went through to our office in Nairobi which they found flooded with Ugandan exiles and cries for help. The new challenge now was to Festo's heart and conscience as to what his response would be to these exiles.

Because Festo was so well known and so well loved, these exiles turned to him and to AE rather than to major aid agencies. There and then, Festo and AEE Kenya/Uganda launched RETURN (Relief, Education and Training for Ugandan Refugees Now). In the end, this program ran for several years and AE funded over 300 International University scholarships for Refugees who qualified. Some later ended up in new governments in Uganda and felt they owed much to AE.

Festo and Mera then travelled on via London to AE's office in California. But in London Festo faced an awesome spiritual challenge in terms of his attitude as a Christian to Idi Amin who had terrorised his country, sought to kill him personally and driven him and his wife into exile. In a Good Friday service at John Stott's All Souls Church, Langham Place, London, Festo and Mera attended a Good Friday service. Festo's heart was filled with bitterness, almost hatred, towards Idi Amin but in the sermon Festo heard Jesus's words from the cross: "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Festo then heard the voice of the Lord saying to him: "My son, if Amin had been in that circle of soldiers crucifying me, would I have said 'Father, forgive them all, except this big Ugandan below me.'" Festo's response became determinative for the rest of his life as he responded to Jesus saying "Lord, I am here and now forgiving Idi Amin." Immediately he felt a huge release in his soul and he was flooded with the joy and peace of the Lord.

For the rest of Festo's days the message of forgiveness and reconciliation became even more central to his whole life and being and ministry. His new posture

even led him into writing a small book called *I love Idi Amin*. A reporter in a press conference asked him how on earth he could write a book with this title. Replied Festo: "I may not like Idi Amin but if I am a Christian believer I am obliged to forgive him, love him with Christ's love, and want the highest and best for his life."

Another reporter asked: "If you were standing face to face with Amin, and someone gave you a revolver, what would you do?" "Well," replied Festo, "I would hand the revolver back and say this is not my weapon. My weapon is love."

The next big challenge Festo faced in conjunction with the AE USA board was to be practical and raise vast sums of money for the ever developing needs in Uganda. Warwick Olson, then director of AE, Australia, proceeded to launch an AE office first in Australia and then in UK through which these Ugandan monies could be channelled to the needs back in that country.

Through these years of Festo's exile from Uganda, Michael travelled with him in many places ranging from USA and Canada through to Australia, several countries of Latin America, Egypt, Liberia (West Africa), and even South Africa. Festo's message of love and forgiveness melted hearts everywhere and Michael felt ever after the immensity of the privilege he had had of ministering around the world with this great brother.

Festo died from Leukaemia in 1988 and he and Michael had a very poignant time together in their last meeting in a Nairobi hospital. Michael and most of the other team leaders and board chairs travelled in a chartered plane with Festo's coffin back to Uganda for the funeral in Namirembe Cathedral where Michael was one of the main speakers.



God's Love Exceeds the Love of my Father

God is amazing! I'm among the people he loved in the world! Catherine said. She confessed Jesus as her savior of her life and promised to be calling him her father as she lives.

Catherine is 13 years old and lives with her both parents in Bugesera District. When we preached the gospel, she was among the children who were touched by the gospel. During children group phase out for 160 children in Rwanda, 74 Community facilitators, 12 local leaders' community facilitators, 2 pastors attended and it was a good opportunity to preach the gospel to all of them.

Though she has both parents, she has not experienced the love from her father. The father is a drunkard and doesn't care for his children. After she heard the gospel, she testifies that God's Love exceeds the love of her father because he even gave his only son to save the world while her father cannot even give the little money he has for his children to survive.

In the meeting of ISLGs committee held at SOLACE Guest House in Kigali, 35 people out of 176 who were in the meeting conformed that Jesus is the way, and the truth, and the life and happy to start new chapter of their life in Jesus Christ.

In another instance, the gospel message produced tears of repentance in Remera, Kigali where 18 of 90 hopeless female sex workers found the mercy of Jesus who can save them from the bondage of sin and change their lives for eternity. This is after listening to the gospel message preached by Aimable, an AEE staff in the Building the Future Project in KIGALI. "It was my first time in my Christian experience seeing people prevailed by the word of God and respond with tears, bowing down with a remarkable repentance," Aimable said.





Positive Impact of Trauma Healing Training in Juba South Sudan

Testimony by Erminia Proklo

I am Mrs. Erminia Proklo, 59 years old. I am a teacher by profession and a 1983 graduate from the Teachers Training Institute in Tonj Town of Warap State in South Sudan. I have been in the teaching profession for the last 39 years. I am currently a Deputy Head Teacher at Buluk A (1) Primary School in Juba Central, Equatoria State.

