



# The African

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2023

**Revitalising Church-Based Evangelism**

## A Plentiful Harvest Calls for More Laborers!

A focus area for us in this season is Revitalising church-based evangelism, whereby we should seek to strengthen evangelism, with the church as the base of that evangelism. The church is so central in God's mission. Our focus, therefore, should be on how we get the congregation to be with us so that we are not just running as a parachurch organisation, doing our thing, and the churches are as spectators.

So, how do we ensure that we are not usurping or stealing the show from the church but are rather coming alongside the Church. At the end of the day when AE has come into the city and has left, the church still remains!



here is a lot we could take from the text in Luke 8:1-3. In its context, Jesus is doing the ministry. Jesus is the focus, the master teacher... the master trainer is leading and is showing by example how it is done. There is the mention of cities which excites us because as African Enterprise, we focus on cities.

In Luke 9:1-2, Jesus sends out the 12. The 12 have, up to this moment, been with him. They have followed him and at this point, He commends them for following Him and He sends them out. What happened after this was that the momentum increased, and the sharing of the message of the Kingdom of God gained pace. Then in Luke 10:1-4, we see a great multiplication. It started from 1 person to 12 people and now, in chapter 10, it is 72 that are being sent out. The sending out of the 70 has the same emphasis as that of when the 12 were sent out.

*"Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them."*

Friends, as we look at the continent, there is a lot to be done, and look at the heart of the master, He sent the 70 ahead of him, in pairs, to the places that he intended to go. Can you name or think of 35 locations, cities or towns that need the gospel? Maybe in one there are a lot of orphans, in another a lot of policemen that need the gospel, in another there could be a lot of single mothers and in another maybe politicians.

In AE, our definition of a city is a place that has a population of 250,000 people or more.

There are about 528 medium-sized cities on the continent of Africa that have a population of about 250,000 people.

A plentiful harvest calls for more laborers.

I look forward to a mission where we will have 10,000 people mobilized from both outside and within, all combing an entire city, reaching the last, the lost and the least.

The harvest is plenty and a plentiful harvest calls for more laborers. Those laborers are in the church, let us put effort in strengthening church-based evangelism for a greater harvest of souls.

Blessings,

Dr. Stephen Mbogo, International Team Leader

## Church Evangelism Revitalisation Strategy Training.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).

The African Enterprise International Institute of Evangelism (AEIIE) Mission is to Equip Evangelists Theologically and Holistically for Global Mission. One of the key AEIIE objectives is providing formal education to Evangelists, pastors, and other lay leaders involved in evangelism at various levels. There has been deliberate training on Evangelism around the partnership, which includes the staff across the 12 countries.

September saw over 35 AE team leaders and mission staff and long-serving associates from African Enterprise Kenya gather in Nairobi in Kenya from the 4th of September to 6th of September 2023 for the 'Church Evangelism Revitalisation' training. The training's main focus was God's Mission in Africa; Our Mission, Our Vision. AE's role in Evangelism in equipping the church in an integrated approach to evangelism in theory and practice. The training was steered by Professor Rick Richardson from Wheaton College in Illinois, together with Emmanuel Kwizera who not only serves as the AE International Mission's Director but also recently graduated with a master's in Evangelism & Leadership from Wheaton College Graduate School.

Professor Rick stated that there is a difference between seasonal evangelism and a lifestyle of evangelism. For while seasonal evangelism relies on events such as festivals and revival rallies, a lifestyle of evangelism has more reach, and it ensures consistency in sharing the word and keeping one's the evangelical temperature high

During the training, Dr. Stephen Mbogo, the International Team Leader, awarded copies of his book 'Send me to the Nations,' to the young people under 30 years of age in African Enterprise. He said that the young people in African Enterprise are the organisation's future, himself having joined African Enterprise at 27 years of age. Dr. Stephen Mbogo also led the team leaders in making the following resolutions:



1. **Team leaders and mission directors must be responsible for ensuring their teams meet periodically to check and measure each other's evangelism temperatures.**
2. **Evangelism shall become a discipline and a commitment.**
3. **Everyone commit to pray.**
4. **Commit to use the existing systems to ensure that the culture of evangelism as a lifestyle is established.**



Our reach this year → 4,048,639

Decisions this year → 141,611





## Love Nairobi Mission

In September (7th -17th) 2023, African Enterprise partnered with the Luis Palau Association, to execute one of the biggest evangelical movements in Kenya; The Love Nairobi Festival Mission. Over 500 laborers in the Lord's vineyard availed themselves from all over the world, to share the gospel on the streets, in churches, in door-to-door missions, in prisons, in schools and anywhere that the Lord availed. The result of this obedience was a reach to **320,968** people with the gospel message of Christ and a harvest of **78,593** decisions to follow Christ.



