

# CITAM

TO KNOW GOD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN THROUGH EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP

## Impactful 4th CITAM Business Conference, 2023

**W**e thank God for the successful 4th CITAM Business Forum (CBF) conference from 26th to 28th October 2023 at CITAM Karen. The conference whose theme was, “The Mind Shift” brought together business people from around the country, CITAM leadership, CBF sponsors and partners, delegates from DRC and Namibia, corporate sponsors, exhibitors, and even the government. Great speakers who included Rev. Justus Mugambi (the CITAM Deputy Bishop), Dr. Wale Akinyemi,

(a lead consultant, trainer and facilitator at Power Talks), Mr. Simon Wafubwa (CEO and Founder Enwealth Financial Services), Elizabeth Wasunna, (Director of Business at ABSA Bank), Rev. Jesse Mwai (Senior Pastor CITAM Karen), and Eva Muraya (CEO and Founder of BSD Group). The conference had a big following online and it trended on Twitter.

The highly impactful conference can aptly be captured by the words of Elder David Tanki, the CBF Chairman who challenged

the delegates to expand their mental boundaries when he said, “Let us see what God can do with a people that have a complete mind shift.”

Dr. David Oginde, the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) chairperson and former Bishop of CITAM also spoke to the leaders against corruption.

Elder David M. Tanki, who is the Chairman of CBF and also a CITAM Trustee, challenged the participants to go beyond the obvious. “Stretch your known

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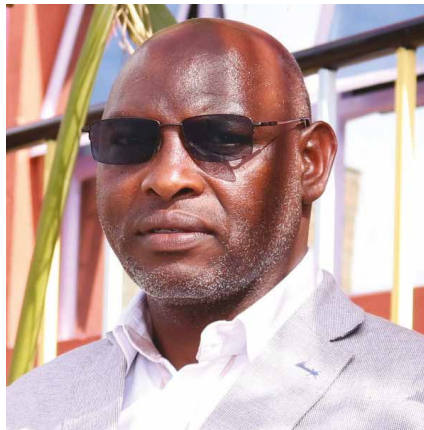
*Elder David M. Tanki*

limits and expand your mental boundaries,” Elder Tanki said. “Let us see what God can do with a people that have a complete mindshift.”

Rev. Dr. Jacob Kimathi, the Patron of CBF noted that the conference was committed to raise “Kingdom Financiers.” Acknowledging the support, he had received from CITAM leadership, he gratefully said, “We have found great support from CITAM leadership in this long journey. The Presiding Bishop has been of great support to us.”

## Attendance

A total of 1500 delegates attended. These included many exhibitors, CITAM members



*Rev. Dr. Jacob Kimathi*

from assembles even as far as CITAM Mombasa, delegates from the regions, and many non-CITAM members. In particular, the Ministry of Trade and Industrialization was represented by Mr. Steve Odua, Director of Industry and Adviser to the CS, gave a comprehensive analysis

of business opportunities within the ministry on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary, Rebecca Miano.

## Exhibitors

The parking lot at CITAM Karen was filled with exhibitors’ booths, eager to sell, network, or get business deals. The number of exhibitors kept on swelling until we had to painfully stop admitting more. In the end, about 400 exhibitors distributed as corporates, Duka and Soko showcased their business and services with many reporting business deals and big sales.

## Business Dinner

The highlight of the conference was a colorful business dinner



at Serena Hotel on 27th October 2023. The key address note was given by Dr. Julius Kipng’etich, Group CEO at Jubilee Holdings Limited who challenged CBF to raise at least Kes. 10 billion for business and then look for expert investment if we are serious in doing impactful business.

The dinner attracted more than 100 people and was attended by CITAM leadership, CBF Conference organizing team, CBF corporate sponsors, and partners, besides others.



