

# AFRICAN HARVEST



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# The Lord has prepared the hearts of millions more in Africa to hear the Good News of Jesus

**By 2050, half the world's population growth is projected to occur in Africa. Most of that growth will be in urban areas, so that by 2050 it is estimated that 60% of Africa's population will reside in cities.**

There is a critical need to ensure that existing churches in Africa are strengthened and equipped to continue to proclaim the Good News of Jesus. In the coming decades the majority of Africans will be young and living in cities. Living in a nominally Christian country will not ensure salvation. In the North the growing reach of Islamic extremism threatens the visible church.

AE is well-positioned to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the growing cities of Africa in partnership with the church. We want to ensure that AE supporters and mission participants all share this vision to fund, pray and engage in unity in the Great Commission so that we are able to meet this growing demand to equip and send evangelists. Our past African Harvest outlined our goals and vision, including how we are focussing on training and discipling pre and post mission.

We believe that the Lord has prepared the hearts of millions more in Africa to hear the Good News of Jesus, and it is up to the church family to equip AE evangelists with the skills and resources they need to make this happen.

Over the next three years, we aim to reach another three million people with the Gospel message, and we pray that over 300,000 people would commit or recommit to Jesus.

Our goal is also to introduce 200 social action programs both inside and out of mission and serve over 250,000 people with practical assistance. These programs range from pop-up medical services to apprenticeship programs that continue over three years such as hairdressing, tailoring and auto mechanics. All these programs are provided regardless of social background or religious affiliation, and provide an introduction to living Christian love in 'Deed' as well as 'Word'.

Through your financial support and prayers we strive to win the continent for Christ and bring glory to God. God bless you!

**Ben Campbell**  
AE Australasia CEO

**Stephen Mbogo**  
AE International CEO

## Our Vision

Being the most faithful and effective catalyst for holistic urban evangelism in Africa.

## Our Mission

To evangelise the cities of Africa in Word and Deed in partnership with the church.

## Our Values

Authority of Scripture  
Commitment  
Excellence  
Integrity  
Unity



## News

### Rwanda facing numerous church shutdowns and new legislation

Last year it was reported that Rwanda's government closed thousands of churches and dozens of religious buildings, seeking to assert more control over faith communities whose sometimes makeshift operations were said to be unsafe. The closings brought mixed reactions in Rwanda, with some believing it was a challenge to freedom of religion, while others suggested it was a positive step to ensure buildings comply with national safety regulations.

Christianity Today says the shutdowns highlight another need in Rwanda, where "churches suffer from untrained leadership and poor accountability... [and where] pastors are accused of enriching themselves and living lifestyles far beyond the reach of their congregations, who ultimately pay for them."

African Enterprise is continuing to work with Rwandan churches to train leaders for effective ministry and to preach the Gospel with integrity. A week long intensive training as well as a teaching conference will be held in May in Kigali.

A number of recent scandals amongst high profile prosperity gospel leaders has been a sobering reminder of the enormous need for training leaders in the Bible.

### Tension in the Democratic Republic of Congo as New President is sworn in

At the end of last year, general elections were held in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) to determine President Joseph Kabila's successor. In January 2019 Félix Tshisekedi was named the winner, despite some (including the Roman Catholic Church) suggesting the results were rigged. Nonetheless, those accusations were dismissed and Félix Tshisekedi was sworn in as the 5th President of the DRC on 24 January 2019. It's largely being viewed as a peaceful transition of power, and a positive move away from the long reign of Kabila, but The Guardian reports the acceptance of the controversial result as "a defeat for democracy".

AE DRC Team Leader Leonard Kiswangi was amongst many who had several anxious days concerned that violence would erupt after the delay of the results.

### Sydney pastor and congregation in Kenya

Tim Giovanelli together with his wife Victoria have pastored Manly Life Church in Sydney for over six years. This year, Tim is once again inviting his church to experience the mission field he fell in love with many years ago.

