



MINISTRY UPDATES

Monthly News from iServe Africa



For Christ's love compels us;

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 1 John 4:7-8

The word of God commands us to love one another because we are all born of God. One way of expressing this love to another is by sharing Christ's good news.

Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 says that the love of Christ compels him to share the good news. He says, "Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others."

Our love for Christ should compel us to love others and want them to know Christ and the saving grace in him. If you love your neighbor, share the Gospel with them.

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TransformD Discipleship Programme 2025

SHARING JESUS, TRANSFORMING LIVES

The TransformD Discipleship Programme focuses on discipling and mentoring high school leavers between the ages of 17 and 21 into Christ-centered individuals.

This month, we welcomed 58 young men and women, very enthusiastic to be disciplined and mentored. We have had Bible study sessions with them, bible exposition from the Gospel of Mark, and are learning life skills such as first aid.



Each student has been paired with a mentor who will walk with them throughout the four months and perhaps even after the program, and we hope that they will grow to know and love the Lord through this program.



Transformed Testimonies

Dickson Kinyua

The first day felt awkward since I was meeting people from different places, but team-building helped me settle in and connect with others.

I have enjoyed the Bible-handling sessions, especially studying Psalms during quiet times and Ephesians in Bible study. I am learning to love God's Word and trust that it is revealed, inspired, inerrant, and sufficient. I pray that God will help me obey His commands.

I never saw farming as valuable, but now I appreciate it. I've learned that you don't need a big farm to grow vegetables, you can do smart farming with sacks.

While I don't struggle to make friends, having our phones taken away has helped me focus more on people instead of my phone. It was hard at first, but it has helped me use my time better during the program.

Olive Maiyo

My name is Olive Maiyo, and I studied at Our Lady of Assumption Sambir Girls School. I am so grateful to God for the opportunity to be in the Transformed Discipleship Program, It has already meant so much to me.

Through studying Mark, I have learned who Jesus is, why He came, and how we should respond. Jesus is the prophesied Son of God, the Messiah, who came to proclaim God's kingdom and call people to repent and believe. I was convicted of my sin and my need for salvation, and I thank God for revealing His saving grace. This has been reinforced through Mark's preaching and our Ephesians Bible study. I now acknowledge Jesus as my Savior and look forward to being disciplined.

I also learned about self-care, understanding that my body is God's temple and I should take care of it. Living together as a family has also taught me to love, serve, and seek peace with others, even when we come from different backgrounds.

Lastly, during a hot potato session, I was reminded that I can trust God with my future because He has a plan, and nothing happens outside His will.

UTUMISHI TRAINING COURSE 2025



Raising Faithful Bible Teachers and Servant Leaders

Utumishi Course is a one-year Bible handling course aimed at equipping gospel workers with skills for faithful gospel work in their different ministry occupations.

It's for student ministry staff, youth and children workers, and any other Christian workers leading in a church or a parachurch organization.

Our desire is "To Equip His people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up" (Ephesians 4:12)



Utumishi Course 2025

This year, we have 16 students who meet at the iServe Africa Training Center every Thursday to think through the scriptures and ministry. Some are our second ministry apprentices, and others are coming from different churches and serve in diverse ministries.

We are doing three units: the Exposition of John 13-17 (The upper house discourse), Biblical theology (Learning how the whole bible ties together), and a deep digging of 1 Corinthians



SERVING THE ILWANA COMMUNITY IN TANA RIVER COUNTY: IVY KISAKA'S STORY



My name is Ivy Naova Kisaka, a sinner saved by grace alone. I'm a first-year ministry intern with iServe Africa, currently placed in Sala Village, Tana River County. Before joining iServe Africa, I was a student at the University of Kabianga Kapkatet Campus, where I

pursued a Bachelor's degree in Clinical Medicine. My placement here is a chance to combine my medical training with my passion for ministry.



Working with the Ilwana Community in Sala Village

In Sala Village, I work alongside a missionary family, Mr. and Mrs. Mandela, who have been faithfully reaching out to the Ilwana community for over five years. Our team includes two apprentices and, more recently, Nurse Sharon Chemutai. Together, we offer essential health services to the community, particularly focusing on preventive care.