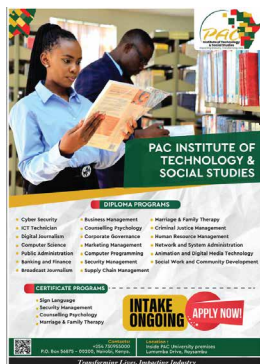
## CBF Business magazine

Another highlight was the first CBF Business magazine with 1000 copies printed and distributed to the delegates. The magazine highlighted many personal testimonials from CBF members who have grown their businesses over the years as result of their association with CBF. The magazine also carried many achievements from CBF chapters.



## Sponsors and partners

CBF conference has continued to attract sponsors and partners. We wish to particularly single out Kingdom Bank, ABSA, Trans- Ad, Hope Media, CITAM



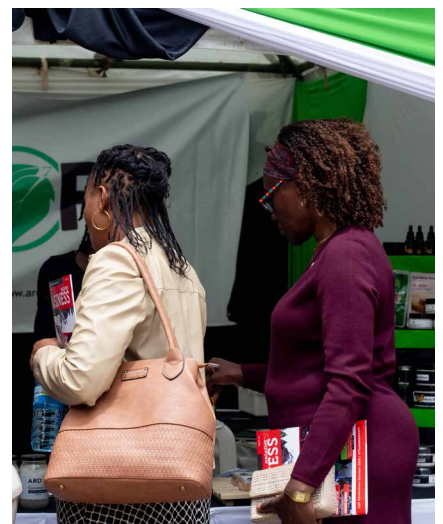
Kadolta Resort, and many more corporates who together cosponsored the conference. To these who belief in our course we say a big thank you!

## CBF Youth initiative and MMS

Another highlight for this year was the launch of CBF Youth initiative. The initiative was a result of months of deliberations and discussion led by Noah Adakala and a team of young people in business. The initiative aims at empowering the youth and expose them to business opportunity at the flower of their age. Featuring also was the Members Management System (MMS), a digital system that aims at enabling members to do business with each other and with the government.

## Conclusion

The value that CBF brings to the Church and Christian business people is palpable. Juxtaposed between with this value and the challenge, lays an opportunity to position CBF as a tool in the hands of a loving God whose zeal is to empower the African Church economically and puncture the bubble that says Africa is poor.







## UPDATES FROM ASSEMBLIES



### CITAM Valley Road Breakthrough on Parking

We thank God that finally CITAM Valley Road has a new acquired property for its parking. Presiding Bishop, Rev. Calisto Odede, dedicated the new property on Tuesday, 31st November 2023. It was a joyous and momentous occasion.

Those in attendance openly displayed their emotions of joy and celebration because of what God has done. "See what the Lord has done," Rev. Justus



Mugambi the Deputy Bishop and the former Senior Pastor Valley Road was elated to say. "Finally, CITAM Valley Road has a parking".

Speaking during the occasion, Rev. Calisto Odede, the Presiding Bishop noted how the journey to acquire the property was difficult and at some point appeared impossible. He thanked the Deacon Board members for the support they had given to the project. Present was Deacon Martin Munyu the Church Secretary, Deacon David Kitur, Deacon Michael Wamache, Elder Emily Chengo among other invited guests.

We praise God for this great milestone.





# CITAM Embakasi

18th December 2023 will remain memorable for CITAM Embakasi when property on a 2-acre plot was officially handed over to CITAM for the settlement of the assembly. We praise God that finally CITAM Embakasi has a place of worship. The property which was formerly owned by Kentainers Limited has a spacious parking lot, big godown for the sanctuary and an office block with offices and about 25 big and small rooms for meetings. After the full payment was made, the Management led by the CEO of Kentainers Limited was glad to present the keys of the property to Rev. Justus Mugambi, the Deputy Bishop. Present in the handover meeting was Rev. Jotham Munene (Regional Overseer, Southern Region), Rev. Mathew Keli (Senior Pastor CITAM Embakasi), and Head Office Managers.





# CITAM Kapsabet

CITAM Kapsabet kicked off the Missions Month with prayer and fasting which made all the difference in their outreach activities in September. "The congregation was very excited to go through the training for evangelism," Rev. Aggrey Omukunga the Senior Pastor said. "We had three trainings at the assembly level and eight members of our congregation were able to attend the Evangelism Conference that took place at CITAM Valley Road from 6th to 8th September 2023." Those who attended these trainings felt more confident to share the gospel and practiced what they had learned during the three door to door and person to person evangelisms organized by the missions and outreach ministry. Through this 102 people got saved.

