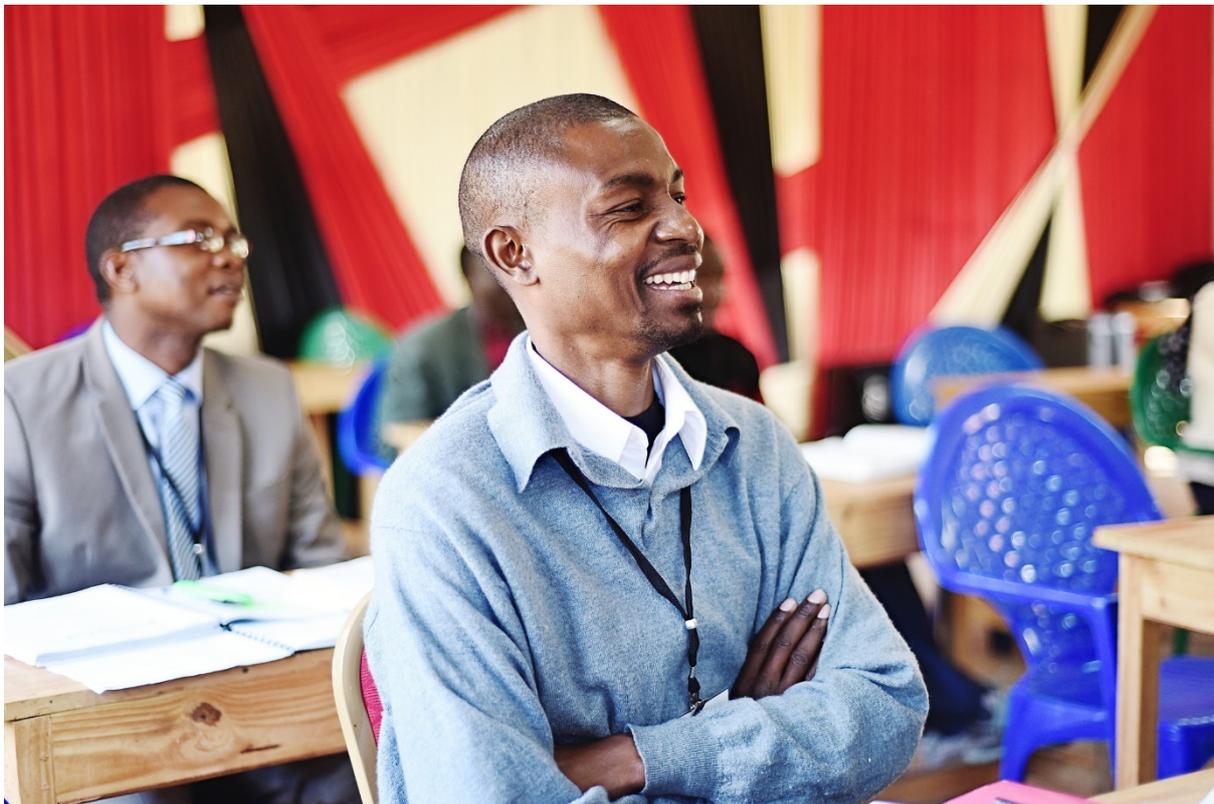




Preliminary Theological Certificate training in Africa

Annual Report 2016



Introduction

The PTC course truly makes a difference in the lives of pastors and elders in Africa, ensuring they are well theologically grounded and connected to the main-stream body of Christ.

We are very thankful for our partnership with Moore College to deliver the PTC course across Africa, together with the amazing support of our volunteer coordinator Bill France and the tremendous investment of time and energy by



PTC lecturers Tony Spencer, Dan Bidwell, Jack Normand, Greg Ball, Michael Tunks, Mike Raiter, Bill France, Geoff Kells, Paul Sampson, Stephen Gauld and Stuart Woods. This would not have been possible without the generous support of a number of patrons and churches, who are heavily invested in seeing African pastors trained well in biblical theology and pastoral care. We also received support from a number of organisations to supply bibles and books to graduates and we are very grateful for this and future support.

Our core strategy is to use these training opportunities to equip AE's partnering churches to better undertake evangelism and discipleship, particularly within city wide missions.

