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## VALLEY ROAD

Quarterly Newsletter  
January to April 2022



**Rev. Justus Mugambi**  
*Senior Pastor*

# Message from the Senior Pastor

The year 2022 has started well at Valley Road. We have experienced God's grace in the first quarter of the year, and we trust this will continue to the last quarter. ***During the month of January, the Presiding Bishop Calisto Odede preached 5 sermons on the CITAM annual theme, Radiating His Glory***". We have witnessed anointed preaching and worship during the services on Sundays and Tuesday prayer services.

During early part of the year, we had ***21 days of congregational prayer and fasting***. This was a great experience of connecting with God as we look forward to a great 2022. We continue to emphasize the importance of prayer and requesting people to join in prayer during the monthly three days of prayer and fasting plus first watch on the first Friday of the month, the 4am – 5am hour of prayer, and times of prayer organized by the various ministries of the assembly.

The renovation of Valley Road facility has progressed well, and we have what people are calling "***New Valley Road***". New in the sense that most facilities look new after the renovations. The renovations started in 2020 and have continued to date. We trust God to put additional ablution block for women, renovate the former cafeteria into children centre, and

complete the rebuilding of the perimeter wall with the Orthodox Church. We are trusting God that the renovations will be completed before the end of this year.

The church has experienced noticeable growth in attendance since the beginning of the year when the covid – 19 protocols we reduced significantly. We are however yet to reach half the normal attendance of about 6500 per Sunday.

One of the major prayer items for the assembly is for **God to provide space for parking**. Since the DOD parking was closed, we are experiencing a lot of congestion in all the services. The only solution is for God to give us our own parking space and long term.

During the period of the Covid 19 pandemic the *Safari groups remained the pillar of ministry to the members*. The Safari groups have become more established, and their continued growth is evident.

*Leadership development has remained one of the key focus areas*. Through the Leadership Advanced Pathway (LAP) we have continued to train more leaders. The effect of this is more spiritual growth for the congregants. We look forward for avenues to utilize the trained leaders in the ministry.

We thank God for a team of gifted and hard-working staff, pastors, and ministry leaders who continually give themselves wholeheartedly to the service of our God. We thank God for the Assembly advisory committee team that has kept praying and providing spiritual guidance in the assembly. Their spiritual insight is invaluable.

*May God help us to continue to radiate his glory throughout the year 2022 and beyond.*



**Rev. Ruth Otieno**  
*Deputy Senior Pastor*

# Message from the CED Pastor

*John 9:4 says “As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work”.*

Participation in ministry is a very critical part of a believer’s life and growth. It is through service that believers become God’s hands, feet, mouth in order to facilitate the spread of the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As such, we here in CITAM Valley Road encourage our members to identify their area of calling and get busy serving the Lord. Once one finds what to do, let them do it quickly.

Above all as you serve, ensure you remain connected to the vine, Jesus Christ, to the fellowship of believers and grow deeper in the Word.



**John Mugendi** - HoD,  
Christian Education Department

# Message from the HoD Christian Education Department (CED)

As a Department, the Quarterly Newsletter provides us with an opportunity to highlight the progress made by CITAM Valley Road Assembly through the various church ministries and look forward to upcoming activities.

This initiative ensures that the members are up to date with church activities giving them insights on how they can be part of the wonderful work that God is doing.

Being the first quarterly newsletter of the year, members can look forward to even more exciting features as we continue to Radiate His Glory.

# Face Ministry

The FACE Ministry held a colourful *Couples' Dinner event* on **February 22nd, 2022** at **Tamarind Hotel, Langata**. The dinner was attended by at least 50 couples eager to fellowship and learn from each other.

Among those in attendance was Chief guest *Rev. Edward Buri, Pastor at PCEA Thome parish* accompanied by his wife *Mrs. Mary Buri*. Also in attendance was the **CITAM Valley Road** church leadership led by *Senior Pastor Rev. Justus Mugambi, his deputy Rev. Ruth Otieno among others*.

Speaking at the event, the Chief Guest emphasized the importance of happiness in the institution of marriage. *"You are responsible for keeping the spark in your marriage"*, said Rev.



*Chief Guest Rev. Edward Buri with his wife Mary Buri*

Buri while likening the spark needed in marriages to the fire at the altar in *Leviticus 6: 12-13*. He also emphasized on the need for couples to take mutual responsibility to keep hope and optimism in their marriage through fanning the flames of love, being sensitive to each other's needs, celebrating each other and building character through spirituality.