In the quarter the assembly eleven mission outreaches, courtesy of the Injili Mashinani Initiative. "These gave opportunities to our congregation to do outreaches through person to person and door to door evangelism, outreaches to institutions of learning, orphanage and prisons," Rev. Omukunga was glad to say. "We at CITAM, Kapsabet are looking forward to making evangelism our lifestyle both individually and corporately."



## CITAM Machakos 1st Anniversary

To thank God for His faithfulness, CITAM Machakos held a special Sunday service on its 1st anniversary on 10th December 2023. The CITAM Machakos congregants led by Rev. Steve Owaga, the Lead Pastor, could not hold their joy as they reminisced how God had been faithful over the last 12 months since the assembly was planted. Rev. Calisto Odede, the Presiding Bishop spoke on God's faithfulness. Several members of the Council of Elders and Deacon Board attended the service. Present also was Rev. Ken Isige (Director for Administration), Rev. Jotham Munene (Regional Overseer, Southern Region), and some Head office Managers.



Kithini Market along Chumvi-Machakos Road.

We also celebrate God's faithfulness because of the other church plants which include CITAM Embu, CITAM Ruiru, CITAM Eldoret, CITAM Kakamega and CITAM Syokimau.



God makes everything happen

Ecclesiastes 3:11

at the RIGHT TIME.



# CITAM Mombasa



*CITAM Mombasa SMLD graduands and taskforce together with Rev. Joseph Ndung'u (Senior Pastor), Rev. Jotham Munene (RO), Rev. Becher Karanja (Head of CED) and Rev. Fednarnd Ponga (CED Pastor) during the graduation ceremony held on 29th October, 2023*

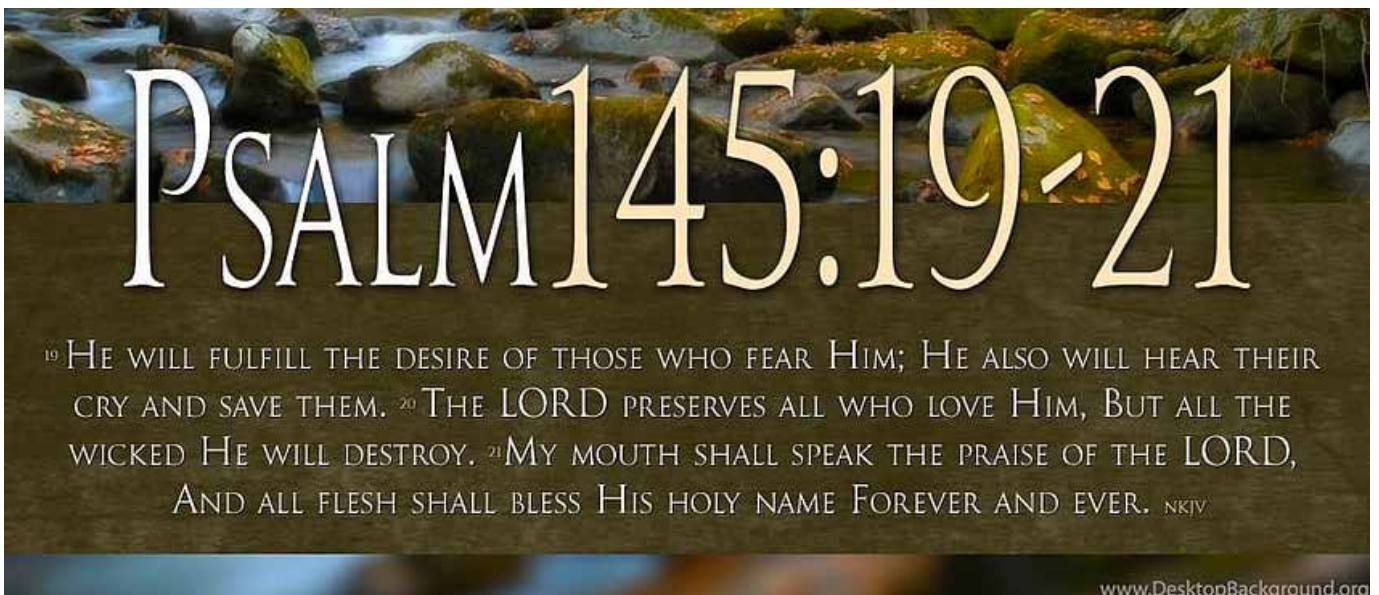
On 29th October 2023, CITAM Mombasa graduated 80 participants who had gone through Module 1 of our School of Ministry & Leadership Development (SMLD). This was a 7 months' program which covered the areas of Understanding CITAM, Biblical Foundation of Leadership, Old & New Testament Survey, Biblical Hermeneutics, Christian Ethics, Spiritual Formation, Christianity & African Traditions, Homiletics,

