

# HARVEST

WINTER 2020

## You're leading Africans home to Jesus *through Home-Based Evangelism*

**This year began with you and your African Enterprise teams prayerfully preparing for upcoming missions. But as COVID-19 spread worldwide, our teams realised that a major shift needed to be made.**

To reach people for Christ in this crisis, we had to reshape the way missions and evangelism have been run for the past 59 years. And God gave us the solution: Home-Based Evangelism.

Reverend Dr Stephen Mbogo, International CEO, said:

*"The Gospel of Jesus Christ is more needed than ever before. African Enterprise will not stop proclaiming the hope we have in Jesus Christ in Word and Deed. Rather, we are very committed to continue reaching homes using the digital space through a new model that we have developed known as Home-Based Evangelism (HBE)."*

With your support and prayers, Home-Based Evangelism (HBE) will be implemented through the following steps ...

- **Pray:** AE Team leaders will develop a Home-Based Evangelism prayer team, produce a bulletin for the HBE outreach, and organise a 24/7 prayer chain.
- **Prepare:** Team leaders will map the mission field, identify available media platforms, and engage different partners and church leaders.
- **Engage:** Team leaders will identify and equip home facilitators to host HBE outreach, mobilise support for the needy, train beneficiaries on sanitation, and share HBE promotion clips and flyers.
- **Broadcast:** Team leaders will prepare and record messages for HBE Outreach Day. The messages will then be shared with HBE home facilitators. A live TV or radio broadcast will be recorded and then first shared with a small number of homes. If that test goes well, the message will be broadcast on HBE Outreach Day.

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- **Reach Homes:** Teams and HBE facilitators will fellowship with invitees and identify the social needs in their homes so that AE can respond.
- **Evangelise and Disciple:** The AE team will share an evangelistic message and invite people to follow Jesus Christ. New followers of Jesus will be discipled with follow-up materials. Those in need will be served through social action, and the AE teams will ensure that the new believers are connected to a local church where they can join small groups and grow in fellowship.

*Together with you,*



**Home-Based Evangelism is aiming to reach 44,150 homes and share the Gospel with 765,124 people.**

Let's thank the Lord for this new opportunity to evangelise and disciple Africans – even in this global pandemic.

Please pray that this program will help lead to many decisions for Jesus and demonstrate God's love to those in need.



Branden from the Kenya Foxfires team

## Foxfires find ways to keep sharing Christ *- thanks to you!*

**Friends like you gave the Kenya Foxfires Youth Empowerment Program 2020 a thrilling start to the year. Your prayers and generosity helped enable them to share the Gospel with more than 2,500 people before the COVID-19 lockdown.**

By April, the team had to move back to their homes, and schools and churches were closed. But the Foxfires are continuing to support one another and to share God's love with others through online platforms like Zoom and WhatsApp.

"We maintain contact as a team via Zoom every Wednesday to pray together, strategise for ministry, encourage each other and remind each other that God is still in control," says one Foxfire team member.

Lydia, an intern in Eldoret, is reaching out to university students

on WhatsApp. Many students feel anxious, and Lydia reminds them that God is in control. She encourages them to do online courses and prays for them. "I am excited that I am making a difference," she says.

Branden is back in Kakamega learning new skills online, spending time with God, and reaching out to his friends with a message of hope.

Denis is a beacon of hope in his community of Thika, where he lives with his mother. They own a shop, and Denis has made it his mission to disciple the customers. "I credit the Foxfires program for making me fearless in sharing the message of hope," he says.

Thank you for helping to train and encourage these young evangelists – and please pray that the Lord will continue to use them to lead many people to Christ this year.





# Zomba Mission: *Pressing forward with your help*



**Preparations are well underway for the Zomba Mission in September 2020, with its Proclamation week planned for 19–26 September.**

The mission is still going ahead, with social distancing, smaller gatherings, and Home-Based Evangelism.

Malawi has not been in full lockdown, so AE has been able to train pastors, youth and evangelists. The team is investigating the possibility of repainting Zomba's dilapidated maximum security prison, as well as partnering with the Christian Medical and Dental Fellowship in medical mission work.

AE Malawi has also recruited youth teams to evangelise their peers in Zomba via social media like Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Zomba is a major city with great influence in Malawi. The city is afflicted by urban poverty, poor sanitation, domestic violence, child abuse, and the abduction and killing of people with albinism.



*Despite the pandemic the gospel will be proclaimed in the city of Zomba, Malawi*

The majority of people claim to have a religious affiliation with Christianity, but few have a personal relationship with Jesus. Sharing Jesus' love in Word and Deed in this city over the next three years will bring significant transformation to the region.

There are still significant challenges for the mission that are yet to be overcome. Local fundraising has not been a great success due to COVID-19. The major churches that normally provide funds are unable to do so at this time.

