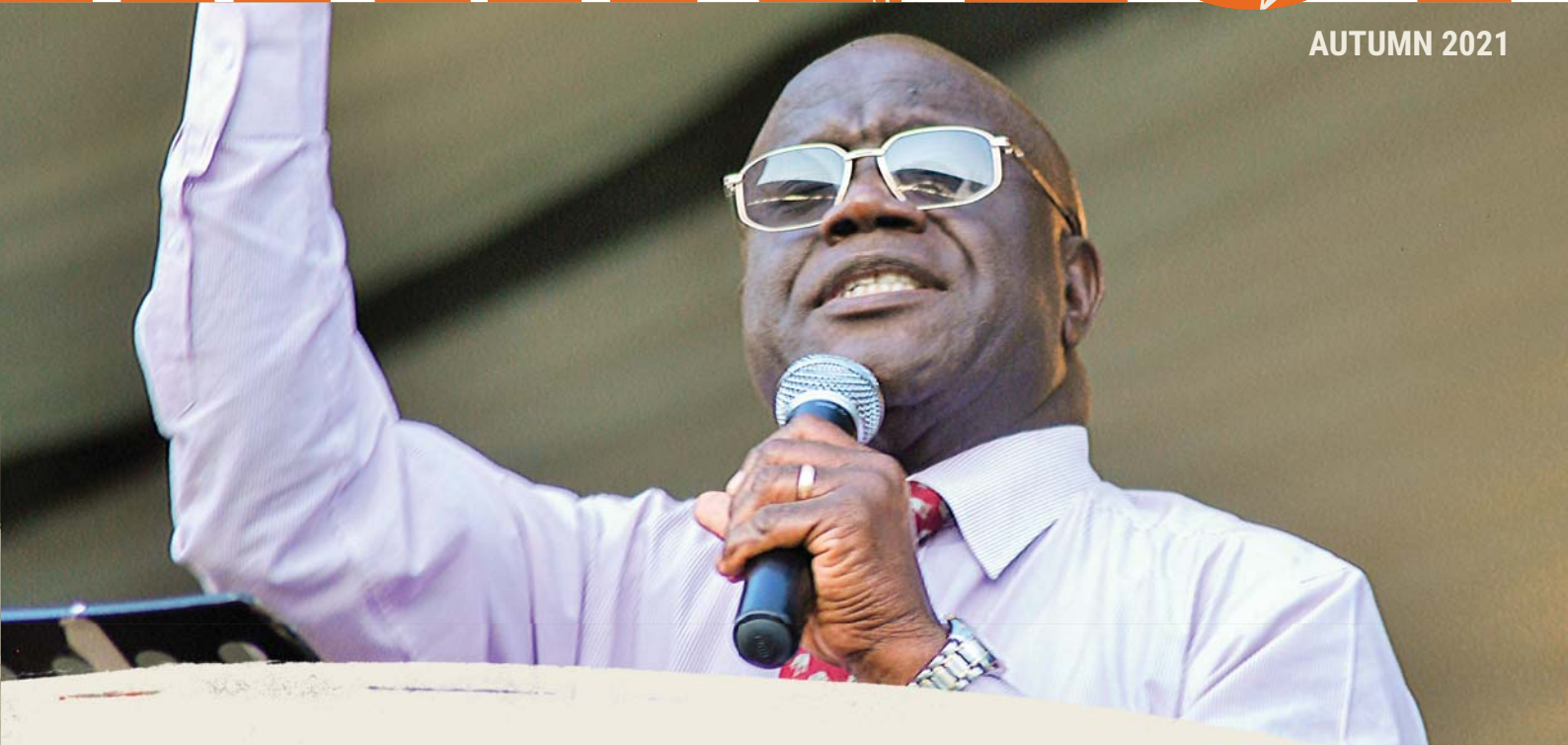


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A tribute to Stephen Lungu

Be inspired by how God ignited his passion for "winning souls for Christ"

With heavy hearts, we share with you that on 18 January former AE CEO Stephen Lungu was called home to the Lord after a lifetime of faithful, powerful ministry. He died of complications from COVID-19.

His story is a powerful testimony of the way God works through your support to change not just one man's life but to create a ripple effect that transforms thousands.