Small Groups Dynamics & Basic Counselling Skills. It was



a combination of virtual and in-person sessions.

We are grateful for the team of Facilitators, drawn mainly from the CITAM Pastoral team who availed themselves to facilitate these sessions. The graduation ceremony was presided over by our Head of Christian Education & Discipleship Department, Rev. Becher Karanja and graced by our Regional Overseer, Rev. Jotham Munene. This is our second cohort of SMLD as CITAM Mombasa, but the first one that we are running independently, because the first cohort was done jointly with CITAM Eldoret. All in all, we give God all the glory for this great achievement of developing leaders for works of service.







# Chaplaincy

**T**he Aga Khan Hospital Chaplaincy has experienced an amazing turnaround owing to the joint partnership between the Asian Outreach Ministry, (IMB) International Missions Board, and the support of Rev. Grace Bukachi who is spearheading the CITAM Chaplaincy Department. Through the initiative, 300 people have been trained and 40

people have been taken through deeper training as “Spiritual Care Givers” or Chaplains. At Aga Khan Hospital, we have a team of about 20 strong volunteer ministers which has enabled us open up executive wards such as Princess Zahra and Private Wing 1 and 2 for ministry. “We are able to minister weekly to 150 people on average, where some of those we have ministered to

have given their lives to Christ,” Pastor Nigel said. “10% of the people we minister to are non-believers from diverse backgrounds, which includes religious.” We thank God for this opportunity through which many people are indeed experiencing the love of Christ through this amazing partnership.







## UPDATES FROM MISSIONS

### CITAM Namibia

In the month of September, as is the tradition of CITAM to lay emphasis on missions, CITAM Namibia went to the streets to share the love of Christ. We thank God for strategically locating the assembly between two suburbs namely Khomasdal and Otjomuise. For the month of September, they focused on the suburb of Otjomuise. "Every Saturday of the month we came together at the church premises to pray together before going out for one-on-one evangelism," Pastor Herman, the Lead Pastor said. "In the course of the month, we reached out to just over one hundred (100) souls in the locality of Otjomuise. To the glory of God approximately 24 souls committed their lives to the Lord. We entrust all these precious souls into the hands of the Lord who is able to keep them. "Our next goal is to see all these new converts disciplined and integrated into our assembly," Pastor Herman said. "May the Lord grant us the grace to faithfully do the necessary follow-up that will realize this goal."



*Our Senior Pastor, Rev. Joseph Ndung'u speaking to the CITAM Mombasa FC team members during the Sports Evangelism Day.*

### Sports Evangelism

CITAM Mombasa organized her very first Sports Evangelism event, mainly a football event involving 4 Teams: CITAM Mombasa FC, Kongowea FC, Kidogo Basi FC and Likoni Guardforce FC on 28th October 2023 at Mombasa Baptist High School Grounds. The tournament brought together about 75 players and 84 spectators, 19 of whom were from CITAM Mombasa. CITAM Mombasa FC emerged number 3 in the tournament, the first position going

to Likoni Guardforce FC, and number 2 going to Kongowea FC. We shared the word of God with them during the closing ceremony and also invited the teams to attend our Sunday service on 5th November where we will be presenting the prizes. Though no conversions were recorded on the material day, we are grateful to God for this strategic direction of reaching out to the Youth in Mombasa through sports. Looking forward to great impact in the coming days.

