



**Preliminary Theological  
Certificate Training In  
Africa (PTC)  
Annual Report 2017**



The work of African Enterprise in equipping evangelists and providing theological training for church leaders is critical. **Christian maturity comes from knowing God, and in order to know God we need to know the Bible.**

Australian Christians have been committed to teaching the Moore College PTC program in Africa for many years now, and we are convinced that this is an important and fruitful strategy for helping African leaders to know and understand the Bible for themselves.

We're shifting our focus a little now and wanting to be more intentional about training trainers.

Setting up sustainable models where well-equipped Africans can train Africans.

Producing resources that are cost effective, more flexible and more interactive.

AE's partnership with the Centre for Global Mission is a great expression of the fellowship that we share in the gospel, and the desire that we share to see African churches grown to maturity in Christ.

**Simon Gillham,**  
Head of Department of  
Missions – Moore  
Theological College  
21 Dec 2017



# From the Executive Director:

The fastest growing and youngest continent in the world needs the gospel continuously preached. **African Enterprise is at the forefront of Gospel proclamation in Africa**, through our city-wide stratified evangelism. But while tens of thousands of individuals say they want to follow Christ as a result of these missions, the training of church pastors does not happen at the same rate. It is not uncommon to find pastors with little to no formal ministry qualifications leading churches. Some have limited schooling as well, creating difficulties even reading the bible.

It is vital that we care for the churches as well as the new disciples in the follow up phases of mission. One of the ways AE does this is through Preliminary Theological Certificate (PTC) training programmes, which are very well regarded in Africa.

**During 2017, 137 students benefitted from training programmes in Kenya, Rwanda, Malawi, Zimbabwe and Zambia.**

We are looking forward to seeing ministers, students and lay people throughout the cities of Africa continue to impact their communities with the Gospel as a result of their training. And thanks to the support of Moore College and trainer ministers, we have been able to adopt the course even more to suit local cultures and conditions.

Training local leaders to better understand and explain the Gospel can have a powerful multiplier effect. Local teachers are the best instruments to teach the Gospel message to their communities over the long term. In 2017, we saw several Africans taking teaching roles in the PTC courses and we hope the numbers will continue to increase in 2018.

**Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel with AE!**

Your prayers and financial support have enabled us to strengthen the knowledge and understanding of students who are often already pastors, and also discern those with the greatest potential for future leadership roles.

In this report you will read about:

- Training courses that took place in Kenya, Rwanda, Malawi, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Zambia, including Old and New Testament.
- Plans for follow-up courses in 2018 and beyond
- The “Macedonian call” from pastors throughout Africa, earnestly desiring more biblically sound teaching.
- Partnerships being developed with George Whitefield College (South Africa) to deliver a great number of on-the-ground training.
- Plans for AE to transition from a Moore College Award to an AE Award.
- Theological training feeding into AE mission work, in order to preserve the harvest. A mission to Malindi in June highlights this.

Furthermore, in partnership with the Centre for Global Mission (CGM), AE was able to celebrate the impact of Missions and training in 2017 at Moore Theological College, Newtown. CGM’s Simon Gilham, and PTC lecturer Dan Bidwell spoke about their experiences with AE, PTC and the theological training in Africa, and the audience also heard from Canberra Pastor Simba Musvamhiri, who was previously a Zimbabwe Foxfire.

Enjoy this report, and thank you for your ongoing support of AE theological training programmes!

**Ben Campbell,**  
Executive Director  
African Enterprise Australasia

# MALINDI PTC TRAINING

**27 March - 9 April 2017**

One of the main aims of the Malindi Mission 2017 was to empower the pastors and church leaders with theological skills, to help them be more effective in ministry and to interpret the Bible more correctly.

Most of the participants had not gone through any theological training before, and thus this course worked out to be very helpful for them.

About 40 pastors and Church leaders were trained in two units:

Biblical Theology 1 ('Introduction to the Bible') and New Testament 1.

There were three facilitators, Steve Dunlop and George May from Australia, and John Shikuku from Kenya.

This was the first time a local person was running PTC alongside a team from Australia!

