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THE MISSION OF GOD



ASSOCIATES' BRIEFS

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PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

Do you remember the first time you heard the gospel, or the day you were convicted of sin and the gift of salvation? For most people, the Lord sent someone to evangelize to us. Over the past two months, 2,122 university and college students from 22 CUs reached out to 20,570 people. Out of these, 3,864 received salvation and are in discipleship groups facilitated by the local churches that hosted the students.

This year's CU Annual Missions focused on communities that are least reached, popularly unreachable and majority Islam communities. To guarantee readiness and effective communication of the gospel, we had CU based missions training and prayers for missions. Some CUs collaborated with other CUs to offer peer mentorship to CUs without annual missions. Despite the challenges that heavy rains posed, we thank God for the preservation of the missionaries and the success of the missions.



Sereolipi and Ndonyo Wasin;

214 students from JKUAT CU and 2 FOCUS staff had a mission in Sereolipi and Ndonyo Wasin, Samburu County. They had to reckon with flash floods, language and cultural barriers. The students organized manyatta outreaches, crusades, mentorship sessions for young girls, generous donations, and played the Jesus Film for the community in Ndonyo Wasin.

Praise God for the wonderful mission and the 803 people who came to faith.

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Runyenjes and Getuya;

163 students and 2 FOCUS Staff from Muranga University CU held their mission in Runyenjes, Embu and Getuya, Kirinyaga. While reaching people in their homes, some students would assist in the chores, including farm work, as the other students shared the gospel. Their Creative arts ministry was also very resourceful in drawing people to the evangelism meetings. Praise the Lord for the 617 new believers in the two areas.

Associates Support in Missions:

While some associates joined the CUs in missions, many others made unique contributions in the missions. Among the ways associates refreshed the missionaries include financial support to CUs, in kind giving of foodstuff and donations to the communities being reached. Other associates also participated in training the students ahead of the missions. Various groups of associates also prayed for the success of the missions. We appreciate the generous support of Associates to the students.

You can also participate in the mission chain as an individual or Associates Branch. In addition to considering the budgetary support, associates can offer other resources for missions support. This can include community empowerment initiatives like medical and legal clinics, training community members on life skills, training church leaders and many more. All these things contribute to impactful outreaches and model the gospel.

OTHER CU ANNUAL MISSIONS BY MAY

CU	Mission Station	Number of students	Number of people reached	New believers
SEKU	Karai-Naivasha	106	600	40
Kabianga main	Litein-Kericho	55	900	130
KU Kitui campus	Kyua-Kitui	30	300	5
UoN Lower Kabete	Kitisuru-Mwimuto	86	777	246
MMUST CU	Eldama Ravine	86	130	0
Pwani University CU	Kibokoni-Malindi	98	800	124
Kibabii University CU	Vihiga	70	400	114
MKU Parklands CU	Kitsuru-Gachie	32	150	62
KCA	Embu, Rwika	53	0	183
TUM CU	Kitui	133	750	153
JKUAT CU	Samburu	214	2400	803
Tharaka University	Kirindine and Kiburine	135	800	250
PAC University	Busia	32	479	80
KiNaP	Makueni	74	850	130
Maseno Main	Molo	350	1544	341
Meru University CU	Isiolo	137	1645	235
University of Embu	Nyandarua	56	350	71
Taita Taveta National Polytechnic	Maziwa, Tana river	86	93	0
Murang'a university	Embu, Runyenjes Kirinyaga, Getuya	0	5000	546
Tom Mboya University	Migori Town	97	450	43
Baraton University	Kakamega Town	45	845	114

THE COST OF MISSIONS

“After the first previsit to Isiolo, the mission’s committee of Meru University of Science and Technology CU presented a discouraging report to the executive committee and they begun reconsidering the station. Among the challenges they had to deal with were the hardships of evangelism to Muslims, insecurity alarms in the area, shortage of accommodation resources like mattresses, water, and finances to support the mission.

We are grateful for the help from Isiolo associates and host pastors in resource mobilization for the mission. The CU members, associates, patron and advisory team came in so handy encourages us greatly especially in fund drives. We were even offered the university buses at lower than other dealers.

Missions training was done for both the missionaries and the facilitators. Most of the students can now reach out to muslims without fear and be able to share the gospel. They are hoping to go further North of Kenya for missions. As a FOCUS staff, I got to appreciate the impact of student ministry both on individuals, the church and society at large. This being the second mission planned by the CU post COVID, the leaders were motivated to ensure that the culture of missions is sustained. I got an opportunity to mobilize for Commission 2024 conference among the students and to youths at the host church. I believe this platform will enrich the delegates to do passionate and lifelong evangelism.” - Justus Mudi, Chuka CUs STEM Staff.



137 students from Meru University of Science and Technology CU held their mission in Kula Mawe, Maili Saba, Bulapesa, Kisima and Chechelesi areas in Isiolo town. They had a refreshing combination of daily Bible study, a Children’s home visit, Daily Vacation Bible School for 150 children, and youth empowerment workshops alongside the door to door evangelism and crusades. 235 people got saved, including Muslims convicted by the Holy Spirit.



