



MINISTRY UPDATES

Monthly News from iServe Africa



The Cost of Truly Following Jesus

Luke 9: 20 Once when Jesus was praying in private, and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

It's easy to answer that question quickly, like Peter did, "God's Messiah." It's the right answer. But as the chapter continues, it becomes clear that even the disciples didn't fully understand what that meant.

Because right after that, Jesus begins to talk about suffering, rejection, and death. That doesn't fit their expectation of a Messiah and many times doesn't fit ours either. We often want a Jesus who brings clarity, comfort, and visible victory, not one who calls us into surrender and sacrifice.

Jesus makes it even more personal: *"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."*

Following Jesus is about laying down our own desires, our plans, and our need for control. And not just once, but daily. It is indeed acknowledging that he is Lord, over everything when we have accepted the salvation he gives. May we lay down our lives to follow him.

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April Ministry Training

We recently held our Ministry Training Course, bringing together all 36 apprentices. The theme was "The Mission of God," with teaching drawn from selected passages in the Gospel of Luke and a special emphasis on expository preaching. The sessions were both refreshing and deeply reflective for the apprentices as they continue serving in different parts of the country.



The apprentices also attended the Rooted Conference at GracePoint Kikuyu, where they had a wonderful time hearing the Gospel faithfully preached and enjoying meaningful conversations around it. Please pray that the truths they received would continue to shape their lives and ministries.

Reflections from April Ministry Training Course...

RON TIMOTHY

The April MTC was deeply shaping for me in ways I'm still processing. It didn't just teach me; it confronted me, opening my eyes to questions I didn't even know I should be asking and guiding me in learning how to ask the right questions, especially around missions. It pushed me to re-examine my convictions, their foundation, and the reasons behind them.

The consistent focus on missions helped me see more clearly that it is first and foremost God's mission, rooted in the finished work of Christ. From thinking through reaching different people groups, including Muslims, to exploring the digital space as a mission field, I began to grasp more of the breadth of the Gospel's reach.



MACREEN ACHIENG

The April MTC was insightful, from the exposition of the book of Luke to the Bible study. How Jesus Christ commissioned His disciples and sent them to work. It was insightful that the work of Jesus' mission is salvation, and the scope of Jesus' mission is global.

This reveals God's heart for the world. Christ's initiative is to call back people to Him, even in their sinful nature. He is a seeker of fallen humanity, and as believers, we are instruments of this great mission. We are tasked with the responsibility of proclaiming the message of Christ, who died for us to be saved; that is the true gospel.

ALICE MUTEI

During the ministry training course, I came to understand that God's mission calls me to shift from a self-centered life to a God-centered one. Reflecting on Psalm 67, I realized that the gospel is not about me, but about Christ and His work on the cross. My life is meant to be centered on God, who is greater than me, and everything I do should reflect His purpose and glory. This has challenged me to examine what my life is truly centered around and to realign it with God's will.





Ministry Fund Drive Event:

On 11th April, we held an in-person Ministry Fund Drive, bringing together local partners, alumni, and apprentices in a time of prayer and support for the ongoing gospel work. We were greatly encouraged by the turnout and the generosity of God's people.

From our target of raising KES 5 million, we were able to raise KES 1,000,675 with additional pledges of KES 234,200.

We praise God for His provision through the generosity of His people.

TransformD Mission

The team recently returned from a two-week mission trip in Murang'a at Solid Rock Foundation, where they gained valuable exposure to ministry in a rural setting. During the trip, they served in children's and youth camps, took part in village evangelism, and had opportunities to preach in open-air crusades.

They are now back for the final block of the programme, which will continue until 30th May when they graduate. Please pray for a fruitful and impactful final season, that they would finish well, grow deeply, and be equipped for future ministry.



APPRENTICE STORY

Titus Kwemoi

I am Titus Kwemoi, an apprentice with iServe Africa. I come from Uasin Gishu County, Ainabkoi Constituency, in a village known as Kapsoya. I studied at Kenyatta University, where I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Microbiology. I am currently serving at PEFA SITA in Watamu, Kilifi.

With the passion that God has placed in my heart to see children receive a firm and fruitful foundation in the gospel, I serve both in the church and in the school here at PEFA SITA. In the church, I teach Sunday School and the teens. In the school, I am a teacher of Mathematics, CRE, Agriculture, Science, English, and Physical Education. Saturday is my resting day.

I truly enjoy the moments I get to share the love of the Lord Jesus with the children around this place. Seeing them love the Lord at such tender ages is amazing. It is also a great joy to witness their growth—not only in stature, but also in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus.



During our MTC at the Rooted Conference, I was blessed to hear and understand that God's gospel is the world's gospel—it is for all who believe. I also learnt that the gospel is centred on seeing God glorified in both the redemption and the judgement of sin.

As I continue with my apprenticeship journey, God has faithfully provided for me through His people. There are challenges in asking for financial support, but through it all, God has remained faithful. Gaining knowledge from the "God Ask" and hearing testimonies from fellow apprentices has made the process easier, helping me rest in the assurance that God provides. I bless the Lord, for I can confidently say that I am a teacher with growing experience despite having a different background of study. I trust that the Lord is preparing me for greater transformation and gospel proclamation to the ends of the earth.



How to Pray for our apprentices

- ▶ That they will remain rooted in Scripture and grow in their love for Christ.
- ▶ That their work will bear lasting fruit in the lives of those they disciple and serve.
- ▶ That they will build meaningful relationships with mentors, peers, and the communities they serve.
- ▶ Ask that God would raise generous partners and open doors for resources for their ministry.



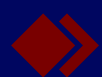
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God's work is funded by the generous giving of His people. Your partnership makes it possible for iServe Africa to train, disciple, and send out faithful Bible teachers and servant leaders.

Would you prayerfully consider supporting us through a one-time gift or regular giving? Every contribution, big or small, helps raise the next generation of servant-hearted leaders for the church and society.

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