

African HARVEST

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Unyielding Faith

Welcome to our Winter newsletter!

We write with great joy, celebrating the work of salvation that God is carrying out among the nations, even in these challenging times.

Jesus reminds us in John 16:33, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

This assurance of our Lord's supreme rule and majesty gives the church the strength to thrive, no matter the circumstances. As Christians, we are empowered by the gospel courage that comes from knowing the Risen Jesus, and joy of sharing His life-giving message.

In this edition of *African Harvest*, we're excited to share some highlights of how God is drawing people to Himself through His Son, Jesus. Together, we rejoice in the gospel partnership we share as we work to reach the cities of Africa.

As we pray for strength to reach more people, we thank God for the unity of the churches partnering with AE, and for all who support this mission. The need to share the Good News is as urgent as ever.

May the Lord richly bless you,



Rev Simba Musvamhiri,
CEO AE Australasia



*Rev Shane Dirks and Rev Dr Stephen Liggins
with a PTC student.*



*AE DR Congo Team visiting Eastern DR
Congo to reach war-torn communities
in the region.*

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Preliminary Theological Certificate students.

Solid Teaching for Church Leaders

Theological training for Christian leaders

As some of you may know, we first got involved in the Preliminary Theological Certificate (PTC) course in 2003, when it was taught by Rev Dr Stephen Liggins in Nairobi, Kenya. Since then, PTC has grown to be one of the key pillars of AE's work.

In collaboration with Moore Theological College Sydney, we send Anglican Ministers (from Australia) to teach African students, so that they can go on to share the Gospel effectively with others. There is a strong hunger to learn about God's Word.

Since 2020 we have received over 2,500 enrolments for PTC training across Africa.

In May this year, Rev Dr Stephen Liggins (Springwood Anglican) and Rev Shane Dirks (Figtree Anglican) visited Kigali, Rwanda, to teach the first module of the PTC training: Biblical Theology 1 and the beginning of Old Testament 1. They saw 47 students complete the course and rejoice in the power of the Gospel. At the end of September, Rev Greg and Michelle Ball (St Andrew's Cronulla) and Rev Dan Bidwell (Robertson Anglican) will also visit to complete Old Testament 1 and teach New Testament 1.

This month, students in Harare, Zimbabwe, will continue their PTC training journey, under the supervision of Rev Nigel Parker (St Paul's Shellharbour). We thank these ministers for their commitment and time contributing to this sacred mission.

Mukela, a PTC student shares: "Thank you to AE for providing an environment and a platform for me and many others to know and serve the Lord. I have been equipped and inspired for my present and future ministry. PTC has taught me how to serve God faithfully through a focus on the study of the Bible."

God is working through the PTC course to deepen the theological understanding and ministry skills of churches and Christians across Africa.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20



Rev Dr Stephen Liggins teaching PTC.



May 2025, PTC graduates in Rwanda complete Phase 1.

Mission Updates



AE DR Congo Team Leader, Leonard Kiswangi and training partner, Jean-Claude Kapagama in Goma.



Reading the Bible during AE's Mission in Goma, Congo.

Goma Mission

AE DR Congo Team Leader, Leonard Kiswangi and training partner, Jean-Claude Kapagama recently travelled to eastern Congo to reach communities in this war-torn region.

Despite facing many challenges, they arrived safely on 5 June, a powerful testimony to God's faithfulness.

Leonard says: "Over three days of trauma healing sessions, many participants found peace and committed to becoming agents of healing in their own communities.

We are confident that the families we reached will serve as pillars in the journey toward reconciliation and peace.

However, our work is far from over. As we look ahead, we are determined to follow up with essential supplies, including food and medication, for those still in need during this challenging time in Goma.



Soldiers in the war-torn region of Goma, in DR Congo.

The situation remains complex, but we steadfastly pray for a swift return to peace and for us, peace only comes through knowing and following Jesus. We are dedicated to spreading the Good News of Jesus whilst giving people the tools they need to cope with the trauma of war. May God bless you all."



GIVE:

- Donate to provide trauma healing in Goma.



Chinhoyi Mission

From 29 March to 7 April 2025, AE Zimbabwe ran a mission in Chinhoyi, sharing the love of Jesus Christ with as many people as they could reach. The mission included door-to-door preaching, ministry in schools, hospitals and prisons, in the marketplace and even through sports.

AE Zimbabwe mobilised 28 teams, reaching over 30,000 people with the message of Jesus Christ. Hundreds of people were moved by the Lord and accepted Him into their lives.



AE team member in Chinhoyi praying with Sarah, who recently decided to follow Jesus.



Local church service in South Sudan.



AE Team providing materials in South Sudan.

South Sudan Mission

Civil war in South Sudan has displaced approximately two million people, including an estimated 750,000 children.

In this turmoil, we see innocent lives marked by tragedy – children created in the image of God who are enduring hardships for crimes they did not commit, facing tribal conflicts they do not understand, and grappling with political and economic struggles that have little to do with them.