Over 200 individuals from four countries (Kenya, Ghana, Malawi, and Rwanda) attended the courses with 115 graduating with PTC level one. I was very privileged to work alongside PTC graduates in Kumasi Ghana as we embarked on the city wide mission during October 2016. Their passion for the gospel and their heart for Jesus deeply impressed me, and they played a crucial role in seeing over 2,000 people come to know Jesus during that week long mission period.

The next steps forward for AE is to develop an "African Enterprise Certificate course", utilising the current online content from the PTC and integrating key additional training relevant to the local context. A new Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with the Moore College Centre for Global Mission to see the courses significantly extended throughout Africa with the support of national and local pastors.

We ask ministers, churches, organisations and individuals to prayerfully consider this need for pastor training in Africa and to get in touch with me about the support you are led by God to offer.

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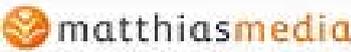
Pictured above left to right are: Luke (Elder, Kumasi Church of Pentecost), Sesu and Ben during street evangelism in Kumasi Ghana.

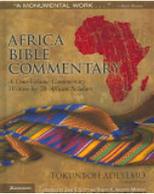
Partnerships

These courses would not be possible without the contribution of the lecturers who give generously of their time and expertise to train others, our Australian supporters and key organisational partners.

 **MOORE** COLLEGE 2016 was also a year for enhancing our partnerships with like-minded organisations. Moore College has recently established its Centre for Global Mission under the overall leadership of Simon Gillham and administrative leadership of Shane Waugh. They are working with AE as a partner in Africa to deliver a new non-accredited certificate course using the same PTC online material, with the ability to add new contextualised course modules. From 2017 this will mean significantly more flexibility in the content and delivery of the material. Under God we hope that this will lead to a large increase in the number of those Christian leaders better equipped for ministry. Looking to the future we anticipate a far greater emphasis on training the trainers – over time developing more African leaders to take on the teaching roles in their own local context.

 George Whitfield College (GWC) in South Africa visited our offices during their Australian visit. African Enterprise has been a supporter of GWC for many years. Their Explore course which they developed as a version of PTC for the African context (lower English and academic levels are part of this) has been expanding as more of their graduates return to their countries of origin. Several top PTC graduates have gone on to attend GWC and we are looking to harness their enthusiasm to help train others.

 Matthias Media gave us very generous discounts on 2 Ways to Live and Just for Starters that we were able to provide to our students. These are great tools that can be used to directly apply what they have learnt. One Rwandan student translated the JFS into Kinyarwanda because he wanted to use it broadly in his church!

 Word Alive publishers in Kenya gave us discounts on The *Africa Bible Commentary* (ABC). These were given as graduation presents to those who have completed the first six PTC units in Rwanda and Malawi. The ABC is the first one-volume Bible commentary produced in Africa by African theologians for the African culture and realities.

 The Gospel Coalition has recently had *Prosperity? Seeking the True Gospel* published in Kenya and provided us with free copies to give to all of our recent PTC graduates there. We give thanks for the generosity of our partners.



GHANA

In August 2016 Tony Spencer taught African Enterprise's first ever PTC course in Ghana. In line with recent revisions to AE's pastor training strategy, the course was planned as preparation for the major mission that was held in the northern town of Kumasi in October 2016. 41 Church leaders and evangelists from churches involved in the mission preparation and delivery were selected to receive training in Biblical Theology 1 and evangelism and follow up using materials from Matthias Media such as 2 Ways to Live and Just for Starters.



A room full of Ghanaian pastors learning how to use the 2 Ways to Live evangelistic tract in preparation for the city-wide Kumasi mission.

Student stories

Many of the students expressed how much they had appreciated learning to understand the big picture of the bible and its implications for preaching and teaching ministries. They seem to be deeply edified in the gospel through the unit which was a great encouragement.

One older man expressed that he felt a new passion to read and study the bible and that he has wasted many years trying to do so without understanding the big picture and basic interpretive skills.

Another student expressed deep concern at the state of Christianity in Australia. He had been kept awake praying for Australia and even contemplating if there is anything he could do, perhaps coming and helping reach the lost.