"While at university," says Tim, "an African evangelist named Stephen Lungu spoke at the local church I was attending. He shared his incredible story of becoming a Christian from being on the streets and in gangs in Zimbabwe. It stirred in me a desire to know more about the global church and it sounded like amazing things were happening in Africa."



Tim later made plans to go to South Africa and Kenya with AE, saying, "The [African] people I met had amazing faith, wonderful community and friendships and a passion for mission... I was involved in setting up a gap year program for Christian young adults [who] trained as evangelists who take the Christian message and life skills into high schools, churches and deprived communities... You would see hundreds of responses to the message of Christ wherever they went."

Now, taking teams of people from his own church to Africa, Tim encourages every Christian to find a way to go on missions.

"It will expand not only your experience of the church," says Tim, "but also the Christian faith. It gets you out of your bubble and opens you up to God's amazing, diverse and faithful family."

### World Mission Sunday at All Souls, London

International Mission Director Emmanuel Kwizera was invited to give the sermon for All Souls, Langham Place. Emmanuel used the story of the paralytic man on the mat being healed by Jesus in Luke 5 as a blueprint for global discipleship.

Emmanuel said, "We have a famous proverb in Rwanda that says, 'It takes the whole village to raise up a child,' which means that everyone in the village has a role to play to grow a child... This is exactly the same principle for reaching people [around the world] for Jesus. We all have a part to play."

Emmanuel encouraged the European church to revive their passion for evangelism, and challenged them to share the message of Jesus with someone daily.

*More info: Emmanuel Kwizera is based in Nairobi, Kenya. He was born in Rwanda and lost over 100 close family relatives in the genocide. In 1998, following a period of great confusion after encountering such suffering, he gave his life to Jesus Christ and began a journey of healing and forgiveness. God called him into the ministry in 2000 as an evangelist. His local church and the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students IFES/GBU Rwanda were key influences in his call. He is also an enthusiastic graduate of AE Pastor Training Course.*



# Mission Spotlight

## Kenya and Rwanda

**Kenya and Rwanda are hosting the first two AE missions in 2019.**

In keeping with our Founder Michael Cassidy's vision, we'll take our signature three-pronged approach; Prepare local churches to lead mission events, Proclaim the Gospel message to all levels of society, and Preserve the effects of the mission by following up with those who have responded.

In Rwanda in partnership with 10 local churches, we will carry out the "Huye Mission 2019" from 12-19 May. Huye is one of eight districts that make up Rwanda's southern province. It has a population of 314,022, with a high concentration of university students. Many youth are exposed to prostitution, especially young girls, as most of them struggle to cover every day needs due to insufficient scholarship loans from the government. Evangelists will work in those universities and be equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively evangelise such students.

The Mombasa North Coast Mission 2019 kicks off 27 June and targets the second largest city in Kenya with a population of two million people. We aim to reach Mombasa in three years, starting in the northern parts namely the Nyali, Kisauni, Bamburi, Shanzu and Mtwapa areas. With a high Muslim population and the continued threat of terrorism, we will work with disadvantaged groups to improve the social landscape of the city, and reinforce the strength of the churches.

You can follow along with us and pray for these missions with the latest Prayer Diary, which is available now. Please also join us live during the mission via: [africanenterprise.com.au/ae-on-mission-live-landing/](http://africanenterprise.com.au/ae-on-mission-live-landing/)



### Kenya mission testimony – Rehema's story

Rehema Mukambi was raised by a Muslim family, married young as she was unable to go to high school and by 23 was married with three children. Growing up around Christian friends, Rehema was curious about the Christian faith, despite her family's beliefs obligating her to Islamic customs. Thankfully, when Rehema married, her husband wasn't aligned to any particular religion enabling her to follow her gut and learn more about Christ. Moving to Malindi, Kenya, for a fresh start, Rehema was stopped in a shop by people who introduced themselves as African Enterprise evangelists during mission last year. Rehema was intrigued.