My testimony covers my life before and after attending the Trauma Healing Training Workshop for teachers conducted by African Evangelistic Enterprise South Sudan. Before I attended the trauma healing training, my life was totally confused, desperate and traumatized with what happened to me on 14th May 2021 - which is terrible and shocking.

My eleven (11) year-old son George Fanis who is talented, brilliant has completed his primary eight leaving examinations at Hai Salam Primary School. George Fanis left home early in the morning to play football with his age mates near where we live. He later returned home at around 9:30 am. After taking tea, he went back and told me they having a match at the local football stadium.

Since that time, my son George did not return home. As parents, we waited for him till night and he did not come back home and we went around asking the friends whom they were been playing together and they said, they all came back and everyone went straight to their own home. Then in the morning, we started looking around but could not get him anywhere. Later, we went to the police and media. One of the neighbors said, they had met him earlier for three times but we still could not find him.

At that time, I found myself totally disturbed and not know what to do and even losing interest in my job,

not even going to work. During the Trauma Healing Training in August, I was able to see something happening in my life and I started to have a different precipitation towards life and trusting in God alone and now developing a spirit of happiness again and peace came into my heart for the first time since the incitement took place.

On the other hand, that same night after the training, I was able to have complete sleep and was able to eat food and everybody was surprised and we thanked God for the change that had happened to me. At the same time, I also surrendered my life totally to the Lordship of Jesus Christ as the only one who cares. The turning point in my life was during taking the pain to the cross of Jesus and after burning the papers and the emphasis of the facilitator on trusting that Jesus has taken your issues became real to me.

I would like to thank African Evangelistic Enterprise South Sudan and the partners for the great work of restoring back hope to the hopeless people like myself, May God open ways and enable the AEE team to continue helping the needy and the desperate people Juba has and in South Sudan as a whole. I thank God for giving me an opportunity to attend this great training which has made impact and change in me, I can confess and say it is a miracle and God's plan for me.

My gratitude also goes to AEE South Sudan for timely training on trauma healing. It was meant for my transformation. I have become a life example not only to my fellow teachers but also to the community around me. Many got even surprised about where I got the strength to overcome this hard and painful event happened to me. The secret and the answer is Jesus Christ. May His name be praised for ever and ever. Please continue to pray for me to be strong in faith and to follow Jesus faithfully in my daily life.





AE Team posing with the Zambian Vice President Mrs. Mutale Nalumango after a meeting



AE International Team Leader, Dr. Mbogo with Advisor to the Malawian President on Religious Affairs, Rev. Brian Kamwendo



AE Team with the Speaker of the Zambian National Assembly, Right Honorable Nelly Mutti, at her office.



Handover of the Signed Memorandum of Understanding for AE Southern Africa Region in Malawi.



Dr. Lubasi Lutangu during his induction as the AE Southern Africa Region's Team Leader



AE International Board during the 2022 Quarter 1 meeting in Uganda



Church leaders during the launch of Africa Prays - Kenya in Nairobi. See the brief [HERE](#).



International Social Action Director with some staff in Uganda during a recent project monitoring visit.

WELCOME TO THE AFRICAN ENTERPRISE FAMILY



Rev. Canon Dr. Benson Baguma
National Team Leader, AEE Uganda



Mr. Job Kiggundu
Missions Manager, AEE Uganda

THANK YOU FOR SERVING AT AFRICAN ENTERPRISE



Ben Campbell
Outgoing Team Leader/CEO, AE Australia



Edward Mubiru
Outgoing Acting Team Leader, AEE Uganda



Transformation Through Community Self-help Group in Uganda

Monika is a member of Asianzu self-help group (SHG) in Caleb Baku village, Awika parish, Arivu sub-county. She is 28 years old and her husband is 30 years old now. Her husband couldn't allow her and their children to participate in the program activities and group meetings regularly.

The first time she attended parenting session, she returned home and explained to the husband the benefits from the being a members of a group, but he could not believe her. At end of the year, the group shared their savings and she received 200,000 shillings. She contacted the husband and they agreed to purchase piglets. This now made the husband happy and allowed her to continue participating in self-help group activities.

During the second parenting session, she participated together with her husband, and this made him to understand the roles of a parent and importance of education. The family has one CAM plus child called Michael who has a hearing impairment. One day, a trainer with a hearing impairment came to sensitize the community on importance of educating children with disability and explained how he studied.

This challenged Monika's husband who returned home to discuss with his wife and they were able to send Michael to Eruba School of the Deaf. From that time, their family began working together

and the husband joined self-help group and their savings increased. They were sleeping in a grass-thatched house and since the group was trained on vision bearing, they got a vision of shifting to a house that is roofed with iron sheets.

This made them to sell a male pig to mobilize funds to lay bricks. They sold the bricks to buy 10 iron sheets (each costing Ugx 45,000) and the balances of the bricks were used to start the foundation. They then picked a loan, which they used to hire people to burn charcoal through which they raised Ugx. 500,000 per month.