For the follow up courses in 2017, AE will be looking at funding a residential fortnight to increase the effectiveness of the training. As well as making more time available for teaching there would also be greater opportunities to model what the material in preaching and discipleship. It would also make for deeper relationships between lecturers and students.



David Owusu Ansah, (above) one of those who attended the course, was so keen to use his training that he started preaching to prostitutes in the evenings! So far he's managed to rescue over 20 women from the sex industry who gave their lives to Christ. They are now being housed in a local church and have entered AE's Women's Rehabilitation Program where they are learning vocational skills and learning about God's word.

Logistically, activities went very smoothly largely due to the exceptional leadership of Ben Sachie and Tony's assistant Emmanuel Aponsah, a graduate of Maranatha University College who pastors a church in Accra. Accommodation was more than adequate and the lecture room and equipment was also well organised and supported.

Tony says "It was a great blessing to me to be able to be part of this initiative in training pastors and church workers in Ghana. Jesus used this time in my life to refresh me in the gospel and also to open my eyes to the great need for such training in Africa. I would be very keen under God to have a continuing involvement with this group of students, perhaps with further teaching visits so that they may finish the full course of PTC."



RWANDA

The 1994 genocide occurred despite very high levels of church attendance, exposing a desperate need for more training of pastors in a clear understanding of the gospel and the bible. The PTC program in Rwanda began in 2014 following a request from AE Rwanda to the Rev Jack Normand to be involved in pastor development.

This first cohort of students received four teaching blocks over two years from Jack and his team of lecturers to graduate with Level 1 PTC. 34 of the original 40 passed all six subjects. A graduation ceremony was held on April 22 in a local church. Every student who had participated in all six subjects received a Certificate of Participation issued jointly by Moore College and African Enterprise and a copy of the African Bible Commentary as a gift, made possible by a generous donation from the Chapel Congregation at Woollooware Shores Retirement Village. The students invited family members to join with them in a morning of celebration. The keynote address was given by Bishop Alexis Bilindabagabo, Anglican bishop in the Diocese of Gahini and Vice Chairman of AEE Rwanda. He shared a vision he has for a college of theology to be established in Rwanda to train students in theology to the highest level.

One of the students, Emmanuel Kwizera, from the AE Rwanda office, has since been promoted to International Missions Director for AE and remains a passionate advocate for this teaching:

I am totally convinced that PTC is very relevant and very important for churches in Africa especially because of the way the whole courses are Christ centred. All six modules focus on Jesus Christ. PTC helps pastors to know how they can do expository preaching and inductive Bible study (those two elements are very important and new in churches).

Emmanuel Kwizera, AE International Missions Director

The top graduate, Solange Baikunde, also a professional linguist, has been commissioned to translate George Whitfield College's (GWC) Explore course (a version of PTC developed for the African context) into the local language Kinyarwanda. This will open the door for so many keen Christian leaders who want to teach their people clearly and biblically. GWC is holding training sessions to equip leaders to teach Explore, and have included several of our PTC graduates in this. It is expected that early in 2017 they will be able to train several groups in the first translations prepared by Solange and her team.

A second cohort has just been recruited and been taught Biblical Theology 1 by Dan Bidwell (see report below).

Lecturer's Reports

PTC Doctrine 1

Jack Normand, Greg Ball and Michael Tunks taught Doctrine 1 as the 6th and final subject in the Level 1 PTC Program in Kigali, Rwanda from 11 – 16 April, 2016. Also accompanying them were Vicki Normand, and Anne-Marie Tunks. Once again the course was well received by both the participants and the local AEE leadership. At this stage in the program the participants know what is required of them and the standard of work presented is improving all the time even though the material in Doctrine 1 was challenging.

39 students completed the course and presented for the examination with the following results: 7 High Distinctions, 10 Distinctions, 7 Credits, 10 Passes and 5 achieved less than 50%. These pleasing results reflect the dedication and hard work of the participants and the careful preparation of African Evangelical Association (AEE) staff who emphasised the serious and worthwhile nature of the material to be presented. Participants arrived knowing that the course would require their full efforts and we had very few who were absent from the studies each day. Those who did not succeed did so because their English ability did not allow them to express their understanding of the material.

At the conclusion of this subject 39 students have now participated in all six subjects of the PTC and of those 33 students have passed the examinations.

