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**Mission:**

Supporting and encouraging excellence in Christian Ministry with children and families in  
Kenya

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## *Happy New Year*

I hope you have settled in to the new year! I definitely did under orders from my wife, Irene, to take time to rest in January. God led me into an intense period of worship that have put ground under my feet as I look forward to a year of ministry with Children Worldwide.



Figure 1 My family

## *Ministry Activities*

February and March was back to ministry work all fired up from my time off in January. And how great the ministry has been. In this time, I have:

- Led 3 weekend challenges (a weekend of bible study and prayer with schools).
- Preached at 10 schools (primary and secondary)
- Spoken to 200+ children's ministers
- And followed up on new converts and fellow ministers.

Praise God that many have given their lives to Him. Below are some of many stories:

## *Reaching Kadigu Girls School*

I'm always thankful for the freedom we have in Kenya to preach the gospel to schools. But there was one school in particular where I preached that I have not been able to get out of my mind. This was Kadigu Girls School (a Seven Day Adventist Church). I came there with



reports that the girls were misbehaving and had no exposure to the gospel. They had asked me to preach on a topic but I said that I would prefer to just preach the gospel so they can know Christ. That's what I did from Romans 3, saying that "we are all sinners and need God's grace. Going to church doesn't save you, but believing in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins does". Normally I don't do altar calls, but I felt compelled to this time. I said "only come up if you really want. Do not come out of pressure or to please others. But come if you want to commit your life to Christ..."

They all came! Some were crying and others were clearly moved. It was such a precious time where we felt the presence of God. Literally 100s of girls gave their lives to Christ.

### *Moi Girls Personal Testimony*

Moi girls Kimilili is next door to my house, so I have been regularly ministering there for years. In that time, I have seen many troubles. But most of all of late has been lesbianism. This isn't uncommon in all-girls school, where they are not taught sex education and are isolated. Mary is the only child in her family and was an active lesbian at around 14 years old. When I came preaching the gospel again and again, Mary chose to pour out her heart to me one evening. She was very broken, but once she understood the love of God and the new life in Christ, she radically changed. She is no longer practicing lesbianism and is helping others to leave it and come to Christ. Her parents came to me saying "pastor, pastor, how did you do it?", I said "I did nothing, it's just God!".



### *Looking ahead...*

Pastor Francis, Mercy and Professor Okiello (members of the board of council) remain active in their children's ministries. Prof Okiello has been running a great teens ministry in my local church, Pastor Francis has been mobilising children's ministers in Bungoma County to increase our network, and Mercy has continued her school programme. Please do pray for her in particular as her local church seems to be discouraging efforts to reach children.



*Figure 2 Mercy preaching at Shikaina School*

In April – June we have some big things planned:

1. A Children Worldwide Event where we will be speaking to 200+ children’s ministers and pastors in Kamukuya, hoping to spread a vision for children’s ministry.
2. A Vocal Bible Study (VBS) in a special annual holiday club for 300+ children.
3. And many more follow ups at schools and churches...

Please do pray for these activities, and that we would find more ministers who are gifted and passionate for children’s ministry. We also are continuing to pray for financial support so that we can continue our activities and afford a printer to distribute more resources.

Thank you for your prayers and messages.

Yours in Christ,

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*Figure 3 My son Trevor helping with ministry*