Furthermore, when the piglets mature, a male pig was slaughtered for people to lay more bricks with which their house will be completed. Their female pig produced 8 pig lets. They plan to sell 2 of them to pay the school fees for Michael. The couple also plans to get a loan for starting a business of selling fish to further expand their income base. Their savings has now increased from 1000 to 10,000 Ugandan shillings per week.

“We shall now work together as a family to ensure that our child Michael completes his studies. We shall also live in a house that is roofed with iron sheets and we shall also ensure that we can become a model family that other people can emulate. We appreciate AEE for training us.” Says Monika.





Impact of Peer Mentors Training in Kenyan Schools

I have been benefitting from the Foxfires Youth Empowerment program through their Life Skills program in our school. When I heard about the peer mentors training, I did not hesitate to join the club. It has a personal approach, and I have learnt a lot from them over the last one month. We have been able to handle topics such as peer belonging, self-esteem, identity crisis, self-awareness, career development, and intimate relationships. I have seen how keen they are on mentoring us to become change agents in the society and more so to our fellow students, I have learnt to engage in social conversations that affect my peers positively. The fact that they have a Christian approach to things makes it even better. I can't wait to become an official peer educator."

~ *Esther Wairimu - Ruthimitu Mixed Secondary School.*

I am a student pursuing Social Work at Chuka University. At the moment, I have a break from my studies for 5 months. I made the decision to take this time and put it into good use by volunteering and giving back to the program. So far, we have been hands on with school ministry, a great initiative I enjoy in reaching my fellow young people. My favorite thing has been the peer educators training. This is because it allows me to connect with the students at a personal level. Since I joined the Foxfires Empowerment Program, I have grown to love serving and being a source of transformation to the youth. This gave me the push to pursue Social Work so that I can have an intentional and direct relations with my generation!' – *Irene, 2021 Foxfires Alumnus*

The AEE Kenya Foxfires reached 3,620 young people with 117 giving their lives to Christ in by end of February 2022.





My Goal is to Teach the Biblical Truth to my Generation



I was struggling about false notions of God. But because of the discipleship program, I have now a better understanding of the humanity and deity of Jesus Christ. Moreover, because I learned how to study and interpret the Bible, now I am able to defend the biblical faith referring from the source i.e. the Bible

My aspiration and prayer is to teach the biblical truth to my generation. After graduating from university, I want to become a pastor and teach the people of God so that the 'sheep' will have a wholesome understanding of the Bible.

Biruk Muluken

Ethiopia

Biruk is a 10th grade student in the city of Bahir Dar. He is from Mulu Wongel Church in Ethiopia. He has taken courses in the Students Discipleship Program for 5 consecutive years. What touched him most is the study about God and the identity of Jesus.



He Leaves the 99, to save the 1

Story by Mandla Dube

In the month of February, I went on mission with a church in South Africa. We walked door to door in the Lincoln Meade area, praying with people and handing out books that contained the Gospel of John.

We met very few people who were willing to talk to us, even fewer who wanted us to pray with them. We walked the streets praying for God to show us the right people to speak to. We went to a house where a man was cleaning a garden. I introduced myself and the two other ladies who were with me.

We told him why we were there and he said the people who owned the house are Christians but I told him that we were not here for them, we were there for him. I asked if there is anything we could pray for and he said he needed deliverance from smoking and alcohol. We then prayed for him.

After we prayed, I told him that true deliverance can only come from Jesus. I asked if he knew Jesus and he said he heard about Jesus. I asked him if he has ever accepted Jesus into his life and he said no. I asked if he wanted to accept Jesus into his heart as I explained what it meant and he said yes! I led him through the salvation prayer and he gave his life to the Lord.

When the bible says, "He leaves the 99 to find the 1", we literally felt it that day. We invited him to church. That was the only salvation of the hundreds of people who were visited that day but we were overjoyed, for the bible says the heavens rejoice when just one comes to salvation.





AFRICAN ENTERPRISE

Holding True, Pressing On



2022 Citywide Missions

AEE Kenya

2nd - 12th June; Mombasa, Kenya

AE Democratic Republic of Congo

20th June - 30th June; Kinshasa, DRC

AEE Uganda

10th July - 30th July; Kabale, Uganda

AEE Rwanda

18th July - 24th July; Rwamagana, Rwanda

AEE Uganda

1st August - 7th August; Kampala, Uganda

AE South Africa

12th August - 21st August; Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

AEE Tanzania

14th August - 21st August; Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

AE Southern Africa Region (Malawi, Zimbabwe, Zambia)

25th August - 4th September; Lusaka, Zambia

AE Ghana

18th November - 28th November; Atakpame, Togo

AE Ethiopia,

19th December - 25th December; Adama, Ethiopia