As well as using the Doctrine 1 notes and workbooks the participants were given copies of the leader's material and workbook for Just for Starters. These were well received and a number of people were planning how they might use it in their ministry.

Preaching Workshop

At the conclusion of Doctrine 1, from April 18 – 21, a preaching seminar was led by Rev. Mike Raiter of the Centre for Biblical Preaching, Melbourne. About 60 people attended the course, and they expressed the view that it was particularly worthwhile. Mike was invited to return to run another such course in the years ahead. Many participants found it to be a challenge to their preaching patterns but could see how expository preaching should be the foundation of the way they teach their congregations.

Students

Participants came from a wide range of evangelical (e.g., Anglican, Presbyterian); Pentecostal (e.g., Assemblies of God) and other local churches together with a number of AEE staff members.



PTC students in Rwanda.

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

AEE Rwanda

The courses were successful because of the preparation and enthusiasm of the AE staff. AE Team leader, John Kalenzi together with Gladys Mihigo and Alfred a new member of staff, prepared the materials, the teaching space and most importantly the participants so that the course ran smoothly and efficiently.

Looking to the future, it would be fantastic if one or two of the top students could attract funding so that they can attend the 3 year degree course offered by George Whitfield College in Cape Town. When they complete this course they could be equipped to run good quality courses in Kigali. This has already happened with other students who have started with the PTC courses and it would mean an extension of this into the Rwandan context.

Jack was also approached by two Anglican bishops to run courses for their pastors and evangelists - indeed one said it was a "Macedonian call". There is a great hunger for good quality training and this becomes a challenge for us to think and pray about the next steps.

Course: Biblical Theology 1, Promise to Fulfilment

Report prepared by Rev Dan Bidwell, St Luke's Anglican Church Miranda

Dan Bidwell and Michael Tunks taught this course in Kigali from August 21 – September 3, 2016.

This was the second cohort of students to take PTC in partnership with AEE Rwanda and African Enterprise Australia. The reputation of the PTC program had spread, and churches were eager to put forward quality candidates.

Students arrived from all over the small country of Rwanda, mostly pastors in local churches. The class was energetic, musical, prayerful and generous. With most students boasting a good command of English, the class was lively with theological and pastoral questions asked. Students represented a broad spectrum of denominations (Anglican, Presbyterian, Baptist & Pentecostal) and ministry contexts: Including from urban and rural churches, different socioeconomic and educational backgrounds, and even from NGOs and Mother's Union!

Among the students were a number of young GBU (campus ministry) staff workers who took to the course materials with gusto. Two of these GBU workers would teach the class again each night in the Kinyarwanda language!

It was a joy to watch the students grow in their ability to put together a bigger picture of the Scriptures and the story of the Bible as God's plan of salvation unfolds. In general, the students achieved excellent course results, especially given their command of English as a second language.

Although the course materials are lengthy, and it is always a rush to cover them in the allotted time, the Mon-Fri lecture pattern with Saturday exam provides a focussed and intensive period of learning which doesn't intrude into the busy Sunday life of those in ministry.

Student stories

Each morning I would be greeted by the sound of the students who would gather early to sing and pray before class began at 8:30am. Often the students would remain in the Lecture room until almost midnight, when again the sound of their heart-felt praise would rise on the cool breezes of the Kigali night.

On the morning of the first exam, one student (Joseph) received news that his elderly grandmother had passed away in his rural village, some 3 hours away by bus in the southern province. She had raised him after his family was killed in the genocide. This young man wrote his exam then boarded a bus to go and bury his grandmother and mourn with his neighbours. Hearing the news, the class took up a collection to help pay for his bus ticket and to help pay for the cost of the funeral.

Immaculate is softly spoken, a leader in the Mother's Union and a woman who desires to serve well in her local church. Gedeon is a refugee from the Congo, and teaches at the Kigali Theological College. Christophe is a trained high school teacher who signed up for PTC while searching for a full-time teaching position. Israel is a prayerful man who has left his job as a senior bank manager to take up a ministry position on campus.

Emmanuel acted as our class prefect, and quickly brought the group together with his broad smile, gracious words and humble prayerfulness. Emmanuel's vocational ministry is training church planters and establishing networks of new churches. But as the son of an evangelist, his real passion is sharing the gospel. Privately he showed me a video of himself preaching the gospel in a Burundese refugee camp, a day on which dozens gave their lives to Jesus.