### AEE LNF MISSION WEEK DATA



The Love Nairobi Mission culminated with a three-day festival at the University of Nairobi Sports grounds where the Luis Palau Association together with other partners ran several activities such as extreme sports, children's play areas and famous local and international gospel artistes such as Pompi from Zambia, Don Moen from the USA and Evelyn Wanjiru from Kenya. Andrew Palau shared the gospel on all three days to the great multitudes that showed up at the grounds. The Luis Palau Association shares similar goals with African Enterprise in working towards a united church, proclaiming the gospel message of Christ and evangelizing cities.



## Chapatis for Christ!

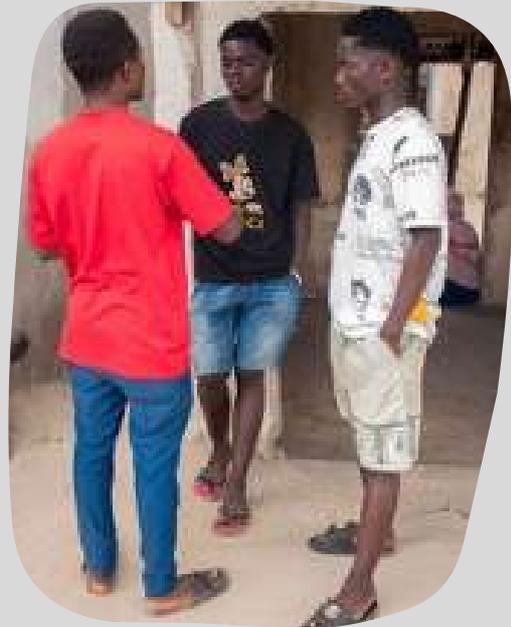
At the start of the mission, evangelists had been encouraged to have missionary stomachs, able to appreciate whatever meals that their host would provide. However, Pastor Joseph Bart-Plange from Ghana and Nancy from Kenya took it to a higher level when they decided to acquire not just a missionary stomach but also missionary hands, ready hands of service.

The duo reached out to three men who were in their daily business making some chapatti (a kind of tortilla) for sale. The evangelists then conversationally shared their conception of salvation. Two of the men said they believed in obeying the Ten Commandments. The other one believed that having been raised from a Christian family and being baptized gave him access to salvation to which the evangelists responded by explaining the gift of salvation attained by grace through faith only.

All three men made decisions to follow Christ. Praise be to God!



## *Kigamboni and Temeke mission*



AE Tanzania also did a mission in the area of Temeke and Kigamboni in the month of July and in one of the four districts that the evangelists were sent to do stratified evangelism, one of the missionaries met these two brothers and saw fit that they should hear the word of God. After a lengthy conversation, both brothers willingly accepted to receive Christ.

Later on, they shared that they had received Christ not because they had never heard of his stories, but because they were thrilled to see their fellow youth who had come all the way from the Kigoma region, there standing in front of them in their Temeke district, sharing to them the word of God. They felt that this mission was probably planned for them, for they had heard a lot of people tell them about Jesus but none of them had traveled so many miles away just to preach to them.

Like Jesus's disciples who followed Him where ever he went, these brothers then asked if they could follow the evangelists during the day and speak to other youths about Jesus and how they had made the best decision choosing him. They were excited to learn that they can partake in the discipleship classes that had been prepared at the local churches.

## Aid and Development Training

African Enterprise International arranged and ran a 3-day capacity development training on Aid and Development in Nairobi, Kenya. The training started on Thursday 31st August at Little Daughters of St. Joseph in Karen, Nairobi, and went on till Saturday 2nd September 2023. In attendance and participation of the training were team national team leaders from across the partnership, social action managers, mission directors, and communication personnel from the different national offices. African Enterprise Europe was represented by the Executive Director, Lynn Nwagbara.

