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FRIENDSHIPS ACROSS THE AGES

by Michael Cassidy, Stephen Mbogo and Emmanuel Kwizera

African Enterprise has been blessed across the ages with an extraordinary number of friends who have helped inspire our work and keep it biblically and theologically faithful.

Billy Graham inspired us with his amazing dedication and the passionate nature of his Gospel proclamation. His inspiration also brought about the Berlin Congress in 1966, the Lausanne Congress in 1974, the Amsterdam Congresses in the early 1980s and then the Second World Congress on Evangelism in Manila in 1989. All of these congresses were attended by AE leadership and significantly impacted us.

John Stott was equally key as he influenced the development of our theology, most notably as enshrined in the Lausanne Covenant. He was a persistent encourager of AE throughout his life.

Then there was Francis Schaeffer, whose main emphasis was on the full authority and reliability of Scripture. He significantly impacted the shape and content of the Statement on Scripture in the Lausanne Covenant.

Archbishops Erica Sabiti and Janani Luwum of Uganda were very important influences on the ministry. They infused into us the DNA of the East African Revival. Also in East Africa was John Mpaayei, General Secretary of the Bible Society in



East Africa, the first black Kenyan graduate from Cambridge University and the first translator of the Bible into the Maasai language. He was a key figure, with Tom Huston and Don Jacobs, in running the pivotal Nairobi Mission in 1969, which launched AE's Pan African ministry.

Chuck Colson was another good friend and set for us the example of what it meant to be a prophet to his nation.

Doug Birdsall, Chairman of the Lausanne movement and key visionary for the third Lausanne World Congress in 2010, has been a great encourager, along with current chairman Michael Oh from South Korea, in drawing in Stephen Mbogo and Emmanuel Kwizera to Lausanne leadership roles across Africa.

When we look back, we are extremely grateful to God for all these extraordinary people. But we are equally thankful for friends like you who give and pray so faithfully.

This work would not be possible without you!

SEE HOW YOUR SUPPORT GAVE EVELYN A LIFE RESTORED WITH HOPE!

Evelyn Moses from Malawi had a tricky youth and unfortunately ended up pregnant as a teenager.

But when her child was born, Evelyn realised she needed to do something with her life. She finished her schooling, and then, thanks to the support of friends like you, she was able to start sewing training at AE's Vocational Centre in Malawi. This training will give her the opportunity to open a tailoring and design business, and earn an income to support herself and her child.

Evelyn still felt like something was missing from her life, though. Then one day, she heard the Gospel preached during a devotion at the sewing school. That day, Evelyn was inspired to receive Christ as her personal Lord and Saviour.



Since then, she has testified that she has been experiencing peace beyond understanding. Evelyn is so grateful for the grace of salvation.

Thank you for giving people like Evelyn the opportunity to turn their lives around and also find true purpose and meaning in the Gospel of Jesus!



LOOKING BACK: YOUR IMPACT ON MISSION IN 2021

2021 may have been another challenging year, with the continued presence of COVID causing difficulties around the world, but God was certainly still at work!

The life-changing impact of African Enterprise missions continued across Africa in 2021. With your generous support, we conducted 11 missions that were able to provide essential opportunities to preach the Gospel to the unreached. We were able to share the Gospel with over 12 million people through radio, television, social media, street evangelism, mission events and door-to-door evangelism. More than 46,000 people made decisions to follow Christ through these activities.

Over the last five years, thanks to your continued generosity, we have reached 22 million people, and praise God, 450,000 souls committed to following Jesus! These numbers are extraordinary and only possible through the support of our partners. Many of you have courageously upheld AE through prayers, hard work and financial giving.

Despite the challenges of COVID, God has been incredibly faithful. Even when the movements of mission teams have been restricted, God has still opened doors, enabling the Gospel message to go out without hindrance.

And throughout it all, your brothers and sisters in Christ in Africa have continued to grow in their faith.

Eyobed from Ethiopia says that his life has been greatly impacted by AE's Discipleship Program. He has enjoyed all the courses and loves to read the Bible. Eyobed has also become involved in training others.



THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO END THE CYCLE

With your support, AE's Social Action Projects continue to equip young people with the skills they need to end the cycle of poverty and become the leaders of the future. Here are just a few highlights!

In 2021, Agnes' dream of becoming a mechanic came true after she enrolled as a Motorcycle Cycle Repair and Maintenance apprentice at Faluku Motor Spare Garage in Kiyunga. She completed her studies through the Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) project by AEE Uganda in partnership with Stromme Foundation.

"I'm proud to be the first girl to do Motorcycle Mechanics in Kiyunga," says Agnes. "I have started getting clients before even completing the training because most people want to see how girls repair motorcycles. I feel empowered and motivated."