"I listened carefully as they shared about the love of God to human beings that made Christ die at the cross," Rehema remembered. "That was the love they were sharing within Malindi town. They had travelled from another town just to come and share that love. They said that I had an obligation to believe in Jesus Christ for me to appreciate that love of God."

"...That morning on the street of Muyeye here in Malindi", said Rehema, "I was saved. For the first time in my life I felt this great peace of God that I had never experienced before."

Rehema has since joined a local church, and is praying for her loved ones to be saved as well.



### Leaders equipped for ministry behind bars

Just as Paul preached from within the prison walls, we believe lives can be changed in the midst of incarceration. In February this year, African Enterprise took staff from Prison Fellowship Zimbabwe (PFZ) through our leadership training program, helping them to share the Gospel and relate to those behind bars more effectively. Letty Verengai works with PFZ and said, "I want to extend my most sincere gratitude for considering to bring us in your great program... We were truly equipped for the Great Commission in and out of prisons. It also had a great impact in our own lives-we ended the workshop transformed and healed."

### 2018 Meru mission – female prisoners given space to worship and pray

With over 1200 inmates and 300 staff, Meru GK Prison is one of the largest prison facilities within the Mount Kenya region. Like many other prison facilities in Kenya though, most of the facilities are old, dilapidated and generally not safe for use by the prisoners and the staff.

In Meru GK Women's prison, female inmates and their children had no place to pray and worship, and needed to use an open field within the prison compound instead. Prison officials approached AE with a request for a worship facility. In collaboration with Jireh Fund HK, AE constructed a shelter for these women.

The General Secretary of Jireh Fund Mrs. Chan Fan emphasised the need for the body of Christ to love and take care of the less fortunate while Benson Omondi (AE Kenya Team Leader) underscored that the gesture was an expression of God's love to the women inmates. Mr. Omondi appealed to the local churches to be relevant to the social needs of the community and especially the less fortunate.



### Our Pastor Training Course (PTC) continues to empower the next generation of evangelists

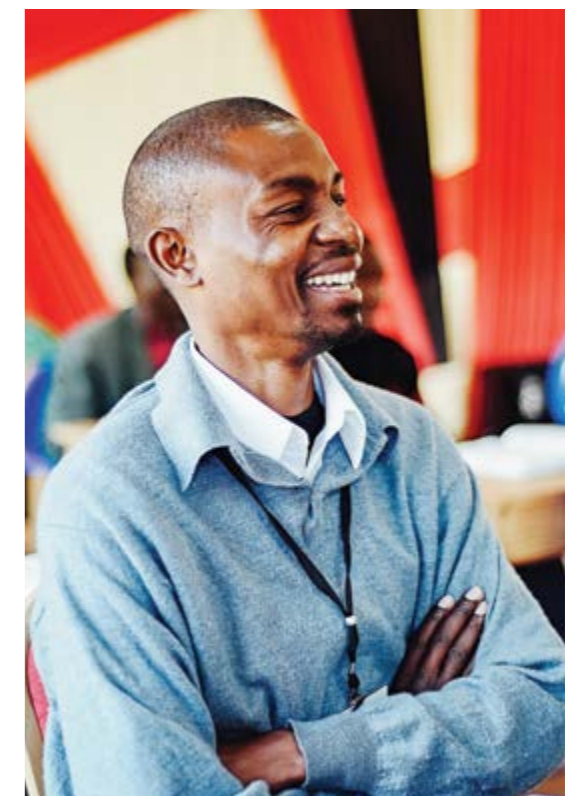
The local church is foundational in God's plans to grow His people both in numbers and depth of maturity. Everything AE does is in partnership with the local church, but as well as working alongside them, we also have the opportunity to strengthen and encourage them.

Training local African church leaders is a huge need and AE is strategically placed to help. We do this in a number of ways:

- The Preparation stage of mission training includes biblical teaching to make the evangelistic outreach more effective.
- We run intensive courses for Christian leaders using Moore College developed material.
- We conduct similar training using Explore, a version of the Moore material contextualised for Africa by George Whitfield College in South Africa.