Thank you for supporting PTC Malindi. This course is already making a difference among the pastors in Malindi.

Thank you and God bless,

Edward Mungai  
Missions Mobiliser- AEE-Kenya

The Malindi Churches together with AE Kenya conducted the Malindi Mission 2017 from 1st – 11th June 2017.

Malindi is a predominantly Muslim coastal town north of Mombasa.

The Churches and AEE worked closely together to make the work of mobilisation more impactful and fruitful.

## **Malindi PTC Training Steve Dunlop, George May**



Steve Dunlop participating in one of the group discussions.



George May participating in one of the group discussions.





Malindi PTC students with their certificates of completion



“My name is Jackline Karwitha from Kenya Assemblies of God. I serve in various roles in the church including women, children and youth ministries. I am also among the church leaders. PTC has been an eye opener for me. I have not gone through other theological training before.

I have realised that I have been interpreting the scriptures inappropriately. I have gained a lot of knowledge and I am sure I will be keen on preaching the word of God as it is supposed to be preached. Thank you so much for offering this course. I look forward to doing the next four units and am sure my ministry will never be the same again.”



“I am the senior pastor of the Evangelism Church and ministry. The last two weeks have been a time of transformation. I have been impacted with the right knowledge on how to see the scripture as it is. It was nice to see how the Bible has been talking about Jesus from Genesis to Revelation. As we went through the material, I realised I had a lot that I did not know.

This course will definitely transform my ministry and preaching. Thank you AE and all the supporters of PTC for availing this theological training to us. It will make a difference among the churches in Malindi.”  
Pastor Dominic Kobia.

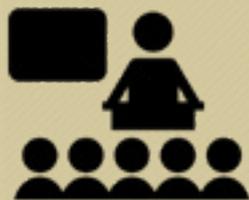
# MALINDI PTC TRAINING

27 March - 8 April 2017

## Courses

### Biblical Theology 1

This was the first course of this nature attended by students from Malindi. One student, Joshua Powell Otieno attended from Nairobi to complete the last subject of the course.

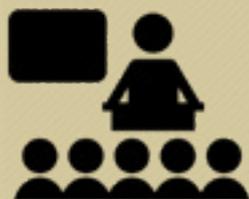


35 students in total.  
30 passed. 5 failed.

Grades:  
10 Pass  
7 Credits  
10 Distinctions  
3 High Distinctions

### New Testament 1

In addition to the Malindi students 4 from Nairobi attended, having done PTC courses previously.



40 students in total.  
25 passed. 15 failed.

Grades:  
13 Pass  
5 Credits  
6 Distinctions  
1 High Distinction

Each course was run over 6 days – Monday to Friday from 8.00 to 16.00, with the final exam on Saturday 8.30 to 10.30.

## Location

Both courses were held in the Kenya Assemblies of God North Coast Christian Centre, Malindi. Thanks to the Pastor John Thuku and his team who provided all that was required.

## Presenters

George May and Steve Dunlop, together with John Shikuku presented 10 lessons and ran 10 workshops for each course.

On Sundays March 26 and April 2, George and Steve also preached at 4 different local churches; Anglican, Assemblies of God, and Jesus Celebration Centre.

## Logistics

Edward Mungai did an excellent work organising all the details for the course. He screened prospective students, printed and distributed the course materials in advance, and arranged appropriate accommodation within 10 min walk to the site.

## Integration with mission

The timing of this course was deliberately a few months prior to a major mission in the town. This enabled local pastors to bond with each other over God's word and to clarify the message that would be preached and the follow-up of new believers.

## 2018 plans for Malindi

A second course was planned for September 2017 but the re-running of the Kenyan election and difficulties in lecturer availability meant that this had to be cancelled.

God-willing, the same cohort will be taught a further two PTC sessions that will cover the remaining four units of the Level 1 PTC. Discussions are ongoing with Carlile College to provide some Kenyan lecturers to work alongside an Australian. Please pray that the right people can be found and that this ministry will multiply on the ground.





