

Summer Edition 2019

AFRICAN HARVEST

Changing the course of history, one disciple at a time.

Our vision is to be the most faithful and effective catalyst for holistic urban evangelism in Africa. With the support of our partners we provide training, mentorship, literature and programs to help church leaders pastor new disciples. Effectively discerning the real needs of a particular city or urban area, engaging city leaders and authorities is a constant part of the challenge. Your prayers open doors to some of the most restricted areas.

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God is opening doors across Africa.

“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Matthew 9:37-38

Happy New Year to all our supporters and brothers and sisters in Christ. Our prayers are that the Lord would bless you richly as you seek out God’s great and glorious will this year. Greetings also from all our ten teams in Africa.

We rejoice that your partnership and God’s grace has enabled us to reach at least a million people with the gospel in Africa and to see over 110,000 people make confessions of faith in Christ.

As evangelists, we aim to put on the full armour of God and His mighty power (Ephesians 6:10-20) and meet the world head on in all its suffering and idolatry (Galatians 5:19-21). Our intention is to be obedient to Jesus to bring His light to the world that has lost its way in the midst of its darkness (John 1:5). We are also seeking to preserve new life in Christ through fellowship, love and great training of pastors and evangelists.

We are so humbled by your commitment, passion and faithfulness in sending out workers into the harvest field and to preserve new believers. As you give and pray for the lost, we are strengthened and the gospel reaches further into the darkness.

In this edition, we focus on strategy that will underpin the growth of Christianity in 2019 in the cities of Africa in partnership with the church. In the following pages you will meet just some of the wonderful evangelists who are being empowered to act thanks to your support.

Our teams are now busy preparing new mission fields for for gospel proclamation and helping local churches prepare to bring in a harvest of souls from their cities. Please pray for all these people, the strategy we have put forward and that the Lord will prepare hearts for 2019 to receive Him. We well know at AE that “Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain” (Psalm 127:1-2).

Thank you and God bless.

Ben Campbell
AE Australasia CEO

Stephen Mbogo
AE International CEO
& Team Leader



Five strategic goals to transform Africa in 2019.



Stratified evangelism and discipleship



Community transformation (Social Action)



Youth empowerment



Peace building and reconciliation



Building transformational leadership in Africa



Stratified Evangelism & Discipleship

Preparing to train 15,000 people for mission, discipleship and leadership throughout 2019.

On paper, most Sub-Saharan countries in Africa identify themselves as Christian, up to 90% in many cases. But the reality is that though many define themselves as Christians, they have little understanding of Jesus or the gospel.

Our goal is to train up to 1,500 pastors in each of the ten countries we are based in through a combination of African Enterprise developed material and theological resources from George Whitefield College, Moore College and more.

Our pastor training courses enable us to achieve a number of critical objectives:

1. Preparing pastors and mission volunteers for mission: a good understanding of the gospel to bring non-believers face to face with the truth of Jesus in a short time.
2. Preparing pastors to disciple new believers who come to Christ through mission, teaching material and small group support.
3. Educating up and coming leaders within the church to engage in mission, discipleship and godly leadership principles.

In a recent pilot program in Kampala Uganda, 240 pastors were theologically trained using Explore to be prepared for each of the above objectives.

Assistant Pastor of Nateete Miracle Centre Josephine Bulwa, feels that the training she completed with AE has opened her eyes on how to better learn from the Bible, and has strengthened her in her pastoral work. Using this enhanced knowledge, she has seen three new people come to Christ within her own bible study group.

“As well as enriching the church, this new knowledge has also really prepared us for mission evangelism, and to have better knowledge to explain the good news of Jesus to unbelievers”, she said. “I have been so touched, and now I am inspired to transfer what I have experienced in Christ, His wonderful intimacy and fellowship, to others.”


Training pastors in Africa will have a profound impact for the spread of the gospel!