New trainer Daniel Kiwanuka, pastor of the Word of Grace Church in Uganda, felt that the course not only assisted him in training others, but also that it has significantly boosted his spiritual life. Daniel says, "Through training and discipleship, people will come to a full knowledge of Christ, not a half knowledge... The harvest is plentiful, and more Bible training is required. So many people are ready to receive Jesus."

To all who have already given to PTC this year, we want to say a huge thank you. If you're yet to give you can still do so via [africanenterprise.com.au](http://africanenterprise.com.au).



# Aid and Development

**African Enterprise has several holistic and transformative social action programs which demonstrate the love of Christ to vulnerable and marginalised communities.**

These programs include advocacy for early childhood education, water and sanitation, vocational education, vulnerable women rehabilitation, health education, hospitals, HIV Education programs, apprenticeship programs, community self-help groups and more.

Each year you support a number of programs that don't just offer a hand out, but a hand up. As the growing philosophy of many aid organisations, AE's approach to aid is one that sees local communities trained for work, and empowered to take charge of their family's spiritual lives and financial future.



## Zimbabwe's clean water during typhoid and cholera outbreak

In 2017, a borehole was donated during the AE Zimbabwe mission, and has since become one of the main sources of clean water for Harare's Hopely community. Without knowing of the outbreak to come, the borehole provided access to clean water during one of Africa's worst typhoid and cholera epidemics.

Prior to the borehole's development, shallow wells would fill during the rainy season, posing a drowning threat to young children, with many lives sadly cut short. The local neighbourhood has been overwhelmed by the grace and presence of God, counting the borehole as a living testimony of God's love. The Hopely community has been impacted by the generosity of an Australian donor. Hopely is now a community where kingdom values are celebrated publicly and the legacy of the faith is being passed on to future generations. The new borehole is solar powered 24/7, providing water for over 70,000 people.

## Clean water saving lives in the Korogocho community

The impact of inadequate sanitation on the well-being and productivity of Kenya's growing population are profound. Diarrheal diseases remain the second leading cause of under-five mortality, and about 35% of children under five are stunted, largely due to poor sanitation and hygiene practices.

African Enterprise Kenya is working with Korogocho residents and relevant local government officials, schools and local CBO's to improve hygiene and sanitation conditions in Korogocho. During this period, AE has significantly contributed to improved access to hygienic and safe toilets to over 190 households and 600 school going children.

Through this project, AE has mobilised and empowered the community to completely eliminate open defecation and drive the improvement of hygiene standards within the individual households.



## Foxfires kick off with a new team in Kenya for 2019

Vital to African Enterprise's discipleship of young people is our Foxfires Youth Program. Established in Kenya 14 years ago, the program recruits youth interns annually, who mentor fellow students and provide them with a stable friendship, based on godly counsel. Trained in social psychology, leadership development, youth ministry and career development (among other disciplines), interns model to teenagers how to live a life worth living.

This year we welcome many new recruits, including Vandross Mwangi, who came to know Christ in year eight when he was struggling through a severe illness.

By God's grace, Vandross was healed physically and became a Christian, but later found himself backsliding and bullying other students, eventually being suspended for two weeks.

"During that time, my parents weren't happy with me and sent me to church where I helped every day", says Vandross. "One day I was convinced that I haven't been living the right way. I asked God to forgive me and receive me once again... Since then, I have devoted myself to serving God and showing other fellow youth the importance of living in Christ."

Through Foxfires, Vandross says, "I hope to be equipped with skills on how to reach youth effectively and spread the Gospel far and wide. I also hope to learn more from the program and grow spiritually as well as be equipped socially, mentally and spiritually. Looking forward to great exploits in the tenure."



