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Chastity and Freedom Campaign

Since 2016, students take on their institutions and associates their circles of influence to advocate for sexual purity aggressively and communally in February. Similar campaigns run in the Universities and colleges in consecutive semesters of the year. This year, we have had a myriad of activities across our Christian Unions during the campaign from plenary meetings, and small-group gatherings, CU dinners to Chastity advocacy walks from 7th -14th February 2022.

Over 500 students gathered online for a two part-series of Sexual Purity Night hosted virtually. The sessions aimed at amplifying scriptural truth and helping students build convictions for chastity. 346 students and associates signed Purity Pledge Commitment from the two meetings. The CUs also ushered their members in signing the Purity Pledges commitments to uphold scriptures and stay pure by God's help. **Pray for God's preservation for the stakeholders who made new commitments this year.**

The Cross of Christ is a reminder of the grace God gives to the wounded and seeking. We have launched a program for those entangled in sexual sin and seeking help to overcome it dubbed **Break Free**. Through this, we hope to point the affected stakeholders to the Cross, for help to break out of bondage. Break free participants will be linked to personal counsellors and have intense 6-weeks virtual sessions with tailored activities. **Pray for these wounded soldiers who are seeking God's redeeming grace. Pray also for the successful running of Break Free Initiative.**



JOOUST CU chastity week meeting



Kibabii University CU campaigning for purity in Kibabii



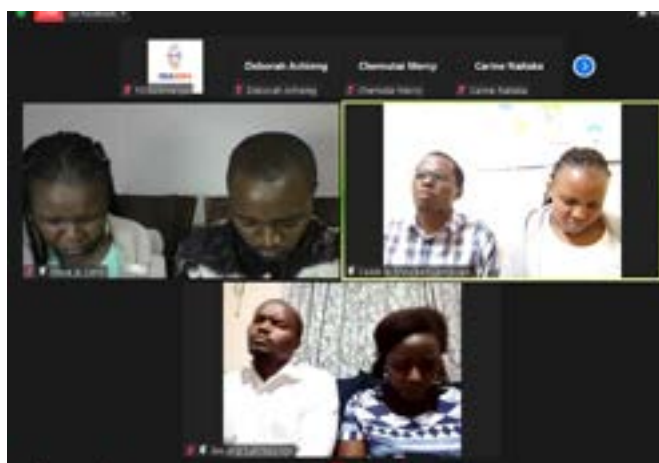
JKUAT-CU students advocating for purity around Juja.



Purity Night 1 zoom audience during Chastity week



Kigumo TTC students during the campaign.



Panelists in Purity night 2 praying for the students and associates



Model small groups for mentorship during Northern Nairobi Regional Leaders' Summit

Sustainable societal transformation requires a functional social cogwheel, with transfer of ideas and structured support. Mentorship for Social Transformation is one of the key ways FOCUS Kenya has adopted to raise a generation that perceives work as a mission ground and as a tool for social transformation.

The mentorship program seeks to assist the Mentees to develop biblical values such as integrity, good work ethics, excellence, and mission-mindedness. The five areas of focus include entrepreneurship, politics and governance, career ministry, academia and media. The goal of the program is to build a critical mass of Christian professionals who view their work/profession as a mission ground and tool for social transformation through practicing and institutionalizing biblical values and being skilled at their work.

The 2022 cohort was launched on January 29th 2022 with 31 mentors walking with 100 students divided into 20 groups. **Pray for the growth of this program and for bountiful harvest from the mentorship labor.**

Empowered for greater works

This year, we are more determined to prevail in prayer. We had a refreshing two weeks of prayer and fasting nationally and in the Regions from 17th -28th January 2022.

It was a great blessing to see the stakeholders availing themselves for prayer during Lunch Hours on Wednesdays and for Mini-Keshas on Fridays.