On an extraordinary night in 1962 in Harare, Zimbabwe, a down-and-out street urchin turned gangster named Stephen Lungu was on the brink of petrol-bombing an evangelistic gathering.

But when he heard the Gospel, he dropped to his knees. That night, he met the Lord God Almighty and was transformed to become a mighty man of God.

Stephen went on to preach the Gospel in those very streets of his past thuggery – and his journey with the Lord led him to become a charismatic and resourceful leader of African Enterprise.

He once said:

"I look at myself as a miracle of God's grace, so I believe that the power of Jesus Christ to save sinners still exists. If He can change me, He can change anyone ... Winning souls for Christ. It's my calling. It's my passion. It's me."

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Meet the new Foxfires in South Africa!

Foxfires team members – including two new faces – are gearing up for the 2021 program, ready to spread the love and light of the Lord with your help!

Mandla Dube will be the new Foxfires Coordinator. He loves the Lord, and is a big fan of running, drinking tea and playing soccer. He goes to God's Word for guidance on life and his life Scripture is Psalm 27:13.



Tineil Govender will be a Foxfires Administrative Assistant. She loves reading and holds an Honours Degree in Psychology. Her life Scripture is Psalm 46:5.

As part of a new outreach initiative, Foxfires South Africa launched a social media

program called "Let's Talk". A weekly series of one-minute videos, the program focuses on God's Word and encourages young people to walk in His ways.

The team is excited about how God will use them to show Jesus' love in word and deed. Please pray for Mandla and Tineil as they settle into their new roles. And please pray that God will open doors for them to minister in the pandemic, and for His protection as they follow God's call so that more young people will come to know Christ as their Lord and Saviour.



Thank you for helping to see the Gospel proclaimed in African cities.

Your support makes amazing things possible!

God opens a window – and hundreds come to Christ in Malawi

2020 was set to be a big year for the Malawi Foxfires. The team planned to share the love of Jesus in local schools and markets ... only for a spike of COVID-19 cases to close schools and restrict movement at marketplaces.

But – praise God! – a decrease of cases created a two-month window for whistle-stop outreach before the 2020 Foxfires graduated. (And, with your support, the team didn't waste this God-given opportunity!)

Within two months, the Foxfires conducted outreaches that reached a total of 2,249 people, with 319 giving their lives to Christ.

During one of the Foxfires market outreaches, one gentleman was drinking beer at a bar. He was open to hearing the Good

News and committed his life to Christ. Pastor Moyo gave him a Bible and encouraged him to continue in the journey he started. The gentleman went straight home, leaving his bottle of beer and vowing to never go back to his old ways.

These amazing outreach events are so powerful in seeing lives transformed – so thank you for your generous support to help change lives like these in Malawi and across the continent.

A tribute to Stephen Lungu continued from page 1

Stephen first served your African Enterprise family in 1982 as an interpreter for AE Founder Michael Cassidy at the Malawi Keswick Convention. Their friendship was instant and lifelong.

He joined AE shortly afterwards and, with a fiery passion for the preaching of the Gospel, served the AE team in Zimbabwe before moving on to pioneer and lead AE Malawi. He became a Deputy Team Leader for AE International as well as AE Malawi Team Leader until 2006.

Your role in his journey is not to be underestimated. Your support and prayers for AE and for leaders like Stephen were instrumental in his life and work. Thank you.

Stephen's commitment to the work of AE steered him to become the obvious successor to Michael as International Team Leader (ITL) in 2006. Stephen handed the baton over in 2013 to Dr Stephen Mbogo. (You can read some thoughts from Stephen Mbogo on his friend's life and legacy on page 6.)

AE founder Michael Cassidy shared a heartfelt tribute to Stephen: *"I don't think I have ever known a more passionate and endlessly energetic preacher of the Gospel than Stephen. To be sure, there will be thousands and thousands of people in heaven because of Stephen Lungu."*



Thank you for your support of leaders like Stephen.

Stephen is survived by his beloved wife Rachel and his daughters and sons.

Please pray for Stephen's dear family, that the Comforter will be their strength at this time of bereavement.

Thank you for ...

sowing into lives like Stephen's through your passionate support and prayers for the people of Africa in every level of society. God truly does work through your support.

Fredrick says:

"Thank you for equipping me with trauma-healing skills"

As a pastor and a health service provider in Kenya, Fredrick Baraza is often called to help people who've hit their lowest point, both physically and spiritually.