*Face HoD, Brian Otiende and his wife Brenda marvel as couples enjoy themselves on the dance floor*



*A Couple shares a light moment as Senior Pastor Rev. Mugambi puts his dancing shoes to use.*



# Children Ministry

## Hopes Camp Retreat

*Equipping the next generation of High Schoolers*

This year's Hopes Camp brought together 85 Teens together with teachers and facilitators at **Lakewood Emerald School in Kitengela**. The Camp aimed at helping students transition into teenage not only equipped them with knowledge and skills needed as they transitioned to high school, but also with *special discipleship skills such as prayer and fasting, meditation among others*. Notable topics covered during the Camp include ***Discovering God's purpose for your life, Physical development and Sexuality, Life Skills and Money Matters***.

The climax of the event was a healing session for the students that was led by Brother Ernest Wamboye. 43 were baptized while 22 students gave their lives to Christ.



*A facilitator takes the participants through a plenary session*



*A group session at Hopes Camp Retreat*



## Friends of Jesus

### *23 Friends of Jesus baptized at Kivi Milimani*

‘Friends of Jesus’, a group of teenagers over 12 years under the Children’s ministry were baptised by immersion at the ***Kivi Milimani hotel on April 24th, 2022***. The teenagers had previously undergone successful classes on topics such as *prayer, fasting and meditation*. Parents and guardians attended the memorable event which is key in shaping their children’s walk with God especially on matters of faith and witnessing to non-believers.

***Is your child over 12 years old and born again? Have they been baptized? Enroll them into the ‘Friends of Jesus’ ministry.***



*Elder Musa Obuba preparing the Friends of Jesus for the baptism exercise at CITAM Woodley*



*Elder Musa Obuba and Bro. Okeyo ready to baptize a Friend of Jesus at CITAM Woodley*

# Missions & Outreach Ministry

Reaching out to lost souls through street evangelism

The Missions and Outreach Ministry conducted a street evangelism exercise at **Machakos Country Bus Station** on **February 26th, 2022.**

43 Missionaries reached out to about 200 business owners, Matatu crew and passengers. **56 people received Jesus as their Lord and Savior.**



*Missionaries pose for a group photo after laboring in God's vineyard at Machakos Country bus*



*Benny the deputy HoD Missions witnessing to a trader at Machakos Country Bus station*



*A section of the 82 members who attended the Evangelism Training*

## **Evangelism Training**

On April 02nd, 2022 the Ministry took the opportunity availed by the launch of School of Evangelism to train members of the church. The Training was dubbed “ Contending for the souls of men” John 20:21 As the father has sent me so I am sending you.

The following topics were covered: *Biblical Foundations of Evangelism, Fearless Evangelism, Tools for Evangelism, Evangelism in a pluralistic context among others.* The training attracted 85 members drawn from different ministries in the church and was facilitated by the CITAM Evangelism team headed by Rev. Steve Makau from the CITAM Missions Head Office domiciled at Valley Road.

# Christian Education Department

## New members Admitted into Church Membership

The Christian education department (CED) whose aim is to teach and nurture lifelong disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ who in turn disciple others, admitted 62 new members into church membership. These members went through various classes that not only helped them understand CITAM as an overall Ministry, but were also shown how they could plug into various service and fellowship ministries. This activity was organized by the *Safari Service Center*.



*New members being recieved into membership by the Church Leadership*



## Research and Material Development Team Launch

The Christian Education Department in February commissioned the Leadership, Research and Material Development (LMRC) team whose mandate will be to facilitate leadership training of church workers, conduct research and develop literature for the church. This team had two training sessions before the commissioning.



*Brenda Wambua (standing far left), Team Leader of the LMRC team, facilitates a session during the induction meeting*



*The LMRC Team pose for a photo after an induction meeting*



# Other Events in Pictures



*Members of the Welcome Ministry pose for a photo with Bishop Emeritus Dr. Oginde (second left/second row) after a retreat session at Camp Kadolta.*



*A couple is awarded a certificate by deputy Senior Pastor, Rev. Ruth Otieno upon a successful completion of Premarital counseling classes.*

*Members of the Challengers Ministry pose for a photo after their monthly fellowship meeting*



*Participants pose for a photo with Rev. Ruth Otieno (Third left /first row), after successfully going through the PMCC classes.*



*Men listening to a speaker during a hike at Mount Kilimambogo an event that was organized by Men at Work ministry.*

# *Look Up for Upcoming Activities*

- *Sports Mission to Nairobi West Prison organized by Missions & Outreach Ministry on May 27th, 2022.*
- *Premarital counseling classes organized by the FACE Ministry in July & October 2022.*
- *Sign Language training for all interested church members organized by the Challengers Ministry.*
- *Leadership Advancement Pathway (LAP) Training under Christian Education Department (CED) is scheduled for May - July 2022. This will be a virtual training session.*

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