## Lives Transformed

Daniel Otieno was already a pastor when he joined AE Kenya's training program. He was the deputy chairman of the Pastor's Fellowship in his town – already a well-respected Christian leader. However, he hadn't had the opportunity to study theology; until AE offered local Kenyan pastors the chance to join the PTC course, asking them to pay only a \$10 joining fee.

**“My preaching has been greatly transformed,” he said. “I am able to preach, interpret and integrate the scriptures within context and I'm sure this is helping our church to grow more founded in the Word of God.”**

In June 2017 year, Daniel got to put his training to extra use at AE Kenya's mission to Malindi, his own town. He and his fellow students were all involved in the mission and one of the most enthusiastic participants was female pastor, Franciscah Kibira. **“I was very committed during the Malindi mission. There is no way I could miss it!” she said.**

She organised people in her church to give financially to the mission, to offer accommodation to over 40 mission evangelists, and had 30 additional church members helping out throughout the mission week.

**“I had attended some Malindi Mission planning meetings before the PTC, but I only understood the whole picture of the mission during the PTC training, she said. “After the Mission, I went with the AE-Kenya team to evangelise at the Kampala Mission in Uganda!”**

Before this, Franciscah had received no theological or biblical training. She had enthusiasm and commitment, but lacked depth of understanding. So at each class, she lapped up the teaching. “The clear discussions about the Bible and the unfolding themes through the Scripture helped me see the Bible in a different perspective,” she said. “The theme of Christ unfolding from the Old Testament to the New Testament made me see the Bible as one.”

**“It's like PTC opens your eyes to see the Scriptures as they are, not as the way we want to see them. It's a common thing to see the Bible being misinterpreted in Kenya by many preachers, but PTC stops this.”**

It has given her and Daniel more confidence in their ministry.

“I recently had an opportunity to go and preach the word of God in South Africa,” said Daniel. “The knowledge and the material that I received during the course, helped me with all my preparations. I felt I was more effective and delivering the word of God more appropriately. PTC is now opening new doors for me.”

“I remain thankful to AE for giving us an opportunity to study the word of God. In PTC, the training is not teacher-centred but student-centred; the discussion groups, the time the students have with the material before the actual training, makes PTC unique.”

**“Thank you to the facilitators who sacrificially devote their time and resources to come and equip us, the Kenyan church! Thank you too AE for offering this training without cost. The little we pay is nothing compared to the total cost of this training. I am sure there are individuals and partners who give these funds to AE. Thank you for your generous giving.”**



Daniel Otieno



Franciscah Kibira

# KIGALI PTC TRAINING

April 24 - May 6

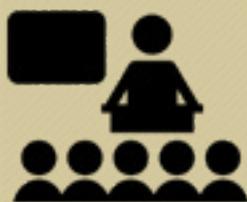
## Course details

Old Testament 1 and New Testament 1 were the third and fourth subjects taught in the second PTC Level 1 Program in Kigali, Rwanda. The presenters were Jack Normand and Greg Ball from Australia.

Ten units were taught over 5 days from Monday to Friday. The information was presented in the morning sessions (8.30 am - 1.00 pm) while the afternoon (2.00 - 3.30 pm) was used for group work followed by a plenary session. The exam was held on the Saturday morning.

Since the course, these studies have been translated into Kinyarwanda and are currently being used a major component of the discipleship training of congregations in the "Miracle Working Church of Rwanda".

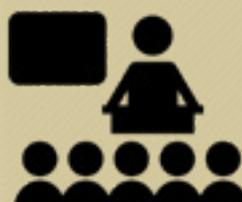
### Old Testament 1



38 students in total.  
35 passed. 3 failed.

Grades:  
20 Pass  
8 Credits  
5 Distinctions  
2 High Distinctions

### New Testament 1



40 students in total.  
34 passed. 6 failed.

Grades:  
15 Pass  
9 Credits  
8 Distinctions  
2 High Distinctions

## Students

Participants came from a wide range of churches: Anglican, Presbyterian, Pentecostal and other local churches, together with a number of AEE staff members. Of particular note were six staff members of the GBU (IFES) in Rwanda, including their director, Samson Rukundo and a lecturer from the Kigali Bible College.