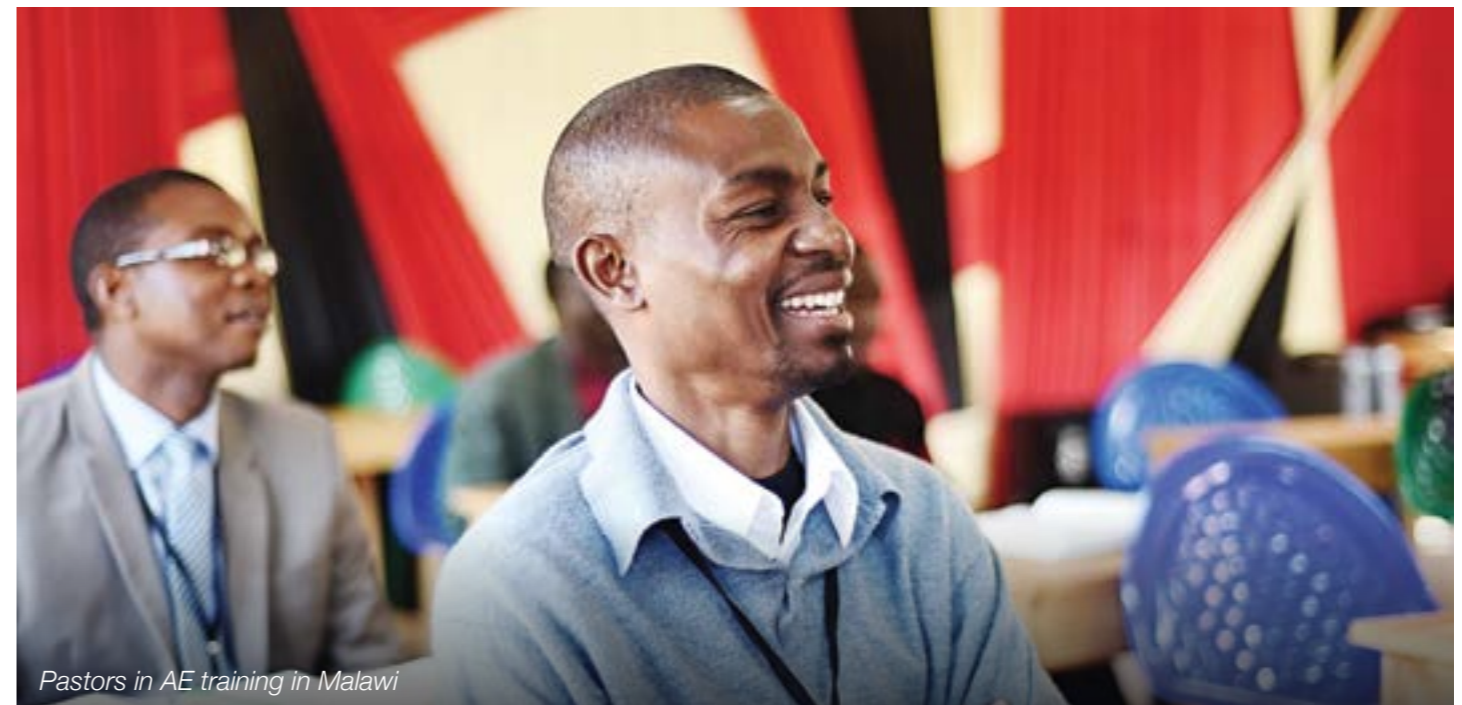
Your gift will equip church leaders

We are currently raising urgently needed funds for Pastor Training Courses across Africa. The goal is \$175k by 11 March 2019.

Please prayerfully consider donating to this appeal. Together with God’s help, we can raise up the next generation of leaders.

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Pastors in AE training in Malawi



Stratified Evangelism & Discipleship (cont.)

Africa is so large, the challenge we face today is that evangelists are limited in number. Our aim is to mobilise and train more teams to reach the cities of Africa with the good news of Jesus. Here are just some of the missions we are engaging in 2019.

BEN SACHIE



20–31 Mar:
Accra
GHANA

Akuapem Mission

Focus: Akuapem mission follow up of church leaders and 6,300 new disciples, plus preparing for mission in Togo.

BENSON OMONDI



27 Jun–7 Jul:
Mombasa
KENYA

“Be Reconciled to God” Mission

Focus: Northern and Muslim dominated areas, involving 3,000 volunteers.

