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The FineArt Bill 2023

There is uproar in Kenya over the Finance Bill 2023! I don't understand a whole lot of economics, but when the price of sugar rises from Ksh. 250 per kilo to upwards of Ksh. 400, as happened in May, then I begin to suspect that something is not adding up.

How are the young people that we are discipling and graduating from school going to navigate through this hard season?

One Felix Mburu Irungu of Buru Buru, is responding to the threats of the Finance Bill 2023 with his own version of FineArt Bill. Armed with cobbler's string, a couple of one Inch nails, a 2 by 2ft piece of chip board and a similarly sized square of canvas, Irungu will work his magic and produce an unbelievable image of you to hang at the end of your living room hallway, at a reasonable fee of Ksh 50,000/=, within 5 days.

If String Art is not your thing, Irungu will oil-paint you, pencil-paint you or water-colour you, or your favourite cat, dog or cow! And when he takes a break on Sunday, he will be preaching at the Africa Christian Churches and Schools (ACCS) in Nairobi's notorious East-lands, to be precise, Kariobangi South. No wonder Divine wind is behind him! He somehow got heaven to open the way for him to do an art piece for the new governor of Nairobi, Mr. Johnson Sakaja. "Does it pay?" I ask Irungu, and with a beaming smile, the unassuming single, 5ft 6" dynamo answers with a resounding yes.

And that is how some of the Nairobi's youth is getting ready to

battle tomorrow's challenges, whether the Finance Bill passes, or not. They have their FineArt Bill.

The Andrew Galmogles of Laisamis or Turkana that you will read about in this issue of *TF Tidings*, just like Irungu of Buru Buru, are looking to face tomorrow's taxman with courage and determination. But they might need a hand.

If you would like to encourage Irungu by purchasing his FineArt skill; or Galmogle by contributing bike fare as he roves across the desert plains to hold his Chronological Bible Story, drop us a line at gsoffice@trinityfellowship.or.ke. There will be no brokering or financial intermediary between us and Irungu, or Galmogle, so any dealings with them, should you choose to participate, can go direct from you to them. Phone and Email contact information for them can be shared with you on demand. But kindly do not request for pictures of these art works. Irungu made the mistake of going on Instagram with them, only to find copies of them doing rounds on the Black Market!

We hope that together we can begin to lift the business aspirations of young people close to us, particularly those that are learning from us how to walk with God, especially in Turkana, Marsabit, or city back-streets in Nairobi, Kisumu and Kakamega.

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CAMPS RESUME WITH EXCITEMENT

The Trinity Fellowship teams were thrilled to be able to resume Trinity Fellowship Camp Ministries across the country this past April, with a total of 4 camps in Bujumba, Chulaimbo, Eldoret and Nairobi.



The Bujumba Camp had around 300 attend – all of whom were a new generation of campers – with this as their first camp. They were an enthusiastic and excited bunch of students, with many questions and suggestions. It was wonderful to have this air of excitement, visible in both the Associates who ran the camp and the students in this first post-Covid camp. There were some great testimonies of salvation and deliverance.



The Chulaimbo camp running from 21st to 26th April, with 637 students also had a number of first time attendees, both students and patrons, which encouraged the team. Two hundred and sixty-three students confessed Jesus as Lord and Saviour, with yet others experiencing healing or deliverance, and coming into the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The TF Team saw the Lord at work in the lives of the students, as He ministered wonderfully to them. The major challenge to all our camps, though, was the greatly hiked food costs. Support for camp ministries in prayer, in finances and in participation is always most welcome!



The Nairobi camp was the first of its kind! James and Henry, who have been ministering in Kikuyu at the Alliance Boys High School for some years, were permitted to hold a four-day camp for the students when school closed, **paid for by the school itself!** Twenty students turned up for the camp – quite a reasonable number considering that this was a first. The Kikuyu wing of the Nairobi TF Team, with two interns, used *Misingi* Narration in order to lay proper foundations for the Gospel for the first three and a half days. On the last afternoon they shared the Gospel, from Christ's death to His ascension to Glory, resulting in the salvation of 12 of the boys. Since then, the youngsters have been consistent in their devotional lives. How the team thanks the Lord for the blessing of 12 new babes in Christ, a wonderful partnership with the school, the wonderful assistance of a committed Christian teacher – a great asset in this ministry – and for the invitation from the school to host more camps in the future.