Simba Musvamhiri, the CEO of African Enterprise Australia together with Bernice Sarpong, the Vice Chair of African Enterprise Australia, were the main facilitators of the Aid and Development Training. Janet Mwendwa, International Social Action Director, and Esther Chengo, International Communications Manager helped in the training facilitation. The training was officially flagged off by Rev. Dr. Stephen Mbogo, AE International Team Leader/CEO.

The training was to enhance transformative project concepts, to align proposals with Australian compliance and regulations, and, to establish a clear project management cycle framework for implementation, monitoring and ongoing accountability.

To achieve this, the Aid and Development training covered several areas ranging from policies on Safeguarding and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH), how to write good proposals and how to capture and report stories of impact.

The last day of the Aid and Development training included a trip to Kibera slum for practical implementation. The process included interaction with the people in Kibera to identify their needs, develop proposals addressing these needs, and capture impact stories. The training was climaxed by the awarding of certificates to all who had participated in and had completed the training successfully.



## Aid and Development Training, in picture

Group presentation during the training



Practical implementation in Kibera



Dr. Huwa sharing

Awarding certificates



Esther Presenting



## Aid and Development Training

### **Dominic Mujao – Missions Director, Zimbabwe**

My greatest take away in this training is that being now knowledgeable in the areas of programming towards social action programs, I will be able to design a project, doing complete needs assessment with the right information and being able to draft a proper project proposal. From this training I have gained a lot of knowledge about safeguarding, and I will be able to implement all the principles of safeguarding, making sure that the beneficiaries and the workers in our ministry are safeguarded.



### **Fred Samanya – Program Manager, Uganda**

I want to thank AE for organising this social action training in Nairobi. It has been a wonderful training where we have learnt so many things around projects. We have learnt about how to manage the project cycle, safeguarding and we have also learnt about writing stories. So we are going back equipped and we are sure that we are going to do a better job. I want to also thank AE Australia for organising this because now we know that going forward, we are going to have quality projects in our countries.



### **Berra Kabarongi - Social Action, Rwanda.**

One of the things I have enjoyed most in this training is having clear understanding on project writing, ensuring there is risk assessment and also making sure that there is clear data collection for reporting, part of monitoring and evaluation and even making sure that there is sustainability of the project. Partnering with the community members by involving them in project design, project implementation and even monitoring and evaluation. Their involvement leads to sustainability. It is one of the things which I have enjoyed very much because back home in Rwanda I work with project implementation.

### **Victoria Chindamba - Program Coordinator, Malawi**

I am the assistant coach and program coordinator for the family centre department and I also help out with social action activities. I have benefitted a lot from the trainings that have taken place in the sense that I have learnt how to write the content that is supposed to be included in the proposals. It is not just about the amount of money you want to get but it is about the proper way you are supposed to design the proposal. For instance you are supposed to identify the problem and come up with objectives which take you through the problem analysis. I have also benefited from the session on safeguarding because we work with people who need to be safeguarded for example children, elderly people and the beneficiaries of our projects so that at the end of the day, everyone is protected.



**AE Ghana**

**February 10-27, Atakpame Mission**

**AEE South Africa**

**March 15-21, Durban Mission Week 1**

**AE Ghana**

**March 19-26, University of Ghana Mission**

**AESAR**

**May 19-28, Mutare Mission Zimbabwe**

**AEE Rwanda**

**July 9-16, Kicukiro Mission**

**AEE Tanzania**

**July 9-16, Temeke & Kigamboni Mission**

**AE South Africa**

**July 24-30, Durban Mission Week 2**

**AEE Kenya**

**September 4-17, Love Nairobi Festival**

**AEE Uganda**

**September 22-October 1, Fort Portal Mission**

**AESAR**

**October 1-29, Lilongwe Mission**

**AE South Africa**

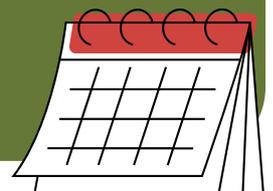
**October 18-24, Durban Mission Week 3**

**AE South Sudan**

**November 19-26, Terekeka Mission**

**AEE Ethiopia**

**December 18-24, Bole Mission**





African Enterprise's commitment to the transformation of marginalized and vulnerable communities through holistic programs continues. The 12 national teams in Africa have been involved in running programs that are generating a holistic impact in the lives of people through meeting their spiritual, physical, social and economic needs. God has called us into a life of victory not just over sin and death, but over poverty and poor states of livelihood. Interventions in the area of livelihood of people open doors to better reception of the Gospel. As an organization, we are deliberate on affecting the lives of people for the better and this is through numerous projects that seek to empower individuals by equipping them with relevant and useful skills. Here are some of the testimonies from the African Enterprise efforts in community transformation through social action projects.