Many of these children are physically and emotionally scarred: some have been maimed or burned, and many have lost their parents. It is crucial that they come to terms with their experiences, learn about forgiveness, and embrace reconciliation, rather than bursts of anger and revenge. It is the only thing they know. In the capital city, Juba, one school where we are providing chaplaincy has 50 former child soldiers.

God has opened a door for AE South Sudan to bring hope in the schools. It's an opportunity to provide pastoral care, loving them, teaching them to communicate; all this, grounded in the Gospel.

The Ministry of Education has invited African Enterprise to teach the scriptures and provide chaplaincy in the public schools in Juba. It is a huge task that requires Godly strength and wisdom. Please pray for these children, and support us in this Gospel journey.

ALEX BILLAL, AE SOUTH SUDAN TEAM LEADER.



AE Mission in South Sudan.

PRAY FOR MISSIONS

- Please pray for those affected by the conflict in Goma.
- Pray for the safety of our AE team who are working hard to support those experiencing grief and trauma.
- Please pray for people in Chinhoyi, that they will continue to connect with God and find healing in His word.
- Please pray for the children of South Sudan, that they find hope and healing through God, and are freed from the conflict that threatens to destroy their peace and innocence.

Upcoming AE Missions

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC)
Kinshasa, 16-23 August 2025

SOUTH AFRICA
Mthata, 30 July - 3 August 2025
(Botswana) Gaborone City, 18-28 September 2025

UGANDA
Lira, 21-27 September 2025

MALAWI
Mzuzu City, 24 October - 2 November 2025

GHANA
Greater Accra, 24 October - 2 November 2025

SOUTH SUDAN
Juba Central Mission, 21-30 November 2025

TANZANIA
Arusha City, 27 November - 7 December 2025

ETHIOPIA
Adama City, 20-28 December 2025

Impacting young lives



Students at the Centre for Champions in Rwanda.



Computer training in Ghana.

Across Africa, AE's youth initiatives continue to thrive.

In Uganda, the Youth Skilling for Employment Project is teaching entrepreneurship and connecting students with job placements and mentors.

In Zambia, our Foxfire teams are reaching young people through life skills training and gospel outreach in schools and churches. And in Ghana, (as we touched on in African Harvest Autumn) students are gaining hands-on training in computer skills, tailoring, bakery and more through our youth empowerment project.

Centre for Champions Update

We're passionate about equipping the next generation, and we're so grateful for your support for the Centre for Champions (CFC) in Rwanda this year.

The CFC has just opened a new 'smart' classroom filled with computers and software, helping students develop practical skills alongside their studies. Even more encouraging, over 96% of students have accepted Christ before graduation through the growing CFC discipleship program.

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PRAY FOR PROJECTS

- Please pray that young people across Africa open their hearts to the Lord and have a bright and hopeful future, including our students in Rwanda, Uganda, Zambia and Ghana.



The Change Rack

In March 2025, our church welcomed Simba Musvamhiri and John Kalenzi (AE Rwanda), to share about AE, with a focus on their projects in Rwanda. They spoke about the Centre for Champions (CFC), a vocational training centre that provides skills and opportunities for young people. Sadly, the CFC had recently lost a large part of its funding after an overseas donor withdrew their support.

Around the same time, like many others, I was sorting through my wardrobe in preparation for Winter. I had planned to sell a few things, but after hearing Simba and John's update, I wondered if those clothes could serve a greater purpose. And so, *The Change Rack* idea began to take shape.

With six weeks to prepare, and a wonderful team of helpers, we began collecting clothing donations from our church community, friends, and families. Incredibly, over 1,200 items were donated. We spent weeks sorting, pricing, folding, and getting everything ready. Most importantly, we were upheld in prayer by members of the congregation and fellow believers.

On the day of the sale, the church hall was filled with people browsing clothes, catching up over delicious baked goods or bbq sausages, and supporting the cause. It was a simple but meaningful day of community and generosity. We raised almost \$14,000, far beyond our original goal of \$3,500. The funds will go directly towards supporting young people at the Centre for Champions in Rwanda.

MAELLA TEELE, TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL VIC.



Setting up *The Change Rack* at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Camberwell.

Seven projects Six countries *One purpose*

Empowering women and transforming cities across Africa.

We're so grateful to our AE supporters for coming together to donate and support these important projects that provide vocational skills to African women. These holistic, transformative projects are grounded in the love of Christ and help to break cycles of poverty for years to come; families are fed, children are educated and communities are strengthened.

With your support so far, we have raised \$227,000 of our \$400,000 goal. Thank you – this amount will help over 320 women.

PRAY

- Please pray for women across Africa as they begin their vocational training.



GIVE

- Give to our Women's Empowerment Projects: africanenterprise.com.au/donate-to-aid-development
- Find out more about these projects: africanenterprise.com.au/onepurpose



Be involved

We want to stay in touch with you and keep you updated. Here are a few ways to stay connected:



PRAY

Pray for all our Teams that God may give them wisdom, joy and strength as they proclaim Christ.



JOIN

Join us on a short-term mission to Africa.



PARTNER

Please partner with us by giving to the work that we are doing. Visit our website to donate.



ASK

Ask us about going to see what we are doing in Africa.



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