Many were pastors, but there were also others hoping to become pastors in the future. They were all very appreciative of AEE, the Moore College material and the teaching team.

## Logistics

The teaching team stayed at the AEE Guest House in Kigali. The facilities were adequate – two rooms with en-suites, mosquito nets, dining room, and the provision of meals each day. Many participants also stayed at the Guest House with others returning each morning. The courses were also conducted at the AEE complex in a lecture room. All the course materials were printed in Kigali by AEE and were of high quality.

The course was successful because of the preparation and enthusiasm of the AEE staff: Team leader, John Kalenzi together with the course organiser, Albert Mabasi, who prepared the materials, the teaching space and most importantly the participants so that the course ran smoothly and efficiently.



# Expository Preaching Workshop

Rev. Mike Raiter from The Centre for Biblical Preaching in Melbourne held this workshop from May 15-18 at the AEE Havugimana Guest House in Remera, Kigali with 26 pastors in attendance.

Expository preaching is a biblical preaching method, which “exposes” a passage of scripture providing a comprehensive explanation through studying its grammar, its context, its historical settings etc. All this is done with the intent of making the passage clear and understandable.

Many of the participants in the training use other methods of preaching, but they all expressed how challenged they felt and how joyful to have learned this new method.

They expressed how Expository Preaching should be the foundation of the way they teach their congregations.

The attendees were pastors from different churches and ministries including: Life Changing Ministries, Healing Centre Ministry, Eglise Apostolique, Groupe Biblique Universitaire du Rwanda (GBUR / IFES), Association des Eglise Pentecote au Rwanda (A.D.E.P.R), Anglican Church, Harvest Alliance International, Zion Temple, Bethel Ministries, New Life Church, Gateway of Hope Church and Flame of the Holy Spirit Church.

Pastor Solomon Eric Biganiro, one of the participants, shared that although he is a pastor, he never went to a Seminary or Theological College. He was glad to attend the workshops because he learnt a lot. Through the training he wondered whether this method was possible because he is used to having a topic as he preaches, but now he is convinced it's possible, and he will be applying this new method as well.

Pastor Samson Rukundo, staff of GBUR (a Christian organization bringing together University students and Graduates) shared:

**“The workshop helped me personally and it will be useful in my work. Young Christians have a lot to learn as it will help them in having a greater understanding of the Bible. He said he was used to Inductive Bible study but in the workshop he realized that this is only a small part as expository preaching covers a lot more”.**

A certificate of participation was provided to each student at the end of the workshop, some of them expressed their interest in further training in the Expository Preaching method.



Group of students



Pastor Solomon Eric Biganiro



Theoneste, Graeme, Mike and Samson (from left)

# KIGALI PTC TRAINING

August - September

## Course follow up

Rev Dan Bidwell returned to Kigali to complete the last two units of Level 1 PTC, Doctrine and Ephesians, with the same cohort.

The absolute highlight of this course was that two of the top 2016 PTC graduates Solange Balikunde and Jean-Baptiste Kwizera returned to present lectures on Doctrine and Ephesians respectively. It was wonderful to see Rwandans teaching Rwandans with such passion and Biblical clarity. Solange's lecture on the doctrine of the Last Days was outstanding.

God has blessed us with students like Solange Balikunde and Jean-Baptiste Kwizera who are working together translating GWC's Explore Course into the local language, so that local leaders can equip even more local pastors, evangelists and church leaders in Bible and theology.

Dan shared:

“The rain is falling solidly, and peals of thunder rumble in the afternoon sky. The smell of rain falling on dry dust is exactly the same as back home. This land is thirsty for water after a very dry summer.

Another day's teaching is almost finished. This week we are exploring Ephesians, a letter about all our blessings in Christ, and the way that truth must shape and change us. This is the crown in PTC Level 1 - students will use all they have learned and apply it to understanding and teaching this wonderful book of the Bible.

**Pray for these students who are thirsty to know God more and more, and to share Jesus in this dry land.”**



During one of the afternoon seminars, there was a group discussion on pastoral care in a Rwandan context. There was a lot of interaction among students as some shared their experience offering appropriate Christian care in their ministry areas.