*trust in the Lord*

WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND LEAN  
NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING;  
IN ALL YOUR WAYS SUBMIT TO HIM, AND  
HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT.

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"For I am about to do something new.  
See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?  
I will make a pathway through the wilderness.  
I will create rivers in the dry wasteland."

Isaiah 43:19 (NLT)





# CITAM Timor Leste (TL)

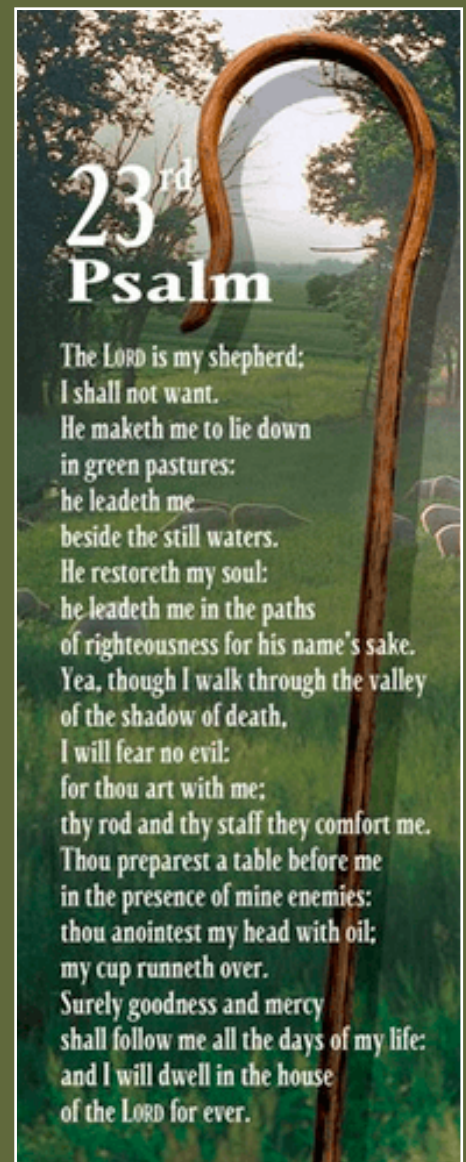
By Pastor Lucy Wanjau

## Language learning



Our language learning has been quite an adventure. Two years down the line we understand the language so much that we barely need a translator. We have started translating songs from English to Tetun; a burden that God laid in our hearts to help enhance church music with new songs, especially hymns. So far, we have translated eight (8) songs, including

short choruses, that are in the editing process to ascertain correctness. We hope to have our choir record the songs soon. We are also grateful that in our interactions with our young people, they are learning and growing in the use of English language which is now on high demand in the universities. Some are becoming good translators as well.





# Marsabit Mission



making the Marsabit mission successful. Special thanks to CITAM at large, Pastor Duba from CITAM Marsabit, Pastor Amani from CITAM Embakasi, and Pastor Duba from CITAM Nyeri.

We thank God for CITAM Embakasi pastoral team headed by Senior Pastor, Rev. Matthew Kelli, Mission and Outreach patron, Pastor Amani Khisa and elder in charge Pastor Nicholas Juma.

**C**ITAM Embakasi, CITAM Nyeri, and CITAM Rongai joined forces in an ambitious initiative with the primary goal of spreading the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Marsabit mission that took place from September 26th to October 1st, 2023, brought together about 40 missionaries. This group included 14 missionaries from CITAM Embakasi, 20 from CITAM Nyeri, and 4 from Jesus Alive Ministries. They were further joined by over 20 additional missionaries from CITAM Gororukesa. The mission activities encompassed crusades, person-to-person outreach, prison ministry, primary and secondary school programs, Sunday School, and P.P.I.