## A Tale of Perseverance and Success

Juliana Phiri, a 33-year-old woman, is the 4th born in a family of 5. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Cavendish University in 2018, eager to land a job in her field of study. Unfortunately, despite her best efforts, she couldn't secure employment and became disheartened.

Feeling hopeless, Juliana's spirits were lifted by a friend who introduced her to tailoring. She pursued a course in fashion and design, completed it within a year, and opened up her own shop. The demand for her clothing quickly grew, so she hired Maria to assist her. Together, they became experts in tailoring and design.



Eventually, Juliana was offered a job as an assistant trainer at Women of Skill Hub, which led her to African Enterprise. She was particularly drawn to the Women Empowerment project, where she could share her inspiring story and encourage other women to pursue their dreams.

Juliana's prayer is that the women will use their tailoring skills to improve their lives and those of their families, just as she did. Her tale is one of perseverance and success, proving that with determination and hard work, anything is possible.



## HOPE FROM A HANDFUL OF FLOUR: CYCLONE FREDDY RELIEF INITIATIVE, Malawi

In March 2023, Tropical Cyclone Freddy induced floods and mudslides, and ravaged through the southern part of Malawi, affecting millions of people and killing thousands in 15 districts. An excess of 700,000 people were displaced due to the mass destruction of houses. AE Malawi took an initiative to provide relief items to the individuals that were affected.

“Before leaving home this morning, we only remained with a cupful of maize flour which we used to prepare porridge for breakfast”, Pemphero narrated her story after receiving relief items from the Cyclone Freddy Relief Initiative (CFRI).

The story is a near-splitting image of the story of the Widow in Zarephath in 1 Kings 17:12.

12-year-old Pemphero Singano stood at the mercy of the unrelenting heavy rains caused by Cyclone Freddy in March 2023 in the city of Blantyre, Mpemba area.

Being an only child, she grew up with no shortage of love and care from both of her parents. The disaster acted as a catalyst for gruesome change in one night.

“The Cyclone washed away all our possessions, house, and both of my parents. I was made an orphan in a few minutes”, she said.

She was found by Alice Mwamadi, a former beneficiary of African Enterprise Malawi’s Vocational Skills Training Center, a project aimed at equipping vulnerable women with sewing skills. Alice got shelter for her with an elderly lady within Chikunje Camp in Mpemba area.

“I joined Grandmother (the elderly lady) with no extra clothes, my friends from the community who learned about my predicament gave me a few dresses. Due to her advanced age, she is not working. It has been difficult to consistently have food on the table”, Pemphero expressed.

Grandmother, who is also a widow, only had a cupful of maize flour to spare for Pemphero before she sent her to receive the relief items from the CFRI.

“The Maize Flour, Cooking Oil, Washing Soap, Sugar, Salt, and Blanket I have received will ensure that me and grandmother have food at home for a while”, Pemphero expressed joyfully.

Just like the Widow in Zarephath, we hope and pray that she and her household will eat for many days, even as more doors of provision continue to open for them.



***Pemphero packing up her relief items***



Africa has the youngest population worldwide, and this calls for an urgent and deliberate move to evangelize and disciple them. Through programs such as Foxfire Youth Empowerment Program, African Enterprise has over the years been equipping the young generation to become the leaders and evangelists for the next generations.

## Dancing for the Kingdom

My name is Francis Patama. I am 23 year old and I am one of the youth from Bread of Life Church International. When I first joined the youth group in church in 2017, I didn't know much about ministry, but I loved dancing. But as I got involved with the youth group, I soon developed a strong passion for the lost souls. As time went on, I began to understand that I could use my God-given talent as an artist in drama, music and dance to share the Gospel and bring people into the Kingdom of God.

At the beginning of this year, African Enterprise Zambia came on the scene to interview for the first set of Foxfires. I am grateful that by the grace of God, I was one of the 8 Foxfires that was selected.

I was even more grateful to God to learn that the Foxfire use their gifts and talents in arts such as music, poetry, dance and drama to communicate the Gospel. I felt I was finally home!