Rwanda is a country with a lot of wounds to heal, even 23 years on from the genocide. Jacqueline, who has given herself to serving Mother's Union full-time for the last 3 years, shared about the work she leads at her church in counselling, pre-marital courses and marriage retreats.

Pastor Rene, the representative from AEE Rwanda said this in his speech:

**“One statistic shows that 62% of servants of God in Rwanda have only completed primary school. Perhaps they can read with some difficulty. What you have done is building Rwanda, blessing Rwanda. It makes an impact not even tomorrow, but today.”**

Emmanuel Mutebezi, Class President & church planter added:

**“If you equip the pastors, if you equip the evangelists, if you equip the servants of God you are equipping the church of God in Rwanda, and changing the state of Rwanda.”**



# KIGALI PTC TRAINING

## 2018 Plans for Kigali

Discussions are still taking place about the shape of courses for 2018.

It was suggested by the AEE staff to teach the Level 2 PTC course over 3 sessions, so that all six subjects can be completed in the year. It was also urged that the courses be residential as this gives students a greater focus and minimal distraction. The limiting factor for this option is finance.

The translation of the “Explore” course of George Whitfield College into Kinyarwanda is being made by two former students, with the

goal of expanding its use and impact across the churches in Rwanda.

This work is being financed by donors in Australia who see the need for Biblical training of pastors and church members in Rwanda as a Ministry priority in that country.

It has been a wonderful experience to see how God has provided the opportunities for this ministry and how He has continued to change lives and ministries through what has been taught. I have no doubt that he will continue to do so in ways that we could never expect or imagine!





Joy finishing exams.



The graduation ceremony was a grand affair, with many family members and distinguished guests.

Dan Bidwell with a graduate.



Mary & Berra celebrating their course graduation.

# LILONGWE PTC TRAINING

April 25 - May 9

## Course details

The two main goals of the Rev Bill France and Geoff Kell's trip were:

1. To teach PTC subjects BT1 and BT2 in Lilongwe, Malawi.
2. To explore ways forward for the use of the George Whitefield College's "Explore" course in the Preservation stage of AE's mission strategy.

The 5 week pre-reading course – on BT1 and BT2 was very successful. 90% of attendees had completed most if not all of the pre-reading program, meeting with tutors and doing the work required. The pre-reading tutors: Isaac Chiumia, Goodson Saluosi (Lilongwe) and Peter Ong (Blantyre), did an excellent job. Both Isaac and Goodson (past PTC graduates themselves) attended lectures and gave devotionals. Isaac in particular has a great leadership potential; by his own initiative, he held late afternoon lectures teaching in Chechewa.

The efforts in pre-tutoring paid off - nobody failed, and one student, Blessings Namagonya, scored 83 in BT1 and 84 in BT2.

A graduation ceremony was held for 9 students who completed Level 1 PTC. Discussions were held with the AE leadership, Enoch Phiri (AE Malawi Team Leader) and Rangford Chokhoto (AE Malawi Chair) about the state of AE's work in Malawi. Geoff put a proposal to them about the way forward to which they agreed, and we look forward to the Board's acceptance and implementation of that proposal.

This proposal and the time frame for its implementation were discussed with Stephen Mbogo, AEI Team Leader, at the meeting in Kampala the following week and he was in full agreement.

## “Explore” and its use in AE's “Preservation” strategy.

Bill and Geoff had excellent and productive meetings with Nevil Carrington, “Explore” co-ordinator, and Mark Dickson, Principal, at GWC in Cape Town. They are fully supportive of AE and willing to co-operate to roll out the “Explore” course in our Preservation strategy.

A comprehensive Preservation Strategy proposal was taken to meetings with Paul Ssembiro, Ugandan Team Leader, and Stephen Mbogo, in Kampala. This was discussed in depth and modified in light of Paul and Stephen's comments, and finally agreed on. It will be trialled as a pilot program in a mission to be held in Kampala at the end of 2018.



BT2 class with Bill, Enoch Phiri, and Geoff





Malawi PTC students with their certificates of completion



Anold Banda receiving African Bible Commentary, at the AE Malawi office in Lilongwe. He is among the Christian workers that finished level 1 PTC last year. Their certificates from Moore Theological College came with Bill this month.