Emmanuel (blue checked shirt) leaning in to talk to the students in a study group.

What each of these men and women have in common is a passion to know and make Jesus known. They have a hunger and thirst for God's word and a desire to understand it better for the maturity of the church in Rwanda. All praise to the God who has spoken!

We are very thankful for the support that AEE Rwanda received, which enabled us to host the training. It has made a remarkable difference in various ministries and expansion of the Kingdom of God in Rwanda. It is a special blessing for Rwanda, especially because resourceful persons died and others fled during the 1994 war and genocide against the Tutsi. Some of those who stood in the gap did not have any formal theological training, so the training that they have now received, has made a huge difference in their understanding of the word of God and in the ministry work they do.

John Kalenzi, Team Leader, African Enterprise Rwanda.



MALAWI

Bill France, AE's PTC Facilitator, and Geoff Kells spent three weeks in July 2016 in Lilongwe. 41 students attended the Ephesians course and 28 the Doctrine course. The opportunity to study God's word was received with uniform enthusiasm and appreciation. These guys are eager to learn and to develop a greater understanding of scripture – something that feeds their already great joy in their faith, giving it a deeper grasp of who God is and what through Jesus he has done for them, and continues to work out in them and through them.

These two courses saw a further 9 students complete Level 1 PTC. If we can get a similar response to our invitation to do Biblical Theology 1 and Biblical Theology 2 next April, another 9 or 10 will also complete Level 1.

Our goal in partnership with AE Malawi, is to develop a strong biblically sound church across the country such that those who are reached through missions are fed into local churches equipped to disciple them. Bill comments that the Malawian team is very small. While a small team size has created some logistical challenges, the International team have been working to improve these.



A Malawian student examining the scriptures.

Bill attended church and heard Isaac Chimomo, a PTC and George Whitfield College graduate, and commented that "the teaching was excellent". A film crew has produced a DVD promoting PTC based on the Malawi course.



Pastor Goodson (above), a PTC graduate, preaching.

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Friday July 22-Thursday July 28, 2016

College awards certificates in Biblical Theology

MAURICE MULENGA, CONTRIBUTOR

Over forty pastors were recently awarded with certificates in Biblical Theology upon a successful completion of an intensive three-week course at Anglican Church College of Christian Ministries (ACCM) in Lilongwe.

Speaking during the award presentation ceremony the Executive Director for Africa Enterprise (AE), Evangelist Enoch Phiri advised the awardees to go and carryout their pastoral work with unflinching dedication so as to spread the gospel to the masses across the country and beyond.

Evangelist Phiri said pastors have an important role of teaching the Word of God to people of all ages, saying it is a (mandate or) commission made by Jesus Christ to all Church elders and religious institutions worldwide.

"Church leaders have a full mandate of implementing to the commission of 'Go Yee and teach the people of all nations and make them disciples for our Lord Jesus Christ,'" he said.

He then thanked Moore Theological College of Sydney, Australia for funding the course



Evangelist Phiri

from the time the African Enterprise started coordinating and organizing courses in Biblical Theology years back in Malawi.

Evangelist Phiri observed that it was encouraging to note that over ten leaders graduated as qualified

pastors after a four study course, while a cohort of forty new students would be proceeding to Levels One and Two, respectively in the next semesters.

"I am optimistic that in November this year, we shall have

another semester before holding another one early next year," he assured.

On their part, the itinerant lecturers the Rev Bill France and Geof Kells said they were happy to teach students that were eager

to learn Biblical Theology without absenteeism and distaraction.

"This semester, we taught the Gospel of the book of Ephesians and the doctrine of Christianity," Rev. France said.

He said the college wishes the students to be more ingrained in the Word of God and theology in particular through intensive teaching programs that are done by distance learning programs.

"We want committed students in our programs," he emphasized.

Moore Theological College (MTC) offers a four year course in Biblical Theology by distance learning programs in Malawi, Rwanda, Kenya, Mozambique, among other countries in Africa and they are coordinated by the African Enterprise (AE).