Some pastors, supporters and evangelists are struggling to complete their preparatory training online. It also looks like the AE Zimbabwe and AE Zambia teams will not be able to bring people to join in the Proclamation week due to the restrictions.

Despite the many challenges, AE Malawi has found that the city of Zomba has a hunger for Christ and great enthusiasm for this mission. The team is putting in much time and energy to keep the mission on track.

Please continue your prayers and support for them!



# You're bringing critical supplies to Africans in crisis

The Coronavirus pandemic has affected the majority of countries in Africa. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Africa totalled 189,559 as of 8 June – up from 51,000 the previous month. The numbers are growing fast.

A new report by the Partnership for Evidence-Based Response to COVID-19 revealed some worrying findings about the impact of Coronavirus on the lives of many Africans.

Half of the respondents to the survey conducted in 28 African cities said they would run out of money if they had to stay home for 14 days. The lowest-income households expected to run out of food and money in less than a week.

But you're bringing help by enabling African Enterprise to implement COVID-19 programs in 11 African countries through five key areas of intervention:

- **Distribution and selling of face masks** made by AE tailoring trainees in South Africa, Malawi, Kenya, Zimbabwe and Zambia.
- **Food distribution** in South Africa and Rwanda, and soon in Zimbabwe, Malawi, Uganda, Kenya and Ethiopia, where many people have lost livelihoods.
- **Media engagement** through the use of radio and TV broadcasts to educate communities on COVID-19 and share the hope of Jesus in DRC, South Africa, Uganda, Malawi and Rwanda.
- **Hygiene and sanitation** training in Kenya and soon in DRC, Ghana, Uganda, Malawi and Tanzania, as well as distribution of protective and sanitation products.
- **Medical services** in the form of first-line response through AE's existing medical healthcare facilities in Kenya and Uganda.



▲ Your support has enabled the distribution of face masks to communities in need.

Your generosity is also helping to provide food parcels through AE's Ghana team to impoverished community members and to offer special support for healthcare workers.

Ghana is utterly ill-prepared for this pandemic, and frontline healthcare workers are risking their lives to serve their patients. Annual healthcare spending is a mere \$67 per person in Ghana, compared to \$5,332 per person in Australia\*.

With your help, AE Ghana is providing medical supplies to the Kasoa Polyclinic near Accra including gloves, liquid soap, face masks, sanitiser and disinfectant. The team members are also encouraging the clinic's staff with the hope of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for making it possible for AE to pivot quickly and respond to the urgent needs arising from the pandemic. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by families, churches and healthcare workers in Africa who see Jesus' love in action through you!

\*Source: World Bank







AE Kenya staff members handing out face masks to the community.

# How you can make an eternal impact

*by Mike Woodall - AE team Alumni*

## Years ago, a donor gave a substantial gift that launched African Enterprise's first team in Ghana.

That gift helped the team to make an immediate impact in Accra. But when the time came for a mission in Kumasi, anxiety rose. Everything was ready, but the funds were at an end.

The answer to prayer arrived just in time. It was a bequest from a donor that enabled the mission to go ahead!

**One of the target groups for the mission was women involved in prostitution.** Each woman lived and worked in a room about 2 metres x 4 metres. Their children had to wait outside when clients came.

As the Gospel was preached, many of these women gave their lives to Jesus. AE then felt led to help these new sisters in Christ to learn new job skills to start a new life.

This need was shared with supporters like you, who helped to launch a job training program to teach them cloth-making, tie-dyeing and soap-making.

I attended the first graduation. Of that group of 20 women, one had died from AIDS and one had been beaten to death by her pimp. But the remaining 18 women now had a new life.

*All of this was triggered by that bequest.*

***When each of us plans how we'll leave our estates, it's of course important to ensure that our families are cared for. But how important it is to give a gift for eternity, that will leave a lasting legacy of souls won for Christ!***

In our Sydney office is the first cloth tie-dyed by Helena. She was in that first group of women who found new life in Christ. It's a testimony to how life-changing the Gospel can be – and the difference that we can make – even after we've been called home to heaven.

For more information on how you can leave a life-changing legacy, contact Ben Campbell at (02) 9889 1799.

## *Leaving a Legacy*



Providing for African Enterprise in your will is a significant and meaningful legacy that ensures that your ability to impact Africa for Christ continues on.





# What we can learn from African Christian leaders

*by Stephen Liggins - AE Supporter*

**I had the privilege of helping run a Pastor Training program in South East Africa from 2003–14. It was a joint initiative between African Enterprise and Moore College.**

The aim was to provide high-quality, low-cost, short-term theological education to untrained African church leaders – of whom there are many. Moore College’s Preliminary Theological Certificate materials were used to equip leaders over a one-year to three-year period.

Local African leaders were enthusiastic about the initiative. I recall one prominent Kenyan pastor describing the church in Africa as being “a mile wide and an inch deep”. This training was a strategic way to address that.

But the benefits were not one-way. The African believers I became friends with had a *lot* to teach me, too!