The team commissioned the establishment of Dadach Camp Church with the start of the construction of church building. The local residents were much excited who used to congregate under a tree.

The mission team presented a posho mill for the people of Gororukesa who had to travel to Marsabit town to mill maize. The local people were filled with joy and thanked God for this kind

gesture. It was something they had looked forward to for a long time.

By the end of the mission, a total of 186 individuals, including children, prisoners, and adults, had confessed their faith and surrendered their lives to Christ.

We appreciate all who contributed/participated in







## UPDATES FROM CED DEPARTMENT

### School of Ministry and Leadership Development (SMLD) and Safari Digital Application:

We are thrilled to announce the official launch of the School of Ministry and Leadership Development (SMLD) and the soft launch of the Safari digital application which took place on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at CITAM Valley Road's, Dennis

White Hall. Our sincere thanks to God for the many assemblies that have celebrated the graduation of members who successfully completed the SMLD program like CITAM Mombasa.



*CITAM Mombasa SMLD graduation with 80 students, 29th October 2023*

## What to Expect in 2024



*CAMP 10 intern and CED team with Bishop Calisto Odede, 28th August 2023.*

Are you curious about what CED has in store for children, teens, youth, and adults in 2024? Stay tuned! CED department is on high gear in developing 2024 CED Bible study guides for Safari groups, following the inductive Bible study style, comprising Observation, Interpretation, and Application. Recently, they conducted a Writers Workshop on October 6, 2023, to enhance staff's writers' skills. We trust in God's guidance for excellence and cohesion.

Furthermore, the CED team, in collaboration with CITAM youth pastors, is diligently working on a comprehensive discipleship kit for our teens who have completed high school as they transition to college.



# Curriculum Development

The CED staff, Rev. Dr. Phidel Baraza, Pastor Charity Murimi, and Emmanuel Kirwa, attended the Curriculum Development Skills for Children Ministry Training hosted by Daystar University in the second week of August 2023. They will, in turn, train all children's curriculum writers and explore ways to develop an all-age curriculum for the children's ministry.



*Curriculum Development Skills for Children Ministry Training*

## Data-Driven Initiatives and Reporting Matrices

To ensure efficiency and effectiveness through data-driven initiatives, CED department is currently developing a database of all the leaders in CED at the assemblies. This database will greatly facilitate planning at the CED head office. They are also in the process of introducing modern reporting methods, such as WhatsApp chatbots and thesafari.app, to streamline data collection and reporting. These tools will include tracking Safari group attendance, number of converts, and attendance of CED functions. Additionally, they plan to provide training opportunities for leaders under the guidance of CED Pastors, aiming to better serve our congregation.

## Digital Space Developments

In the digital space, we have launched podcasts on CCO, reaching an impressive audience of 12 million to 14 million persons on Facebook as of October 2023. Moreover, we conducted culture influencer training for individuals within the CCO community.

In conclusion, the CED department remains committed to nurturing and equipping the church community with relevant resources and programs for spiritual growth and development. We look forward to serving you and fulfilling our mission in the coming year.

## HOPEs Camp

We praise God for the successful HOPEs Camps held by the CITAM assemblies in different venues across the country. Thousands of children went through the program which climaxed with a transition from children to teens' ministry. We appreciate God for the opportunity to impact the lives of our children, not only from our assemblies but also from other churches.

## Youth Intervarsity Worship night

For the university going students, 3rd November 2023 will remain etched in their hearts for a long time because of the awesome Intervarsity worship night held at CITAM Valley Road. The Spirit of the Lord was moving as about 2,500 youth danced, sang, and worshipped the Lord in the packed assembly's sanctuary. Shalom Mshindi, who was one of the attendees and an instrumentalist was elated to say, "It was a very

transformative and a very memorable experience."

Present also was Rev. George Murichu, the Youth Ministry Coordinator and Rev. Paul Njoroge, the Youth Ministry Patron and also the Senior Pastor CITAM Thika Road. In his sermon he urged the students to take refuge in Jesus Christ. Rev. Diana Kitaka Youth Pastor CITAM Thika Road also attended.