In the last couple of months, I have been undergoing some training under the Foxfire and I have learned a lot about how to pray, read and study the Bible, share my faith, and disciple another person. I have learned a bit about how I can counsel other young people who are involved in various problems such as alcohol and substance abuse. Spiritually, I feel I am growing every single day.

## 2023 Foxfire Program comes to an end

The Foxfire empowerment program for 2023 came to an end after running for 7 months. The Foxfires shared their experiences and their all-round growth while engaged in the program. Here is what it has been like for Florence Achieng.

*"I started serving in the praise and worship team and I was also in the youth church and every Sunday we would go through a book in the bible and pick up nuggets from it. I have been going for practice on Saturdays and serving on Sundays and while it has had its challenges, I appreciate the opportunity to serve. I loved the revivals that were done every 3rd week of the month and the celebration of people's birthdays.*

*I learnt that all churches have different ways of doing their services and if you are so used to a particular way, you will not get anything from the teachings in the church. I am glad to have been able to minister and use my talents in the church and learn about the bible with the young people."* Florence Achieng 2023 Foxfire



The Kenya Foxfire team

# VISION



**To evangelize the cities of Africa  
in word and deed in partnership  
with the church**

# MISSION



**Transformed lives in Christ  
through an empowered Church**



## Discipling Students in Ethiopia

Discipleship is a key aspect of the African Enterprise's three-step mission strategy of preparation, proclamation, and preservation. It is through discipleship that we become more like Christ but also more importantly, it is through discipleship that we make more disciples.

AE Ethiopia has a robust discipleship program that targets young, school-going people from primary school to University in Ethiopia.

The 2023 Students Discipleship program kicked off in July, a time when schools were closed off for the long vacation. The program reaches more than 100 cities/churches. The photo below shows primary (grade) 5 students in a classroom in one of the churches in Addis where the discipleship program is being conducted. In this local church more than 300 students are taking discipleship courses.

The feedback received from the church leaders and trainers affirms that the program is contributing to the spiritual growth of children and youth. They commented that it is a far-looking program that focuses on the health of the church. Noticeable changes in the lifestyle of students have already been observed. One major change is the growing interest of the students in reading the Bible and attending church.



## My life goal is to live a life that glorifies God.

Ephrata Getenet is a 7th grade student. This is her first year coming to church for the Discipleship Program.

Her first course in class was about the Bible. And she says “though I have not stayed for long in the program, yet I have learnt that the Bible is the word of God and was written by people guided (inspired) by the Holy Spirit. Because of this we have to study it carefully and obey the word. Now I have committed to reading the Bible frequently.

Because of this training, I am becoming more joyful about my Christian life. My life goal is to live a life that glorifies God.



Ephrata Getenet, a 7th grade student.

**“Evangelism isn’t evangelism if there is no discipleship” Dr. Stephen Mbogo.**



Exposure to traumatic events is all too common, increasing the risk for a range of significant mental problems, such as posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and depression, physical health problems, negative health behaviors. Many countries in Africa find themselves entangled in the cycles of war, armed conflict and extreme poverty among others. These traumatic occurrences and events leave many people traumatized. Interventions in the area of trauma healing, as we are doing in South Sudan, open doors to better reception of the Gospel.

## Mary's Testimony on the Trauma Healing Program in South Sudan

"My name is Mary am 15 years old, and a pupil from Juba Model Primary School. I lived with my parents in Juba and one day, my mother and father entered into a serious misunderstanding and quarrel that made them fight. After they fought, my mom decided to leave the house and went home to her parents leaving us with our father. The fight ultimately ended in divorce, however, my mother got remarried to another man only a few days later.

When my father came to know that my mother was married to another husband, he refused my younger brothers and me to go to our mother's home and he threatened to deal accordingly with whoever would attempt to go to see her.

After my father finished saying this, I was totally unhappy and sad with what my father had said to us. I remember always asking myself this question; why is father denying us from seeing our mother even if she is married to another husband? Is it our problem?

Every day I would think a lot about when I would see my mother because during the time we were together, my mother used to help and guide me a lot with good advice but now, I missed out on all her good advice to me because she was no longer with us.

A while ago at school, the same issues of my father denying me from seeing my mother came again to my mind and made me cry until one of the members of the Trauma Healing Club came and found me crying behind the school building and she asked me why I was crying. I narrated to her the problems and she took me to the Trauma Healing Club centre for counselling and prayers. Indeed, they prayed for me that I would receive healing from all that was paining me in Jesus' name and they believed my father would allow me to go to see my mother. As I speak now, the prayers were answered. My father called me and told me that if I wanted to go to see my mother, I could go to see her and come back home. After he said that to me, I became healed and so happy with my father."