PAUL SSEMBIRO



22–29 Sept: Arua
UGANDA

“Leaders of Integrity” Mission

Focus: 1,000 influential leaders, South Sudanese refugees and Muslim areas.

LEONARD KISWANGI



22–29 Sept:
Lubumbashi
DRC

“Kolwezi for Christ 2019” Mission

Focus: Training and mobilising 500 evangelists to reach the city of Kolwezi.

THEUNS PAUW



2–26 Nov:
Cape Town

SOUTH AFRICA

“Does God have your heart?” Mission

Focus: Citywide evangelism addressing young leaders and different nationalities.

JOHN KALENZI



12–19 May:
Huye City
RWANDA

John 17:3 Mission

Focus: five universities, prisoners, street children and vulnerable women.

FELIX MSHOM



18–25 Aug: Tabora
TANZANIA

Jeremiah 29:11 Mission

Focus: Farming and agricultural community.

GUIDE MAKORE



22–29 Sept:
Bulawayo
ZIMBABWE

“Building Bulawayo with Jesus” Mission

Focus: City evangelism amongst the challenges of the street and unity in the church.

ENOCH PHIRI



7–11 Oct:
Lilongwe
MALAWI

Accountability & Leadership Mission

Focus: Creating good servants amongst leaders following the May elections.

MEL MESFIN



24–29 Dec:
Arba Minch
ETHIOPIA

Arba Minch Mission

Focus: Street people in the new and old regions of the city.

Community Transformation

The AE mission is to evangelise communities in word and deed, with the ‘deed’ component specially relating to holistic and transformative social action programs, demonstrating the love of Christ to vulnerable and marginalised communities.

Programs encompass a spectrum of activities from advocacy for early childhood education, good food security practice, water and sanitation, vocational education, vulnerable women rehabilitation and health education. Other programs include hospitals in Uganda and Kenya, HIV education programs in Tanzania, apprenticeship programs and community self-help groups in Rwanda.



Restoring dignity to children in Ghana

Poverty and other socio-economic factors see large numbers of children on the streets, who either participate in or are exposed to robbery, violence, addiction, prostitution and indecent assault. Through the skills training AE provides, including tailoring, dressmaking, computer skills, hairdressing & beautician, metalwork, mechanics, cooking and soap making, the love of God becomes very real to them.

These projects restore their dignity as children and enable them to acquire vocational skills that help them leave street life for good.

Mathare Women Outreach and Skills Training programs

Over 20 years ago, AE initiated women’s rehabilitation programs to empower former commercial sex workers, unskilled and vulnerable single mothers, and women living with HIV and AIDS in Nairobi’s Korogocho, Kariobangi, and Mathare Slums and in Lilongwe Malawi. Over the years, this project has positively transformed the lives of over 500 households by equipping women with critical economic and social skills.



Every year this project trains at least 65 women with various vocational skills such as dressmaking and design, soap production, entrepreneurship, and bead work, and also offers social support. AE also networks with other organisations working within the slums to help trainees access other relevant services like subsidised medical care. Many beneficiaries of these programs are now earning decent livelihoods for their families by running small businesses.



Water and Sanitation programs

According to the World Health Organization, poor water and sanitation practices contributes to about 800,000 deaths each year in low to middle income countries (WHO, Sanitation). Korogocho Community Hygiene & Sanitation Improvement Project aims to provide affordable and environmentally sustainable solutions in slums, drive the improvement of hygiene standards and save the lives of thousands of children every year. Our goal this year is to construct twenty new-model community pit latrines to serve the community, and also benefit over 600 children learning in informal schools in Korogocho slums.

Your partnership is bringing the hope of Jesus across Africa.



Building Transformational Leadership in Africa

The future of Africa lies with its leaders, and AE has set a key goal to train political and community leaders in biblical servant leadership principles.

Through various leadership missions and prayer breakfasts, we aim to engage leaders to care for their people and enable them to live godly and peaceful lives.

Increasing the number of transformational servant leaders who are accountable and agents of positive change in every city is our objective. We also want to raise and mentor godly, talented and influential young emerging leaders.