# New Schools

We are pleased to announce the opening of two more schools, CITAM Schools Kitengela and CITAM Schools Thika Town (Ngoingwa).

At CITAM Schools, we pride ourselves in educating the whole person, based on sound Christian principles and ethos.

Our schools’ mission is to accomplish excellence in academics anchored on well trained professional teachers, ambient learning environment while nourishing our students with nutritious meals prepared by professional catering staff.

We provide our students with organized and reliable transport, as well as an array of co-curricular activities such as swimming, music, ball games, athletics, drama, ballet, skating among others.

January 2024 Intake is currently ongoing, with limited spaces for Play Class, PP1 & PP2.

Book a space for your child by registering with the school near you.

For enquiries and more information reach us on:	
<b>CITAM Schools Thika Town-Ngoingwa</b>	<b>CITAM Schools Kitengela</b>
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# Reflection

By Rogers Wambua

When growing up, I loved to watch West Germany’s football league on Saturday evenings. The then VoK television, before it was rebranded to KBC, broadcasted the matches. I cannot recall whether they were live or recorded matches. What I remember well was that FC Köln was my favourite. Back in the days I only knew about West Germany because Germany was divided into two; East and West Germany. The Soviet-occupied East Germany, officially known as the German Democratic Republic, was reunited with West Germany on October 3, 1990.

A huge wall separated East and West Berlin. One day, some people in East Berlin took a truck load of garbage

and dumped it on the West Berlin side. In response, the people of West Berlin could have done the same thing, but they didn’t. Instead, they took a truck load of canned goods, bread, milk, and other provisions, and neatly stacked it on the East Berlin side. On top of this stack, they placed the sign: “Each Gives What He Has.” What a strong message written with indelible on the hearts of the East Germans! Indeed, the statement is without doubt, true.

What do you have inside of you? Is it hate or love? Violence or peace? Death or life? How do you treat other staff at the office? Do you build others or you amass any available arsenal to destroy them? Do you build “Berlin” walls at the workstations? Is it ingenuity

to develop good things that will benefit others or ability to bomb those good things that others have labored to build?

Jesus taught the disciples the principle of how to treat their enemies. Luke 6:27-28: But to you who are listening I say, “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.”

In Romans 12:20,21 Paul tells us, “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing, you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.”

“Each Gives What He Has.” Prayerfully think about it!

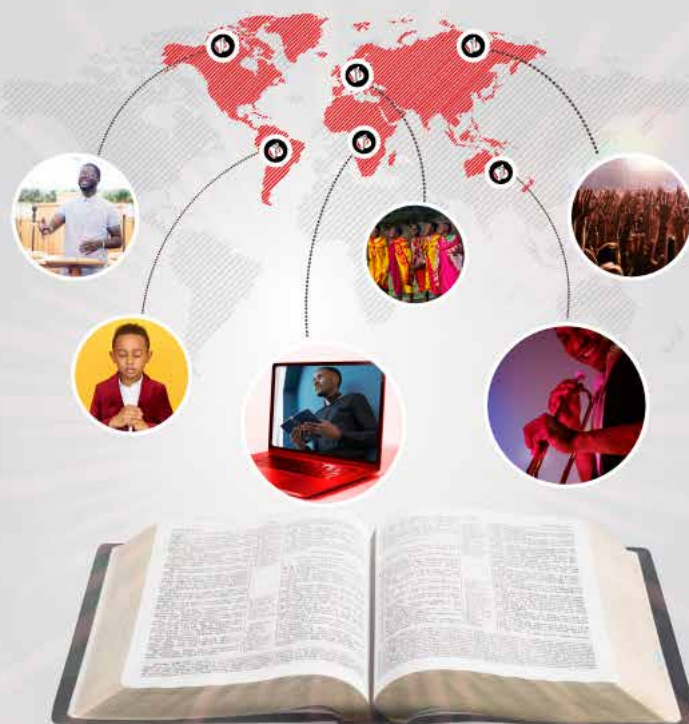




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ROMANS 15:20



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