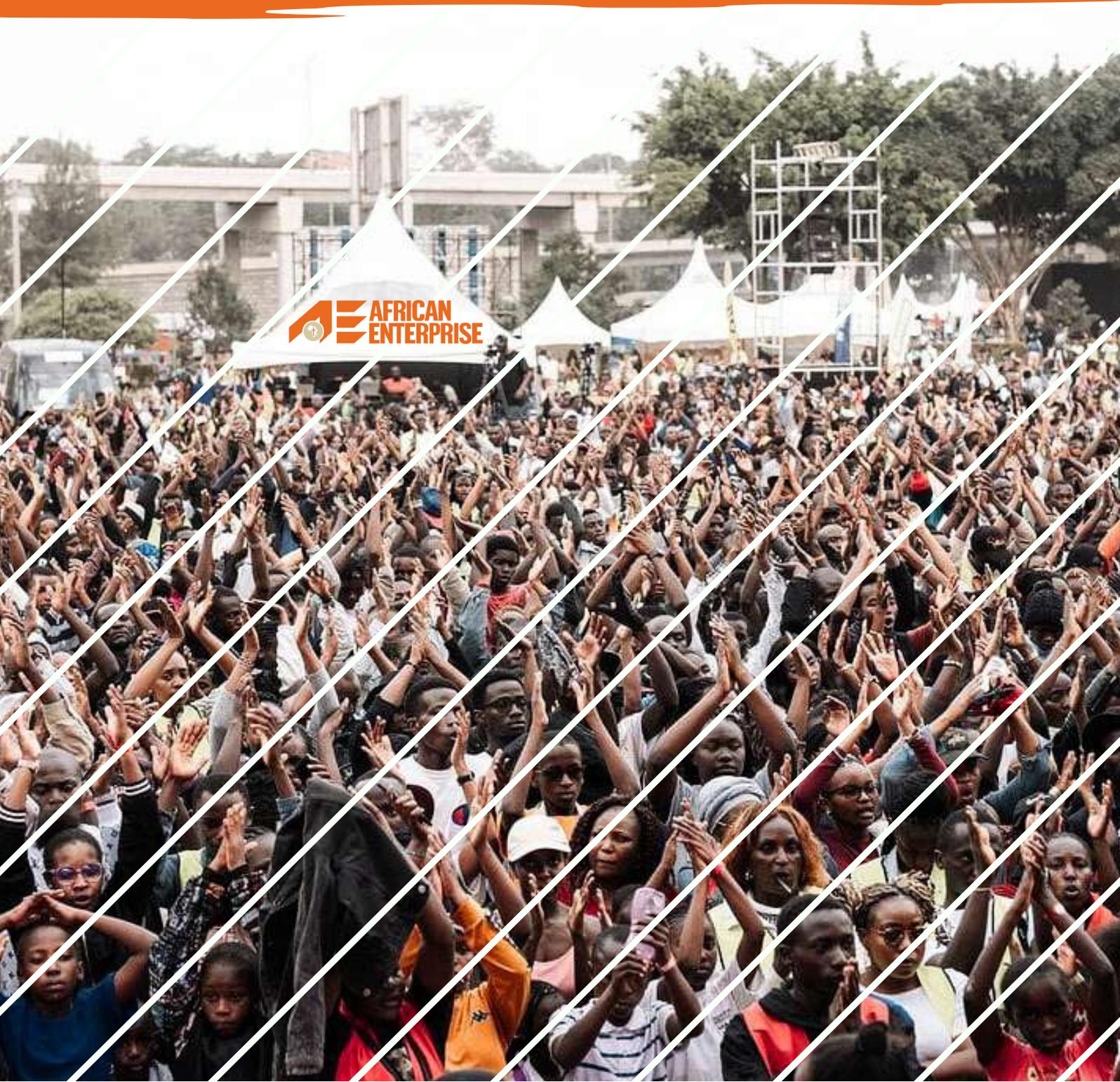
# NOTICES



**Next Prayer Season: from the 16th October to the 20th October 2023**

**The Corporate Day of Prayer is on the 19th October at 11.00 am ( EAT)**

**Lilongwe Mission will be running from 21st - 29th October**





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