African Enterprise is a non-profit making international Christian organization that spreads and teaches the Word of God to the masses through capacity building, seminars, revival crusades among others and it was started in Malawi by Rev. Stephen Lungu.

The organization operates on interdenominational basis country-wide besides organizing revival crusades locally and internationally, to meet one of its core functions.

A local newspaper report in Lilongwe Malawi about the course, albeit somewhat inaccurate in places, nevertheless sent a good message to the local community.



KENYA

Four courses were taught in Kenya by CMS Missionary Paul Sampson, ably supported by Edward Mungai from the AE Kenya office.

AE-Kenya conducted a mission in 2014 in Isiolo, a town in the former Eastern Province of Kenya, with great success. Within the same year, we were able to launch a PTC course with about 25 pastors and church leaders enrolling. We are happy that 18 of them have been able to finish the prerequisite units for PTC . A few have dropped on the way and others have failed one exam and they would be resitting for the failed exam in the near future.



Some of the students who finished the prerequisite six units in Isiolo.

There are transformative stories on the impact of the PTC among the students. Most of the students had this course as their first theological training. It has therefore contributed to their better understanding of the Bible. It has helped them to interpret the Bible more correctly.

Student stories



PTC came to Isiolo at just the right time. Just before the Isiolo mission 2014, Deliverance Church Isiolo had just opened a new church branch in Epiding' an estate here in Isiolo. I was leading the new church as the Pastor.

As a pastor, I now needed the skills of correctly interpreting the word of God. PTC was an answer to my prayers.

Every unit that has been handled so far has not only helped me to study the word of God, but also to teach the church members during our weekly Bible study session. My preaching has been greatly improved. I am a better pastor now. Thank you to AE and other partners for supporting and implementing this program. **(Pastor Dorothy Gacheri, Deliverance Church-Isiolo pictured with Paul Sampson).**



PTC course has enabled me to appreciate and further understand the relationship between the Old Testament and the New Testament and how the scripture has been pointing to Jesus Christ from creation. It has also helped me clearly see how the grace of God through Jesus has been able to redeem man from sin. Studying has enhanced how I understand the Bible and interpret it in the right way. As a youth minister both in church and in my career, I have gained skills that are appropriate in reaching out to the youth. I am able to reach out to them with more understanding.

I appreciate all the supporters of this program for investing in impacting knowledge to pastors and Church leaders in Kenya. This is a transformation. **(Patrick Ichaba, Full Gospel Church).**



I have truly benefited from the PTC course. It has given me a better understanding of the Bible and how to see the outline of the teachings of the Bible in a clearer manner. I have gained both knowledge and wisdom through this course. Am now able to preach more effectively as a pastor without distorting the scriptures. It has given me more desire for more knowledge.

PTC is a course that I can highly recommend to pastors across Kenya especially those without any theological background. It will greatly enhance their preaching work and thus build a better body of Christ.

Thank you to all the supporters of this program and especially those that have given their finances to support this program. Thanks to AE Australia for ensuring this program is implemented in Kenya. Your support to this program is never in vain. **(Pastor Phineas Murungi, House of Grace Worship Centre – Isiolo).**



The PTC course is a model that shapes ministry. When a pastor's preaching skills have been enhanced, the whole church is impacted thus shaping the ministry. It is a step toward the right decision, forward.

PTC has equipped me with the right skills of preaching the word of God. The course materials have helped me to explore the Bible more extensively. Indeed, the Course came when I had this great desire of Biblical education, with finances being the limitation. With PTC my desire was fulfilled. I now impact others. What a joy!!!

I highly appreciate the individuals that have sacrificed their finances to support African Enterprise who implement PTC in Kenya. I am ever grateful God bless you. **(Pastor Geoffrey Masili, Bible Baptist Church- Isiolo).**



'Knowledge is power' goes the saying. It is indeed the truth when I look at the impact of PTC in life. My husband is the senior pastor in our church, and I assist him in ministry at various levels. I therefore required skills in my preaching which could best be received by Biblical training. I needed these skills and that is why I joined PTC.

Every unit that we have gone through has been instrumental in acquiring the biblical interpretation skills that I have really desired. I have therefore been effectively equipped for better ministry. Thanks for implementing this program. **(Serah Nagris, Wambui Bible Baptist Church- Isiolo).**

Graduation

More than 70 students graduated on the 16th November 2016 after successfully completing the first six units. This is the largest number of graduates ever recorded in PTC Kenya!