The Emalis, with their team, thank God for the successful high school camp ministry that took place in April at Arnesen's High School, this being the second camp in the North Rift region. A total of 210 students from 15 different schools attended. The theme for the camp was "In the world, but not of the world." A variety of speakers ministered over the 5 days, with forty-six students placing their faith in Jesus as Lord and receiving a firm assurance of their salvation, while others came into freedom and some received an infilling of the Holy Spirit. The teachings were also important in equipping the young people to biblically respond to the various issues that affect them today. The team also had a profitable time of counselling many of the students throughout the camp period. Concurrently they ran training for teachers too!



Paul Emali, based in Eldoret, together with the ten North-Rift interns, travelled to a village called Lokoyo, past Lodwar town, for a one-week mission-exposure trip as part of their training.

This is a dry and desolate area, in the far north-west of Kenya towards southern Sudan. Paul's heart and intention was to reach out to the Turkana community, with the love of Jesus, through evangelism and discipleship and to give the interns a taste of missions and an opportunity to share the Good News with this little-reached people group, whom the Lord dearly loves and came to save.

The trip started with a slow-puncture that was successfully dealt with, and the missionaries were on their way once again. On Monday they began their outreach ministry. Daily they evangelized in a total of five villages in the area, reaching out with the Gospel through one-on-one evangelism, ministry in schools and churches, sports evangelism and nightly, through films – the Jesus Film (translated into Turkana) and *Kutembea na Jesus*.

Each of the five days, they traversed different villages, evangelizing in the *Manyattas* – homesteads – either on foot, or by motorbike, so spread out were they. Assisted by local translators, they went in pairs to visit and share the Gospel with the families. On their second day they shared the Good News of Jesus with eighty-one workers from the largest stone quarry in the area, one-on-one, with 36 of them confessing Christ as Saviour. Contacts were shared with the local pastors for follow-up, so that fellowship with believers will be established.

The next day saw the team facilitating the pastoral programs in two primary schools. Prayerful fellowship was a great encouragement to the teaching staff, thereafter.



On the fourth day they held a seminar for church leaders at a central location for the participants. In attendance were 22 church leaders; with 8 pastors of 3 different denominations. It was a time of encouraging the leaders to follow-up on the many new believers, and in their personal and ministry growth. The pastors and church leaders shared their ministry challenges, one being the need for Turkana Bibles. Only two are able to read English and Swahili. They so appreciated the seminar and requested for more training sessions shortly.

On the final day, the team once again split up and preached in 5 different churches, a Sunday school and one high school. Two hundred forty-nine people placed their faith in the Lord Jesus that day.

The interns enjoyed and were encouraged to have the opportunity of ministering to young and old, in the various settings, including through a sports evangelism session with the youth – a game of soccer, which went on to nightfall – with a donation of two footballs to the teams. The interns saw the struggles that the people face with no school or healthcare in their vicinity. (Many *Manyattas* visited had at least one family member sick; malaria and poor hygiene largely contributing to the ill health. Pit latrines, sadly, are unheard of, and with water scarce, good hygiene is difficult.) It was a packed time of ministry, and a time for growth in compassion for the unreached. It was also amazing to see a good many respond to the love of the Lord and come to faith, a total of 1,052, with some receiving healing or freedom from oppression. The interns saw firsthand, the Lord at work! What a joy!

MINISTRY MULTIPLICATION IN MARSABIT



For the past 2000 years Christ has continued to establish His body in communities in every corner of the world. He is doing the same at Laisamis. That excites Martin. One of Martin's aims as he engages in student ministry at Laisamis is to share with the students the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and to trust God for the establishment of these young people in the Gospel. He desires to see Christ build His church among the Rendile and Ariaal Rendile communities and raise local labourers from these two communities.

It is exciting to see what God is already doing in and through Andrew Galmogole, a Form 3 student at Laisamis High, a member and youth leader of Baptist Church Laisamis. This young man, from the Rendile community, has attended youth camps and Bible study/mentorship sessions, eager to know more of the Lord and to grow in His ways, in the past year of Martin's ministry at Laisamis.

A couple of weeks ago Andrew shared with Martin how God has been at work in his life through Martin's ministry and of the helpful impact the min-

istry is having on him as a person. His faith in Christ is becoming more firmly grounded while his love for God and His truth continue to grow daily.