Meet Janet Mwendwa

Janet is the AE International Director for Social Action responsible for Aid and Development Programs for the partnership.

She has worked with needy and vulnerable communities in Africa for the last sixteen years, acting as a change agent through word and deed. She thrives in seeing lives transformed holistically through the community programs supported by African Enterprise. She plays a critical role in developing leadership capacity within the partner churches.



Janet, AE International Social Action Director

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Spotlight: Training in Kampala

Pastor Raphael from King Jesus Church Uganda is one of the emerging leaders who is advocating for positive change in Kampala. His church was the site of training for 40 churches to engage on mission in his area. In his view, AE plays an absolutely pivotal role in uniting churches, and through this addressing the spread of well-funded alternative religions. Pastor Raphael was very enthusiastic when he spoke to AE about the upcoming mission. “No one can reach Kampala alone, and AE provides a unique opportunity for us to do this together”, he said. “The church will really benefit from utilising all its energy to minimise useless differences and centralise the gospel reach.”

As a local pastor, he sees huge benefits of training the local congregation. “AE material provides holistic, long-lasting benefits for all of us, including clarifying the gospel, leadership, and encouraging people to reach out to their community”, he said.



Rev Raphael Kajubi and his wife and children: Tabitha and Charity (back), Delight and Selah (front)



Peace building and reconciliation

Effective peace intervention is a mainstay of AE ministry, with AE founder Michael Cassidy helping prevent significant bloodshed during the 1994 elections in South Africa. In partnership with the Bible Society, Trauma Healing & Reconciliation intervention programs have made a significant impact in Rwanda, Kenya, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo over the past ten years. In recent months AE Team Leaders have updated their training skills and have commenced rolling out an updated program in Rwanda, Zimbabwe and Kenya.

Spotlight: Peace through education

Vast number of students and teachers have been traumatised by violent experiences during the past wars in South Sudan. With 70 percent of the population under the age of 30, youth carry a physical and psychological impact that has implications for future stability of the country and region.

Our key objective this year will be to educate 15,000 children, youth and adults annually on trauma healing & peaceful coexistence using biblical models to nurture a culture of sustainable peace in South Sudan. In addition, with the help of supporters, we want to train 100 peer leaders, 100 teachers, 200 parents and 100 pastors each year to promote peace in their schools and communities. Our three year program will cost approximately \$4 per student per year.



Participants in Juba South Sudan



Youth Empowerment

Youth are the future of Africa, and it is essential that effective youth discipleship and empowerment programs are part of our mission strategy. Young volunteers called Foxfires give a year of their lives toward evangelistic outreach in their community.

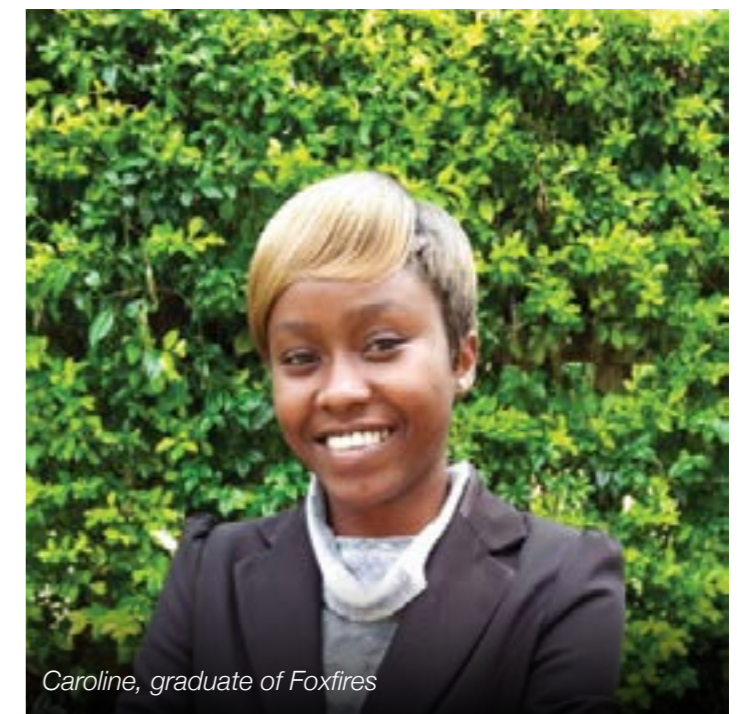
The programs have successfully touched lives of young people, who from an early age are exposed to drug and alcohol abuse, theft, sexual abuse and lawlessness. Programs include Youth Camps, Leadership Training, and a Life Skills Programme in schools focused on issues such as HIV/AIDS, peer pressure, drug abuse, crime, poverty and unemployment. Our aim during 2019 is to reach out to more than 100,000 students in more than 150 schools, develop 1,000 peer mentor/change agents in schools, plus reach more than 60,000 people during citywide missions.