Our work includes:

- **Community Outreach:** We visit schools and community areas to provide health education and preventive services.
- **Medical Hut Consultations:** Community members come to our medical hut for consultations, which we offer at a subsidized price to ensure everyone can access quality care.

Initially, I was anxious about moving to such a remote area and adjusting to a new environment far from my family and friends.

I But thanks to our supportive supervisors and the warm work environment, I quickly found my place. God has blessed me with a loving community here, including weekly ladies' fellowships, joint services, and missionary meetings held in Garissa. These gatherings have been an unexpected source of joy and strength.

One of my greatest lessons has been understanding that missions take time and patience. Seeing the Mandelas' dedication to reaching out to the Muslim community, despite the challenges, has taught me that missions are about forming genuine relationships. By showing love and building trust, we create the opportunity to share the gospel without defensiveness. I am incredibly grateful for this chance to serve the Ilwana people. Every day, I witness God's grace in action, reminding me of the importance of love, patience, and faithfulness in ministry.



FIRST PRIORITY

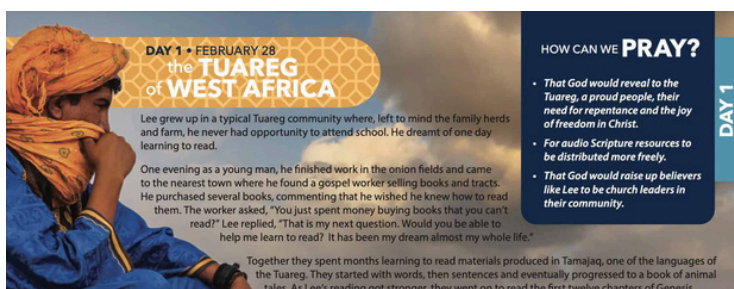
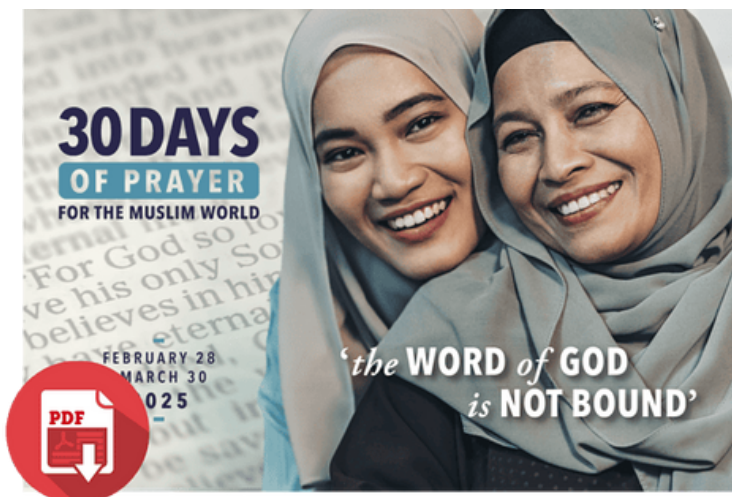
Praying for world missions

30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD

In the month of March, we will join Christians across the world for 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim world. 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World tells the stories of Muslims impacted by the Christian scriptures. Many of the stories are testimonies of those who have had a personal encounter with Jesus in their reading of the Bible and trusted Him for salvation. Others are still considering His claims.

The stories will show that the Word of God is not bound to specific geographical locations. Nor is it bound to a specific format; the Word of God leaps from pages, speaks through mobile phones and audio players, declares itself boldly on social media, is glimpsed in art and even appears as Jesus Himself.

Join us on **Sunday, the 2nd of March**, for our First Priority Prayers as we pray for the Muslims. We will be sharing the stories daily on our WhatsApp community so that we continue praying throughout the month. Reach us at 0704293090 for more details. You can also visit the **30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World website** for more information.





First Priority Prayers

Praying for world missions

Join us in

30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World!

In the month of March, we will be joining other believers in 30 days of Prayer for our Muslim brothers and sisters. We will be praying for Muslims to know the good news and find hope in Christ.

Join us this Sunday for the first day of our Prayers, and we will share daily in our WhatsApp Community.