Every Wednesday and Friday afternoon, during school holidays, Andrew has gathered around 15 young people for a Bible study, under some trees. He has adopted the same approach that Martin uses to share the Gospel; Chronological Bible Stories, tracing God's salvation plan and has also conducted other key Bible study sessions... passing on what he has learnt.

Please join Martin in prayer that the Lord would raise more 'Andrew Galmogoles' in these two communities for His glory and honor – fruit that will last and bear more fruit.



TEENS & TOTS IN KERICHO

John and Carol Mwangi organized and ran a Vocational Bible School at Grace Baptist, Kericho, from 25th-30th April, with 85 children in attendance. The children were divided into three age groups: 2-5 years, 6-12 years and 13-19 years. The Mwangis had a wonderful time of sharing on the Nature of God, Creation, Fall and the Consequences of Sin. (There are plans to follow up with Redemption, come August). The children were very receptive, and the Mwangis rejoice at the turnout, coming in the wake of the Shakahola atrocities which has brought shame and distrust on Christ and the Church.

Hot on the heels of the VBS, the Mwangis then ran a Teens Camp, a mini Discipleship Training Programme, in collaboration with the African Inland Church of Nyagacho, from 3rd to 6th May. They had a target of 11 teens from the church, but when word got out, they received a total of 21 teens! This was a follow-up from the December 2022 camp that they had previously organized and run. They were pleased with the progress of the teens as they embrace their faith intentionally and begin to work out their salvation, much to the joy of their parents! There was training on Quiet Time, Prayer and Overcoming Sin and Temptations. There were practical Work Projects, such as baking, gardening, cleaning, bed-making and more. Amazingly, a couple who are members in this church, wonderfully hosted all thirty present – leaders and teens – in their home, which was such a blessing in many ways, including financially. Praise God for all His provisions!

BUILDING SCHOOL - CHANGING LIVES

Faith Ventures Christian Academy has been under construction for the past eleven months, mostly during holidays. Mr. Ronald Amagang'a, the Administrator, is greatly encouraged with the progress of building – in record time. The final side of the quadrangle is now complete, other than some minor finalization and interior decoration. He is thankful for the expertise of the contractor, and for the Lord's provision and direction with regards to the same. Now all that remains is to obtain the Occupation License and to move in. Kindly pray with regards to the swift issue of the license. The extra space will house the administration offices and five new Learning Centres, allowing for approximately 100-110 students, building the capacity of ministry to these young ones further. So far this term, the school has added at least one or more students every week, over the 6 weeks. The school is seeing a wonderful recovery of student numbers since Covid ended. What an encouragement!

Another prayer and praise item is that the Government Approval for the international Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) programme, is in process and on track. Faith Ventures Christian Academy was the first school in Kenya to use this individualized curriculum. Pray for favour with the government authorities till it comes to fruition.

An immense praise is that finally the ACE certification, on completion of schooling, has been recognized and is now equated with Kenyan certification, allowing for students to be accepted in any Kenyan tertiary institution. This is another huge praise and of great relief to all: the school administration, parents and students! Once the ACE programme is given a final approval, a good many churches (who are waiting in the wings) will adopt this system, meaning that more children will receive a good Christian education.

But the whole purpose of building is to minister to students, and that is exactly what is happening. Two years ago, an autistic child was admitted to Faith Ventures. At this time the child couldn't speak and had many limitations. With the individual care and instruction, the child now speaks, reads, writes and memorizes scriptures. The family is over-joyed, and have just hosted a thanksgiving ceremony. What a joy for those (teachers) who have played a part in realizing this life-transforming encounter!



EXCEEDING SMART TARGET 2.2 IN SCHOOL MINISTRY



Here is some very good news! One year into our Trinity Fellowship Strategic Plan July 2022 – June 2025, we have exceeded some SMART Targets that we set for ourselves in the area of school ministry!