That's why he's so grateful to you for helping to equip him with trauma-counselling skills that have strengthened him and helped him to more effectively minister to the people he meets with – at the clinic and the church.

"In providing HIV testing services, I often come across many clients who are distraught and in anguish due to their HIV status," says Fredrick. "The trauma-healing training equipped me with valuable skills and knowledge on how to serve my clients more effectively."

Fredrick has a strong passion for sharing the Gospel and seeing God change people's lives. Yet, like many pastors in Africa, one of the greatest needs he faces is a lack of training and support.

Now, Fredrick is looking to encourage other pastors and leaders in his area with his new knowledge – and he thanks you for helping to make this possible.

But thanks to you, he's learning new skills that help him build up the church as well as meet health needs. What an impact!

"The trauma-healing training also addressed some of the critical questions that I frequently encounter in the church, including why people suffer if God loves them. This training showed me that, as a church leader, I have a role to play to help people who have faced difficult events – like the loss of a loved one, sickness or domestic violence – to find healing from God through biblical and mental health principles."



Thanks to you, health service providers are now equipped to help those around them deal with trauma.

You're giving hope to children

and helping them get back into the classroom after COVID-19

After being forced to close for five months due to COVID-19, the Ithembalomntwana "Hope for the Child" Preschool in South Africa has reopened to again serve the children of the neighbourhood ... thanks to you!

Strict government procedures required the preschool to ensure that every child wears a face-mask, while social distancing and hygiene rules meant the school had to buy extra classroom furniture, hand-washing and sanitising facilities.

The preschool is located in a poverty-stricken area where many parents struggle to provide for their families' basic needs.

But your support helped the AE family to come to the preschool's aid – providing 90 face-masks for the children, 40 tables for schoolwork, plus a COVID-19 Food Relief voucher for each child's family. These children are now able to learn and play in a safe environment. Thank you!

In the Korogocho slum in Kenya, Margaret Auma, head teacher of the Big Pen Academy in the Korogocho slum, says your support means that more than 500 children from the community will thrive in brand-new classrooms:

"Our school has been the best performing in the whole region but unfortunately due to the poor background our pupils come from, the school hasn't had proper classrooms for the children."

But your support to build new classrooms at the school gives hundreds of children a safe, comfortable learning environment – to help them pursue their dreams. Margaret says:

"We thank God that over the last 20 years He has used our school to positively transform the lives of many children from our community. Seeing their lives being transformed by education has kept us going, despite the vast financial challenges that our school faces."

"We are very grateful for your support. We look forward to partnering with you in lifting more children from poverty through education. May God richly bless you for your love and support to us!"



Children have hope of a reliable education thanks to your support and provision of a new school building.

Cooper's story:

"God changed my life"

"I was a young man in high school," recalls Cooper, "searching for something to fill a hole in my life."