Thank you for equipping our people with theological knowledge and skills for Bible interpretation.



Isaac Chiumia (tutor)  
Nellie Chiumia (student)

# HARARE PTC TRAINING

March 6 - March 18



Harare class

The Rev Chris Jones and his wife Kerry visited Harare in March 2017. He writes:

“I was joined by my wife Kerry who was on her first ever journey out of Australia. We found ourselves in a country with a strong notional Christian identity. There were signs of economic difficulty everywhere. Harare’s roads are full of potholes, with pop up tyre repair businesses all over the place! A cash crisis sees the USD as the main currency, with fear and uncertainty around the future of Zimbabwean Bond notes. Everyday life is difficult for people. There are very long queues (50 – 100 people) at ATM’s with a maximum daily withdrawal of US\$50.

We found people peaceable and felt very safe. (The locals warned us to be very careful when we went back into South Africa!)

We taught at the United Baptist Conference Centre – water and power worked sometimes.

We had the immense privilege of teaching about twenty students ranging in age from sixty to twenty one. Some travelled from four hundred kilometres away. Two students came from South Africa.

One has been in Australia working with a Zimbabwean church in Prestons in Sydney. All were involved in Christian ministry. The nature of the economy means that most had other jobs or businesses. One of the better students was a bricklayer. Another had his own business selling spices. We taught Ephesians the first week and Promise to Fulfilment the second.

AE Australia’s foresight to employ Primrose Makumbini was a stroke of genius. Prim is a recent honours graduate from George Whitefield College in South Africa. She is working with Focus (AFES) at the University of Harare. A wonderful godly young woman with Elias her husband was a servant amongst us as was Kerry my wife. Primrose was a huge





help with clarifying an Australian accent but especially in her teaching.

Primrose's honours thesis at George Whitefield was "The place of headship and submission in Ephesians 5 with respect to Shona culture". The room was electrified when she taught, with many questions asked. She taught me that marriage relationships are not transactional. It is the man's responsibility to be who he is before God in a marriage. It is the woman's responsibility to be who God calls her to be in a marriage.

Primrose taught humbly, giftedly and passionately in addressing people of her culture. In Zimbabwe, bride price means that many men (including Christian) treat their wife as a possession, because they can feel like they have paid for her at great financial cost. She had us in tears when she told of a wife who begged her husband not to have any more children because of medical advice. That mother died in yet another childbirth after her husband refused her.

Prim would be a very interesting person to bring to Australia to speak to churches!

There were some outstanding students in the group worthy of encouraging and supporting in further theological study. Shellington was one of these, working with focus and doing MTS. Some others did struggle with the course, perhaps exacerbated by not having done the Introduction to the Bible subject first. There was fantastic rapport in the group, and

appreciation of students for one another. There were many opportunities to talk ministry. Testimonies were shared, and the students did devotionals morning and night based on what they had been learning in the courses. I think the sharing of life and ministry in a face-to-face experience is what an online course can't replicate, and why I would suggest students take on the course in this way.

Kerry and I are also very grateful for Bishop Guide Makore's hosting and logistics. His morning welcome was always "Brother, my brother". He gave me two special opportunities to preach. Once at the Harare Town House to the Harare Junior Council (Year 12 students from numbers of city schools). The other was to 300 boys at Prince Edward School – the country's foremost boys boarding school. Being told to preach for thirtyfive minutes was a great privilege. Sharing my testimony, preaching from Mark's gospel – Mark 2 (Jesus has power to forgive sin), Mark 8 (who do you say I am), Mark 10:45 (the son of man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many). It was a great privilege and I was wonderfully enabled by God.

I was grateful for my church St Matthews Anglican Windsor for sending Kerry and I with 40kg of one volume study bibles and African commentaries. These were received as precious gifts by the students.

This ministry is a wonderful privilege and I thank God for the partnership between Moore College and African Enterprise and for the growth opportunities that I receive in participating in it.