According to our plan, the Targets in high school ministry were as follows, and the table below shows our progression into meeting those Targets. We are happy to share that with the visit of Munguti and Isaac of the Central Kenya Sub-region (Based in Murang'a) to 28 schools this last Quarter of the year, 5 new schools – Gaitheri, Gakurwe, Kiangochi, Kigongo and Ititu secondary schools have come under the continuous ministry of Trinity Fellowship, meaning that the SMART Target 'To reach out to 5 new high schools per region per term has been outrageously exceeded, especially in the Central/Nairobi region this past term! It took initiative to visit all these schools, without invitation, in a mobilization exercise that sometimes proved to be dangerous – Munguti had one day to carefully navigate himself, alone, through a machete-carrying mob). The Lord has answered prayer. For those who have prayed and given, do thank God with us!

With the visit of Castro Odhiambo and Co. of South Nyanza Sub-region to Oriwo Boys High School, the SMART Target 'Conduct at least 10 Evangelism/Outreach ministry events to primary and secondary schools in each Sub-region every school term' has also been exceeded!

In this photograph, Castro Odhiambo is ministering at a Rally in Oriwo Boys High School. Even the number of souls that have come to profess faith in Christ is above what we had anticipated (no numbers were set on this), considering that in Turkana alone, over 1000 professions of faith were made. We bless the Lord.

Continue to rejoice with the teams that carry out Primary Pastoral Pro-

grammes, Weekend Challenges, Sunday services, building up the Christian Union leaders, further equipping C. U. Patrons and Outreaches to Least Evangelized Student Communities.

Also, we had the SMART Target of recruiting 3 more members of Field Staff by the end of 2025 so that the new members can help with these targets. We are happy to share that we have now recruited all the 3 members of staff, two in 2022 and the last one only this past April. We are trusting God that with this increase in numbers, God's favour in schools and the leading of the Holy Spirit, we will continue to go beyond our Strategic Plan targets.'

We aimed to 'Conduct at least 2 holiday training programs for college/university students per Region every year. As we come to the close of Year 1, this SMART Target has also been exceeded! We rejoice in the Lord and His people, who have made this possible through divine grace, prayer and financial giving!'

MINISTRY IN AND OUT OF SEASON



TF VISION & MISSION

Trinity Fellowship is about Evangelism, Discipleship and Mercy Ministries. Through our teams we *Pray and Work for the Revival of New Testament Christianity in Kenya.*

Our Mission is to *send forth the full Gospel of Salvation, Healing and Deliverance to all who are oppressed of the Devil especially the rising generation in the schools and colleges in Kenya.*

DONATIONS

You can offer your financial support through the following:

M-PESA — Paybill 511800, Trinity Fellowship

Alternatively, please contact us if you would like to channel funding through any other means.

Our regional teams continue with discipleship ministry in universities, targeting students primarily who are training to be teachers – to equip them to disciple the students in their future schools. At the campus in Murang'a, discipleship is on-going, either in person, or online, as is currently the situation. Students are at this moment out on Teaching Practice or long holidays, so online meetings are most beneficial in the continuity of discipleship training. This is also the time when the Nairobi team holds a three-month internship programme for university students. Never a wasted opportunity, in Kingdom-building!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ebusakami Girls Sec School Camp

11th – 16th August 2023, Vihiga

Ramba High School Camp

12th – 16th August 2023, Kisumu

Edinburgh High School Camp

11th – 15th August 2023, Murang'a

Alliance High School Camp

dates to be confirmed

Loglogo Camp

11th – 19th August, Marsabit

Arnesen's High School Camp

11th – 16th August, Eldoret

Youth Camp in July & V.B.S. end of August at Grace Baptist Church, Kericho

Mission to Bunia, Congo

17th – 26th July

THANK YOU FOR GIVING SO THAT WE CAN KEEP ON GOING

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to each and every one of you who **give, pray and stand with us** in a multitude of ways to see "His kingdom come..." here in Kenya and beyond; as we – the TF team together with you – "lay up treasures in heaven" where nothing will destroy... all for the glory of the Lord. As you have invested in the lives of countless, through your partnership, may you hear the Lord say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant." Thank you for caring and sharing and investing for an eternal reward – with sons and daughters ushered into the family of God, saved, healed and delivered from the bondage of darkness into the glorious light and love of Christ.

Would you like to partner with us and be MORE involved? You may do so in 3 specific ways. Pray for us, minister alongside us in camps and out-reach and support us financially or in kind. We have 2 Priority Areas of need that you could give to: 1. Translation and publishing of The Misingi Story into 2 new languages; 2. Support for camps and Internship Programmes. God is faithful !



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