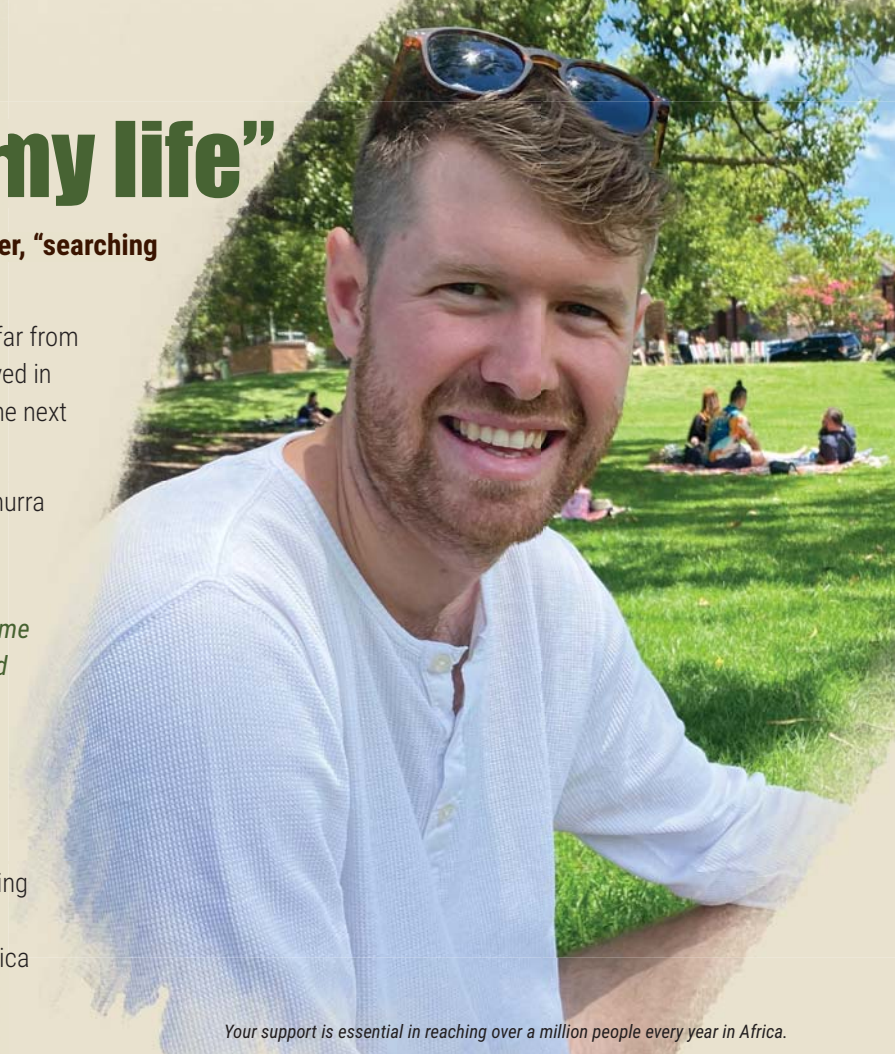
"To all my friends and family, I looked happy. But I was far from it. Since immigrating to Australia from South Africa, I lived in the fast lane, always chasing the next life experience, the next friendship."

"Until I heard Stephen Lungu's story one night at Turrumurra High School."

"My heart finally knew what it needed to be satisfied: I needed Jesus. After the event, Stephen laid hands on me and prayed for me. I cried away the chains that had held me a slave. I felt free."

"A few years later I was re-acquainted with AE – and overjoyed to learn that mine was not the only life that God had changed through this ministry."

"Every year, over a million people hear about Jesus. Giving to this ministry is the best investment I've ever made. I can't wait to meet all my brothers and sisters from Africa in heaven and hear how God used AE to bring them to eternal relationship and life with Jesus."



Your support is essential in reaching over a million people every year in Africa.

A message for you **FROM STEPHEN**

Dear AE Family Friend,

Your faithful support brought hope in a year full of hurt, as COVID-19 caused great upheaval in Africa and around the world.

Tragically, millions lost their lives, including my dear friend, Stephen Lungu.

Stephen was a powerful leader, a passionate evangelist and a close friend and mentor. He was a giant of the faith and an inspiration to thousands. Thank you for standing with me in prayer for his family, especially his wife, Mama Rachel.

The world is hurting. However, there is hope. With your help, African Enterprise teams changed strategy halfway through 2020, shifting to a Home-Based Evangelism (HBE) model. With God's grace, friends like you helped ensure that mission goals were met, even in the pandemic!

With your support, and your prayers, over 6.3 million people heard the Gospel both through proclamation and social action projects; and 63,516 people made a decision to follow Christ. Praise God!

I am so grateful for your prayers and financial giving that helped make it possible to reach so many families and lead thousands to Christ Jesus.

You and I can look up with faith and be confident of this: that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Amen!



Stephen Mbogo

African Enterprise International Team Leader/CEO



Upcoming Missions

Your prayers and support are requested for 2021's upcoming missions across Africa ...

1-31 May	AESAR – Mutare, Zimbabwe
20-27 June	Rwanda – Kayonza
1-11 July	Kenya – Mombasa West
22-29 August	Tanzania – Dar es Salaam
19-25 September	Malawi – Zomba Leadership Mission
1-10 October	South Africa – Durban
15-25 October	Ghana – Lome, Togo
16-24 October	DRC – Kinshasa South, Moamba District
22-26 December	Ethiopia – Yeka Abado
TBC	Uganda – Jinja
December 2021	Hosting Proclaim 2021, Kenya

**Please note: Mission dates are subject to change due to the ever-changing political situations in Africa.*



Your prayer and support are helping reach more and more people with God's love.

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