Primrose Makumbini



# HARARE PTC TRAINING

## Lives Transformed



**Blessing TseTse, Divine Connection Church**  
“I didn’t know what to expect when I enrolled in the PTC courses. I’ve always believed that what my church pastor preached was the absolute truth. Now I understand that there are powerful lessons that I can receive by studying and mediating on God’s Word for myself. PTC has changed my attitude and enlightened me toward the Bible and made me excited to study God’s Word. Now I understand that the size of the church or the name of the pastor doesn’t matter, but rather about reading and understanding the Word of God.

I’m so thankful to African Enterprise and PTC for giving me the opportunity to explore the deep truth hidden in the scriptures. I am like the servant of Candace who after learning the Word from Phillip said “what can stop me from being baptized?” (Acts 8:36) I hope this programme continues to help Christians who are eager to learn and be equipped biblically and theologically, in order to develop a new crop of leaders who are biblically and theologically oriented enough to impact today’s church with sound doctrine that will direct men and women to none other than God.

My sincere hope is for a new generation of leaders in Zimbabwe who are equipped with the tools to understand the Word of God. Leaders like that will be able to greatly impact the church and direct men and women to God.”



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### **Bekezela Patience**

“I am from Christ Embassy Church. I have attended the PTC program before and since I started I have gained a lot of understanding and insight in the Word of God which is the Bible.

I can now relate the relationships between the Old and the New Testament with great revelation of God’s purposes for us in Jesus Christ. I now have a deeper understanding of the importance of my salvation as well as my faith in Jesus Christ.

Thank you PTC for enlightening us!”





**Humphrey Gibbs  
Nyabadza**

"I am from Rusape town,  
and my church is Faith in  
God Ministries.

I thank God for what he  
has done for me through PTC.

I came to attend this course unable to interpret  
the Bible well but God through the servants of  
the Lord our lecturers taught me how it is done.  
I have also been exposed to contextual  
preaching and I am happy to confidently say I  
am counted among the best.

Thank you PTC."



**Conrad Ngabi (far left)**

"My name is Conrad, and I am from Christian  
Marching Church Gweru.

PTC has shaped my Christian life tremendously  
since I started attending the lessons. It has  
upgraded my level of understanding the Bible. I  
have actually improved my studies of the Bible a  
thing that was lacking in me.

I use to think of what I wanted to say to people  
but my studies have changed my attitude  
leading me to becoming serious in reading and  
studying the Word prayerfully.

I am now able to prepare sermons contextually  
as well as biblical. Thanks to the work done by  
PTC. My prayer is that this program continues  
to help develop preachers and teachers of the  
word of God."



**Gladice Musona, Christian Marching Church**

"PTC has given me an opportunity to truly learn  
the word of God like never before. The course  
has taught me how to read and interpret the  
Word of God accurately, and I have learned to  
listen to the Holy Spirit who enlightens scripture  
to us so that we can present sound and Biblical  
doctrine.

Before PTC, I interpreted the Bible based on  
my own thoughts and ideas which I now see is  
wrong.

Our instructor taught us how to Observe,  
Interpret and Deliver the message of the Bible  
and because of this training, I feel equipped to  
deliver the Gospel message with confidence like  
never before!"



# ZAMBIA PTC TRAINING

Rev Steve had an excellent opportunity to teach the Romans PTC course to two groups of Pastors and other church leaders in June 2017. He has previously taught two other PTC courses in visits to Chingola in the Copperbelt region in North Zambia.

One pastor, Vincent Mwape (pictured below) expressed that it had “totally transformed” his view of preaching, and that he was going to start looking at preaching through books of the Bible, rather than just doing random passages.

It was also a wonderful opportunity for those who came to the course to make connections with one another.

Vincent was also greatly encouraged to be able to meet with other pastors for the first time, so they could begin to work together (as well as running a church, he runs an orphanage of about 50 kids in his own home!).



Pastor Vincent Mwape  
(Second from the left)

This photo of students doing the exam gives an idea of the kind of the conditions they were working under.





# GHANA PTC POSTPONED TRAINING

The follow up courses following the Kumasi course in 2016 had to be postponed due to a lack of funding.