## Street children in Ghana find purpose and direction through the AE street program

In 2018, by the grace of God we were able to partner with Christ Apostolic Church International, Central Baptist Church and Korle Bu Community Chapel to put 50 children into apprenticeships. We believe that the leadership of the partner churches will help the young beneficiaries in terms of follow up and discipleship. Many of the beneficiaries are yet to complete their training, but we can already measure our success by the stories and testimonies coming from the recipients, including Stephen Ahene.



Stephen is 23. From a poor background, Stephen couldn't put himself into an apprenticeship until AE Ghana rescued him from an aimless life. He desired to learn a trade and is now adding value to his life by assiduously learning aluminium fabrication.

He says this to AE: "I am very happy that AE came in at the right time to save me from an aimless and vagabond life, if it wasn't for AE I would continue on the streets of Accra. It is my desire that God continues to bless the AE donors as they continue to give towards the apprenticeship program."

It's stories like Stephen's that continuously spur us on to reach out and help more children. We pray for the beneficiaries to become sources of hope to themselves and society at large.

## Aid and Development continued...

### Ambulance from Pacific Hills Christian School still changing lives in 2019

In 2011, a donation from Pacific Hills Christian School in Sydney enabled AE to purchase an ambulance for Soweto Kayole Clinic in Kenya. This gesture was very timely as the clinic had just introduced maternity services, and emergency patient transport was critical. The ambulance was fitted with the necessary gadgets and equipment, before being sent off to serve the community and has been in use ever since.

Paul from Pacific Hills Christian School said "Our goal was to support African Enterprise by providing a resource that would serve the entire community of Kayole, Soweto in Nairobi. Driving the Ambulance into the Clinic was a wonderful experience as we were greeted with singing and dancing. Our prayer is that the staff and volunteers at the clinic will use the vehicle to serve the community and use it as a catalyst to share the Gospel to all who use it."



## AE news

Welcome our newest Board Member, Mr. David Ralph BBus. CPA. JP.

David has many years of corporate and SME business experience. He is currently CEO of an evangelical Christian social enterprise organisation. Married to Margaret with three adult children, David is passionate about serving the local and global church.

# Your regular giving is crucial

As a not-for-profit organisation African Enterprise relies on the regular giving of our supporters to finance our evangelical work. By becoming a monthly partner with AE, you enable us to plan ahead for missions, pay salaries to our evangelistic teams in ten countries and forecast our global reach for the year ahead.

Right now your support is helping place individual mission teams throughout Africa, and maintain a number of our aid and development projects, including:

### 1. Tanzania HIV and AIDS Education Project

This project helps educate approximately 10,000 children each year and reach a community of over 60,000 people.

### 2. Ghana Street Children Apprenticeship Project

Together we have helped give apprenticeships to 50 young people living in Accra each year.

### 3. Kenya Mathare Women Empowerment Project

96 vulnerable women have their lives transformed each year and are empowered with skills to start businesses and provide for themselves.

### 4. Malawi Tailoring Project

Each year, around 40 women's lives are changed in Malawi with new skills and abilities. These vulnerable women would otherwise be caught up in prostitution.

To pledge toward these vital aid and development initiatives, visit [africanenterprise.com.au/aid-development](http://africanenterprise.com.au/aid-development)

## How you have helped transform lives

Alemtsehaye Zewdu lives in a house made from mud and bamboo sheets. "Whenever the rainy season arrives, I get scared because the rain slips through the holes on the roof sheets and falls on my bed and where my two children sleep," she said.



She lives in a shanty town in one of the poorest areas of Ethiopia. As part of its mission, AE helped fortify and rebuild her home, and the homes of other vulnerable and elderly people in the town. "I am happy now that some of the rooftop sheets are changed with new ones," she said. "Now I will not be afraid of the rainy season. I raise my hands upwards to thank God."

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 soon. Will you help us to pass on the news to your friends? Pre-order your copy via [ae@aeint.org](mailto:ae@aeint.org)

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Sandy and her husband John are offering their 'granny flat' accommodation in Adelaide to returning missionaries and Christian workers needing rest and relaxation.

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