Once Foxfires have completed their volunteer year, they continue to make a significant impact in their church community for Christ.

“Investing in the youth at the Lord’s vineyard is creating the best and strongest present and future godly generation,” Caroline Matheu, Foxfire Team Coordinator Kenya.

Perhaps you might consider sponsoring a Foxfire for a year?

Contact ae@aeint.org for details.



Caroline, graduate of Foxfires

A Message from Michael

Very Dear Ozzie Friend,

As the New Year opens, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your prayers & support this last year. Also for me & my health with seven hospital visits & four ICU's ! But the Lord has seen me through & I have never been more excited about AE.

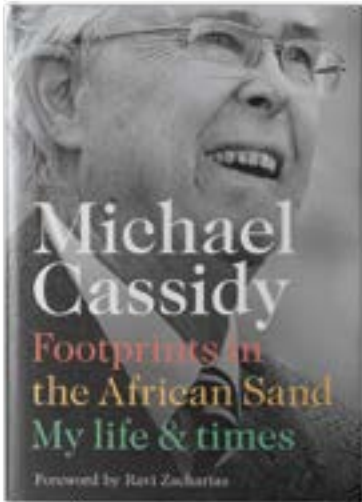
But what I do also know is that there is no way our work over here could possibly survive let alone thrive apart from the commitment to us of people like YOU. Really. So please know you are much appreciated.

And now we face into another year on this convulsive but awesome continent of spiritual opportunity & open doors. Back in 1980 when I was struggling with my calling as a white person to the cities of black Africa, the Lord four times in a couple of months miraculously & mysteriously gave me Rev 3:8: "Behold, I have set before you an OPEN DOOR which no one is able to shut".

That settled me. And thus it has remained ever since not just for myself but for the work of AE as a whole. All doors open.

None shut.

So we have a continent of open doors & open hearts. And for us to enter these doors we only need your ongoing open hearts & open pocket books.



May you therefore be moved afresh to stand with us. Thank you so very much.

I hope too this year you will also get to read my Memoirs entitled *Footprints in the African Sand* which should be in Oz fairly soon. Our office will keep you informed.

Much love & huge gratitude in Christ,

Michael Cassidy
Founder, African Enterprise



AE brief news updates

- All AE Team Leaders recently met in Nairobi to plan ahead for 2019, and agreed on a consistent vision, mission and values for the entire partnership.
- Felix Mshomi, who serves as AE Tanzania's accountant is currently Tanzania's acting Team Leader in place of Michael Macha until the board appoints a replacement.
- Please keep praying for AE as we seek new board members for 2019 and a new Chair and Vice-Chair. We are currently advertising nationwide. Enquiries to Ben via ae@aeint.org.
- A new peace agreement in South Sudan has seen the end of five years of civil war. We ask for the Lord's blessing to conduct peace and reconciliation programs there.
- The 20 year war between Ethiopia and Eritrea has now ended with the appointment of a new Christian President. That's good news for AE outreach programs in the region.
- We welcome Bernice Sarpong, originally from Ghana, to the AE board. Details of all our current board members can be found on africanenterprise.com.au/governance.

Welcome Bernice to the African Enterprise Board!



We are seeking to reconnect with all of Michael Cassidy's friends in Australia and NZ to let them know about the memoirs that will be published on 21 Feb 2019. Will you help us to pass on the news to your friends and networks? Pre-order your copy via ae@aeint.org. (Price TBD)



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