In my humble opinion, we in Australia had something to contribute to the growth of the church in Africa in terms of theological training, organisation, finances and prayer. But I learned so much from my African friends in the areas of evangelism, prayer, a concern for the spiritual and social needs of people, and hospitality.

Many Africans I met felt at ease sharing their faith almost anywhere. Churches seemed to prioritise prayer meetings – often overnight. Christians were flat out evangelising, pastoring, and helping with development and aid work.

It’s been about six years since my last trip to Africa, but I am still in contact with a number of former African students and co-workers. I am sure that the capacity for Australian Christians to help African Christians – and vice-versa – is as great as ever.

It has been truly great to be part of God’s trans-national purposes on this planet!

*Stephen Liggins is a minister at Anglican Churches Springwood, a guest lecturer at Sydney Missionary and Bible College, and a supporter of African Enterprise’s work in the cities of Africa.*





# Like you, these caring supporters love people in Africa with albinism

**"We've been supporters of African Enterprise for over 30 years and have been amazed at the size of the harvest as the Gospel has been proclaimed to millions of people," said African Enterprise supporters Malcolm and Pam.**

Malcolm and Pam have a ministry to Africans with albinism, and they partner with you and the whole AE family to serve those living with this condition in Zimbabwe.

"Africa has the highest incidence of albinism in the world," says Pam. "Because of their white skin, often scarred by skin cancers, and with a pink eye colour, they stand out in communities. Their difference to others often causes them to be feared, marginalised, persecuted, and without job opportunities."

With thanks to the additional support provided by AE Zimbabwe, Malcolm and Pam's ministry brings hope and practical support:

"We now have 200 people with albinism attending outreaches in Harare," says Pam, "and we help a similar number in Chitungwiza, Gutu and Binga."

Praise God for this wonderful family and their vital ministry! And thank you for encouraging them through your partnership with AE!



*Supporting people with albinism is a passion for Malcolm, Pam, their family and AE.*

## "You can leave Africa, but Africa won't leave you"

**Arthur and Jan Adeney have been devoted supporters of African Enterprise since 1990, and they have a long history in Africa.**

Arthur's parents were mission workers with the Church Mission Society (UK). They were stationed in Burundi for 40 years, and that's where Arthur was born. He attended boarding schools in Uganda and Nairobi.

While Arthur was gaining his medical training at the Royal London Hospital, he met Jan, an Australian studying nursing. They married and had a son. They then spent 12 years working in Tanzania as medical professionals with Crosslinks mission society.

They decided to move with their three children to Australia to be closer to Jan's elderly parents. Their son and one daughter live in Sydney and their other daughter resides in Dubbo. They also have 10 grandchildren.

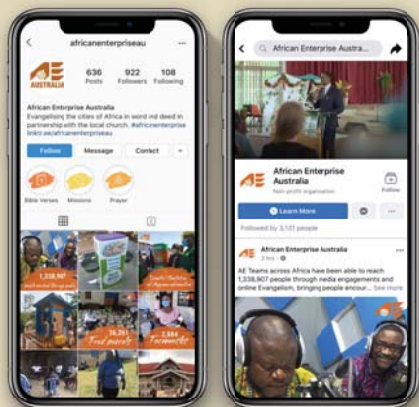
After all these years, Jan and Arthur still feel a longing for Africa. "You can leave Africa, but Africa won't leave you," says Jan.

*We'd love ... to hear about your heart for Africa and why you support AE! Use the contact details on page 8 to share your story!*



# Social media

*Our popular posts*



## See the impact you've had this year

Through your support in 2019, God did great things in Africa which we are so grateful for, including 1.1 million people reached with the Gospel, and 120,000 decisions made for Christ.

Other highlights include a new African Enterprise office in Zambia, as well as theological and training materials being translated into French which has helped launch the Gospel further into West and North Africa.

For these and more, download a copy of the African Enterprise Annual Report from our website: [africanenterprise.com.au](http://africanenterprise.com.au)

## Pray for upcoming missions

The dates of some missions have been changed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Here is an updated list of the upcoming missions...

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| <b>18-25 September</b> | Makindye-Kampala, Uganda     |
| <b>19-26 September</b> | Zomba-Lilongwe, Malawi       |
| <b>21-27 September</b> | Dar es Salaam, Tanzania      |
| <b>26 Sept-4 Oct</b>   | Meru North Mission, Kenya    |
| <b>3-11 October</b>    | Kinshasa West-Lukunga, DRC   |
| <b>14-18 October</b>   | Hilton, South Africa         |
| <b>16-24 October</b>   | Lome, Togo                   |
| <b>8-15 November</b>   | Rubavu, Rwanda               |
| <b>23-27 December</b>  | Akaki Kaliti, Ethiopia       |
| <b>April 2021</b>      | Durban, South Africa         |
| <b>December 2021</b>   | Hosting Proclaim 2021, Kenya |



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