Jonathan Saidimu teaching the gospel to youths in Ngilai

IMPACT OF STEM MISSIONS

“In April, we held an evangelist’s training focused on biblical hermeneutics in Wamba, Samburu. During the training I shared an Inductive Bible study tool that I translated to Kisamburu. They can use this guide to study any passage of Scripture, to help them understand scripture interpretation better. It was such an encouraging time to study Ephesians 1:3-14 with them. There were some neat “light-bulb” moments as the evangelists could see how the structure of the passage helped us see its meaning. One evangelist expressed just how deeply he was impacted through a better understanding of what God did. In a culture where sadly, the Bible is often set aside in favour of some “fresh” word from the Lord, these evangelists are encouraged to hold fast to how God speaks to His people, in His eternal Word.

We also had around 50 youths gathered for a 2-day seminar in Ngilai. The theme was *Remember Your Creator while Young* drawn from Ecclesiastes 12. Since most of the youths were non-believers, we employed discussion groups to unpack the gospel. Some of them open up about their challenges as young adults especially on FGM and early marriage. It was clear that the youth in the villages are often forgotten, but they are vulnerable, and approachable. By the end of the seminar, 20 of them committed their lives to Christ. I was encouraged to be intentional with reaching the young adults with the gospel.” - Jonathan Saidimu, STEM Missionary in Wamba, Samburu.

Praise the Lord for the ministry breakthroughs in Samburu. Pray also for the blessing of God for two STEM Missionaries who have different station in Samburu.



GLOBAL MISSIONS

Our Sister Movement in the USA, InterVarsity fellowship, has been sending university students to Kenya for cross cultural missions training and experience for the last 40 years. This partnership is dubbed the Global Project (GP). The students do not come to Kenya to “change Kenya” but rather to let God change them through Kenya and Kenyans.

FOCUS Kenya hosts the program, provides guidance, training and support to the visiting team. Additionally, a few Kenyan students that have not had a cross-cultural mission’s experience are onboarded to the project.

GP 2024 has just started with 5 Kenyan and 16 American students. After their training, they started their evangelism at UON Main Campus for Campus Evangelism. Together with some CU members, they had 69 gospel conversations and 3 students came to faith in Christ. Praise the Lord with us and pray for grace and a fruitful time as GP participants share the gospel in both urban and rural areas in Kenya.



Moments of Global Project 2024 participants



BEYOND CAMPUS

The end of academic period is a bitter-sweet for finalists. On one hand, there is great excitement to explore careers and passions they were preparing for. On the other, the uncertainties of the future can be frightening. We are glad that our finalists transition program, *Vuka FiT*, has been implemented in most CUs. This is a discipleship program aimed at preparing finalists for the world beyond campus from relationships and marriage, job searching, financial management, local church and accountability, among others.

At the culmination of *Vuka FiT*, the Elders (trained finalists) celebrate their transition in Elders' dance or weekend. In addition to celebrating their campus victories, the events are also for farewell and inspiration of the continuing students. We thank the 1,773 *Vuka FiT* participants that transited from school and pray for God's provision for them and other finalists.



Moments from Elders Dance at UON Main Campus.

Moments from Elders weekend in SEKU.

ASSOCIATES BRANCHES SPOTLIGHTS



20 Associates in Bungoma during their prayer breakfast hosted by one of the members. They had a refreshing time studying the scriptures, praying together and fellowship.



Busia Associates Branch has recently been resuscitated and experienced great growth. They held a prayer Kesha and had a great time of fellowship together. Pray that this passion will continue in Busia Branch.



Kisii Associates Branch had a goat eating fellowship hosted by one of the associates. It brought together over 40 associates with the majority being fresh graduates. The topic of discussion was 'Considering Marriage'

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Kisumu Associates in their fellowship discussing scriptures and ministry needs among themselves.



As part of their social transformation initiatives, Nakuru Associates Branch aorganized a visit to the Nakuru Girls probation center. They raised over 41000 to buy foodstuff, books and reading materials for the girls in the center. They also had small group mentorship sessions engaging salvation, mental health, relationships.



Ruiru Associates Branch had a breakfast with KU Executive Committee members. The students spent the previous night at the associates homes for mentorship and joined the breakfast. They had timely and practical discussions on Authentic Christian Living during their fellowship.



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CONNECT Summit 2024

The Connect Summit 2024 is an inaugural annual conference, building on the success of the FOCUS Associates' Easter Retreat, aimed at equipping young Christian graduates with the skills and networks needed to thrive in the marketplace and live out their faith in their professional lives.

Theme: Young Professionals Impacting the Marketplace

Summit Objectives

- Discipleship and Capacity Building
- Job Market Preparation
- Networking and Job Placement
- Mentorship for Marketplace Impact

What to Expect

- **2 Plenary Sessions:** Key discussions on relevant topics by seasoned speakers
- **2 Panel Discussions:** Meet top HRs in Kenya and leading young figures in the corporate world
- **Networking Breaks:** Opportunities for peer learning and connections.
- **Exhibitions:** Employers showcasing opportunities and screening potential employees.



Sat 13th July 2024 | 8:30AM - 5:30PM

University of Nairobi: Taifa Hall

CHARGES | Ksh 200 (For meals)



Mission mobilization | Mission Training | Mission awareness and involvement

Conference thrust:



THE MESSAGE:

In-depth understanding of the gospel, the mission of God, and response to theological questions.



THE MODEL:

Being equipped with skills to present the gospel in diverse ways to a diverse audience.



THE MOTIVATION

Empowerment to share the gospel convincingly, contextually, and continuously.



27th December 2024-
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