The theme of the prayer and fasting was *Empowered for Greater Works*. This is the faith we bear ahead of the major plans underway for 2022 in the Ministry. **Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands! (Psalm 90:17)**

We launched a prayer initiative to mobilize, connect and engage Students, Staff and Associates with a clear calling in intercession for FOCUS Ministry. During the launch of the FOCUS Intercessory Network (FIN), 67 participants registered for it. Is the call to prayer very clear to you? You can also sign up today and be part of FIN using the following link:

https://focusms.co.ke/focus_prayer_network



Staff praying together for the STEM cohort



Students praying during TUKCU prayer day



Virtual Mini-Kesha during the prayer and fasting



Ann Njiru with members of her Ethiopian Church community in Dadaab

Cross Culture Community Missions

Short-term missions in the Norway Interact Exchange program and STEM Community Development are among the prime programs for exposing fresh graduates to cross cultural evangelism. Through these platforms, we have been able to diversify our reach and impact communities as well. Here are some stories from our colleagues in these fields. **Pray for God’s wisdom and strength as they engage ministry.**

“When I came, I found that students hold weekly scripture engagement sessions. Most of them are Muslim students who are very warm and receptive. I hope to walk with them and invest heavily on discipleship towards them. Seeing that most of my students have gone through traumatic experiences of civil wars, I use the hours after class to have conversations with them. I am glad that they are open and vulnerable and thankful that I can give a shoulder to my students.”
From Anne Njiru (STEM CD, Daadab)

“We had a skeptics week (skepsisuke) and were joined by a team of 5 people from the US and together with over 50 Norwegian students. Throughout the week we went to different university faculty members and engaged students in conversations about faith and the meaning of life. In the evenings we had different gatherings that attracted over 150 students. The evening gatherings were; Grill a Christian, the Problem of Evil and Does God exist? Engaging students about these matters made us realize how much people had not thought about these things because the society does not encourage it!” Walter Jimwel and Isaac Mwaura (FOCUS staff in Bergen, Norway)



Stakeholders in Central Rift in a fellowship during a site visit of the Regional Land

HATUA, the infrastructural development initiative in FOCUS is an investment intended to facilitate the training and equipping more students for value-based leadership and catalyze societal transformation. This far, the construction of the 2nd floor of the Accommodation Block is ongoing at the headquarters in Nairobi. Central Rift Region is in the process of acquiring a 6-acre land in Njoro Sub-county for use as a Students' Center. On 29th January, 48 students and associates in the region went for a site visit of the land and had the pleasure of fellowship and prayer on the land. Resource mobilization is ongoing in the regions for various Hatua Initiatives. Pray that the Lord will grant breakthrough in the initiatives ongoing. **Pray for favor for Hatua mobilization teams in the CUs, among the associates and at national level.**





Group photo of the FOCUS STAFF team during SOT

From the 10th -17th January, our Staff team of 43 STEM staff and 35 Campus Ministry Facilitators (CMFs) and Admin staff gathered at FOCUS Center for an intense Staff Orientation and Training (SOT). We were finally able to enjoy an in-person SOT after two years break due to the pandemic restrictions. Thank the Lord that the new team of staff have fully integrated into their roles and are growing in service.

The Lord has expanded the laborers in the ministry further. 30 Associates from across the country have volunteered to serve as volunteer staff (FOCUS Associate Staff) in various Christian Unions. They are co-working with the CMFs and STEM staff in increasing the reach to students for greater impact. Praise God for supplying more laborers and pray for a fruitful service for the staff



In session discussions during SOT



Staff playing competitive card games



Team building group activity in SOT



SOT plenary sessions

CHANGE OF ROLES 2022



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Southern Nairobi RSEC members at FOCUS Center



Nothern Nairobi Leadership summit plenary at JKUAT



Moi University Annex Campus CU in a mission at Kipkaren



Plenary session during Western Region RSEC at KAFUCO

Ministry to students is packed with the joy of seeing the gospel transforming the lives of students, their growth in scripture engagement, their energy and creative potential and their growth in service through apprenticeship..

This is the part of the year where Regional Students' Executive Committees have handover meetings as they review and reflect on progress in ministry in the CUs and set plans and strategies for the year ahead.

We are truly grateful to God for grace and provision in various ministry initiatives among students across the country. We pray for lasting fruit to His glory.



Students and FOCUS staff after CU AGM at KMTCC Nakuru Town college



Training Bible Study leaders on effectiveness in BS coordination at Machakos University CU



RSEC members in Mt. Kenya following through a presentation



RSEC members in a plenary session in Pwani Region



North Rift Staff conducting an Evangelism training at IVC Church.



Opening session during Northern Nairobi's RSEC gathering



North Rift RSEC devotional session



Evangelism training session in CUEA CU in Karen



Central Rift students during a site visit of the Regional land



Garissa University CU members during a leaders' consultation visit

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