Thank you,
Edward Mungai, Mission Mobiliser, AEE Kenya.



International CEO Stephen Mbogo (centre) and Paul Sampson congratulate a PTC graduate.



PTC graduates rejoicing.

A visiting Australian's view:

AE report: Isiolo Kenya PTC Course on Ephesians 2016 August 3,4,5,6. Sessions were taught by Paul Sampson, Stephen Gauld, & Stuart Woods.

The 14 Kenyan Christians in attendance were from different churches, some local to Isiolo but others a longer distance away. The majority are Pastors with a smaller number of lay people, a good mix of men and women. Each of the attendees I believe were receptive to the great teaching that comes from MTC by way of the PTC course material which thoroughly examines the Apostle Paul's epistle to the church in Ephesus. Each of the teachers have different styles of presentation and were each, I believe, effective.

The need for the Gospel in this part of Kenya as in others is clear. The Islamic call to prayer is heard around 5am each morning from our hotel accommodation, serving as a reminder that there is great opposition to Christians in this area. We 3 foreigners have each fellowshiped & prayed with the attendees over the many meals provided, both encouraging them but also being encouraged by them. Singing and praying together as a group each day was also a wonderful way to worship our great God. Paul's efforts with these Kenyan Christians over time here can easily be seen as they each clearly see the error of false teachings, especially on the subject of the Prosperity gospel and I sincerely believe that they deeply appreciate the refreshing solid bible based teaching and friendship he has provided in his ministry to them. I count it a wonderful privilege & powerful experience being here assisting Paul in this effective ministry. Blessings in Jesus name. Steve Gauld.

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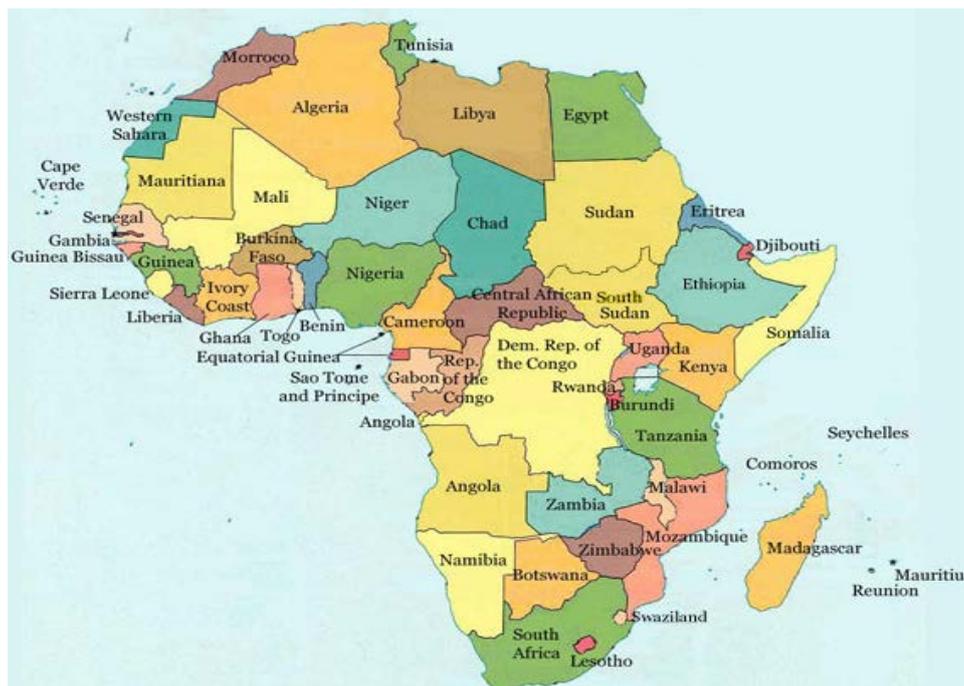


Our mission

To evangelise the cities of Africa through **word** and **deed** in partnership with the Church.

Where we work

- AE has support groups in Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Europe and North America.
- Mission offices are located in ten nations throughout the African continent:



- DRC
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Malawi
- Rwanda
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Zimbabwe