It is hoped that the original cohort of 41 students will do a second fortnight in February 2018. These students have already demonstrated their commitment and diligence, and are involved in churches that are following up converts from the 2016 mission in their town

AE Ghana team leader Rev. Bernard Sachie hopes to take a more hands-on role in teaching the material.

He previously taught for seven years at the Bible Training Centre for Pastors in Sunyani, Ghana. He is also recruiting similarly qualified lecturers for the future expansion of the training. Under God we pray that this will be a significant training and development of these African lecturers.

There are still significant costs to be raised for this project.

# TANZANIA PTC TRAINING

June - July

## Swahili resources

Colin Reed, a former missionary to Tanzania and Kenya from the Church Missionary Society (CMS), has translated the first six PTC courses into Swahili for use in East Africa.

He has taught these courses to make sure they are accurate and helpful in the Tanzanian context. Swahili is much more appropriate in Tanzania as many pastors do not speak English well, if at all.

These materials have also been used by the Rev. Michael Palmer (recently of Vaucluse), another former CMS missionary. For nine years, Michael worked at a Christian training centre in western Tanzania, where he provided ministry training for men and women who, despite a great passion for Christ, often had little schooling and minimal theological education. Ministry leaders are rich in enthusiasm and promise but most have not received the foundational support of secondary education. Furthermore, neither they nor the diocese have the financial resources needed to attend Bible Colleges for the usual training in ministry.

St Michael's Vaucluse has partnered with the Anglican Diocese of Lake Rukwa, South-Western Tanzania, to make this possible. The aim is for those pastors who have received training to go on to equip other pastors and lay congregational leaders. In June/July 2017, Rev. Michael Palmer led a fourth Mission to Lake Rukwa where he taught Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

## “Macedonian call”

Wonderful as these courses are, they are but a drop in the bucket when compared to the need.

Colin Reed reports of an email from Bishop Francis Ntiruka (a graduate of Moore College many years ago). He was a diocesan bishop in Tanzania and then Chaplain of the Anglican University, St John's. He has now retired, but is still active. As he travels around the Diocese (Central Tanganyika) he receives requests for more PTC training from pastors.

“It does seem a shame that having these courses translated into Swahili, there is little opportunity for people to use them.”

Samuel Harris, a pastor in Mwanza, northern Tanzania reached out to AE regarding future training. He is from the Independent Bible Fellowship Church of Tanzania which has 16 pastors, most of whom have limited knowledge of the Bible.

In God's providence, Simon Gillham from Moore's CGM was travelling to his very town that same month and was able to meet with him. Simon reports that he is very enthusiastic and has attended a small Pentecostal Bible school. He and his small denomination have 20-30 “pastors” that they would like to offer training to. This training would need to be in Swahili. He has also been linked up with Michael Macha, African Enterprise's team leader in Tanzania.



# UGANDA PTC TRAINING

May - July



## Training with “Explore”

In May and again in July, planning meetings were held in Kampala, Uganda to develop a strategy to enrol large numbers of pastors from AE partner churches (and in due course members of their congregations).

The “Explore” course, written at the George Whitefield College (GWC) Cape Town would be used for this pilot program.

“Explore” is an Africanised version of PTC, currently published in 10 languages. It has been written with local theological college graduates in mind and it uses culturally relevant examples.

In the last week of November, the first group of 43 pastors in Kampala were taught (by staff from GWC) how to teach the “Explore” material and how to lead small groups.

## The way ahead

Starting in February, each of the trained pastors will be teaching about 10 to 12 students during 2018 and 2019.

The goal is to have approximately 500 pastors from partner churches well into the “Explore” course by the time of the Kampala mission in October 2018.

These pastors have accepted responsibility for new believers who come forward at the Kampala mission to teach them in small groups the basics of the Christian faith.

As a first for AE, Uganda will be using the Billy Graham computerised referral system to link all new believers to the most appropriate partner church.

It is hoped that the trial will lead to:

- Pastors in our partner churches having a better understanding of the Christian faith.
- New believers linked to the best partner church, and well nurtured in small groups.
- Pastor training program fully integrated with the vision / mission of AE.



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