Sunday
2nd March, 2025



Time
2.30-3.30PM



Venue
iServe Africa and Zoom

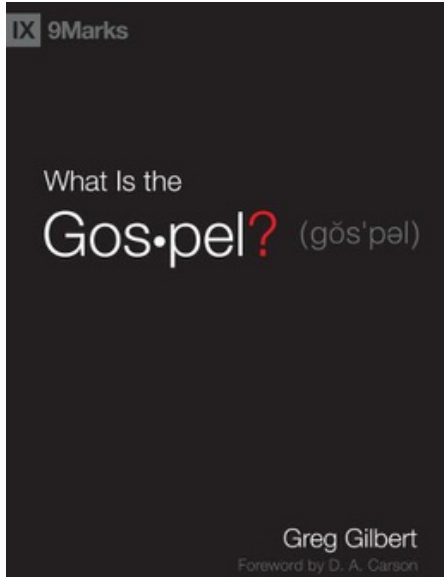


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BOOK REVIEW



Title of the Book: What is the Gos.pel?

Series: 9Mark Series

Author: Greg Gilbert

Length: 121 pages

Reviewed by Peter Kagwi

Apprentice iServe Africa

Greg Gilbert begins by establishing God's character as the righteous Creator—both loving and just. The book is structured around four key questions: Who is God? Who are we? What has Christ done? How should we respond? (God, Man, Christ, and Response). He emphasizes God's holiness and justice, making it clear that sin cannot be ignored or left unpunished.

Gilbert then addresses human sinfulness, drawing from Romans 3:23, where he explains that all people have sinned and fallen short of God's glory, stressing that sin is not merely a small mistake but a deliberate act of rebellion against a holy God. He illustrates this point by saying, "It is not that Adam and Eve just missed the bull's-eye by a few degrees. No, the fact is that they were shooting in the opposite direction." This statement reinforces the idea that humanity has wilfully turned away from God, making us deserving of His wrath.

At the heart of Gilbert's argument and more emphasis is "Jesus Christ's work on the cross." He presents Christ as our substitute, taking upon Himself the punishment we rightfully deserve. He highlights the paradox of God, who "forgives wickedness, rebellion, and sin" yet "does not leave the guilty unpunished," explaining that this tension is resolved through Jesus' sacrificial death. Through the cross, God's justice is upheld—our sins are not ignored but are fully punished in Christ. Gilbert also underscores the importance of the resurrection, demonstrating that it proves Jesus' victory over sin and death.

A central theme in the book is Gilbert's clear and uncompromising definition of the gospel: "The gospel is the message that Jesus died and rose again so that sinners could be saved. It is not a manifesto for political or cultural change." He warns believers against common misunderstandings that reduce the gospel to self-improvement, moral behavior, or social activism. While a transformed life may lead to these things, they are not the essence of the gospel. Instead, Gilbert argues that the true gospel calls sinners to repent of their rebellion and place their full trust in Christ for salvation.

This book clarifies what the gospel is—and what it is not. Gilbert dismantles misconceptions that Christianity is primarily about being a better person or changing society. He consistently points back to the cross of Christ as the center of the Christian message.

I truly enjoyed reading this book and highly recommend it to all believers, especially those in ministry. One of its greatest strengths is its simplicity, clarity, and strong biblical foundation. Gilbert's arguments are deeply rooted in Scripture, ensuring that his message is based on God's divine Word rather than human opinion or cultural beliefs. This book is a valuable resource for anyone seeking a clear, theologically sound understanding of the gospel.



Second-year apprentices attending Utumishi

APPEAL FOR SUPPORT

God's work is funded by God's people, and we need gospel-hearted people to stand with us. May we ask you to prayerfully consider being one of our ministry partners both in prayer and in monthly financial support?

Why? So that we would be able to train more faithful Bible teachers and Servant Leaders. We desire to impact more young people, such as Bundi, who says

“

This training has transformed how I read and teach the Bible. I am more confident in leading others in faith. A permanent Training Center means future apprentices will receive even greater training without limitations of space.”

The easiest way to be involved is to send to Paybill **939400**, Account name: **iServe Africa**. You can also visit our website at www.iserveafrica.org for more ways to give.

May God meet all your needs and greatly encourage you as you invest in his Kingdom.



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