AE Ghana was able to help combat the spread of COVID-19 in schools, with twelve hand-washing devices with liquid soaps and paper towels installed in June 2021. The new devices will serve over 1,500 students in the school.

In Uganda, The Early Childhood Development Centre at Bukahna Primary school, home to 64 students, underwent a renovation. The school, one of five that AE Uganda supports, had a dilapidated building that discouraged parents from bringing their children to the centre.

Head Teacher Charles Nabeeta says, *"The classrooms were in very bad shape, making the whole environment non-conductive*



"I received Jesus Christ seven years ago, but real-life transformation started after joining the discipleship program. Now, whenever I am out of work, my first place of visit is my church. I feel a closer relationship with church members and especially with the students I met," says Eyobed.

Your support is also ensuring that people in difficult situations can know the love of Christ in action.

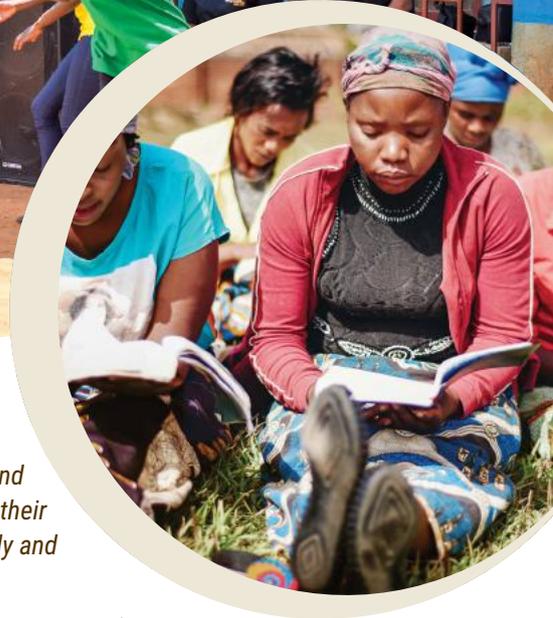
Following the Kayonza Mission in Rwanda, Pastor Gatera was blessed to receive seven new converts in his church. He has also helped young girls who are facing unwanted pregnancies, and after preaching the Gospel to them, he bought goats for them to start businesses.

"We have another group of new converts that we gave 30 Bibles to," says Pastor

Gatera. *"We are intentional in helping these new brothers and sisters in Christ with their growth both spiritually and economically."*

These are just a few examples of the lives that are being changed thanks to the work of AE. God is using His disciples to transform entire communities and bring hope and healing to some of the most impoverished nations in the world.

With your support, _____
more and more people in Africa are receiving the life-changing message of Jesus!



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for learning. The project was able to mobilise the community, and together with the resources of the organisation, the renovation of the block was completed."

In South Sudan, AE has continued to roll out Trauma Healing Programs in schools in response to the sustained conflict that this country has experienced in recent years. Trauma Healing Clubs have been established, where students participate in healing activities.

Joyce Christopher testifies that the Trauma Healing Book has taught her many things and has brought healing in her life. She hopes that her club members will be healed too.



Thank you for making all of these projects possible with your *generous gifts!*



A GLIMPSE OF AE HISTORY:

How the Pan African Christian Leadership Assembly began – and its role in ending apartheid.

In March 1974, the South African Congress on Mission and Evangelism took place in Durban. This gathering, the first of its kind, drew together 800 leaders from all races and from most denominations in the South African Church to confer together for ten days. AE invited several East African leaders to attend. These men were so struck by what they saw in Durban and by its huge impact that they were ready for the suggestion from AE's Michael Cassidy of another gathering: a Pan African Christian Leadership Assembly, drawing Christian leaders from all the countries of Africa.

The vision took hold, and in December 1976, the first PACLA meeting took place in Nairobi. There were 800 delegates from 49 out of Africa's 51 countries and from every denomination.

By a miracle, 70 delegates from South Africa secured visas at the very last moment to travel to Kenya for PACLA. This was a particular blessing as the South African group had been dealing with serious internal



struggles, deeply linked to the issues in South Africa at the time. But at PACLA, some marvellous reconciliations took place, and the newly united group were inspired to run a South African counterpart to PACLA. This finally came forth in 1979, when 5000 delegates met in Pretoria. This gathering enabled a number of new relationships, which contributed significantly to the final ending of apartheid!

PACLA established a network of relationships across Africa which survives in the next generation even to this day and continues to bring about real and lasting change in the African Church, and across the continent as a whole.

DAVID IS PROUD TO CARRY ON THE FAMILY LEGACY OF SUPPORTING AE

African Enterprise supporter David Le Rossignol first heard about AE through a visiting speaker at his local church in Tasmania.

David's own father was born in Port Elizabeth in South Africa, and his wife's father was born in Kenya – and, as David found out, an avid AE supporter. With such strong links to Africa, David was motivated to become a supporter.

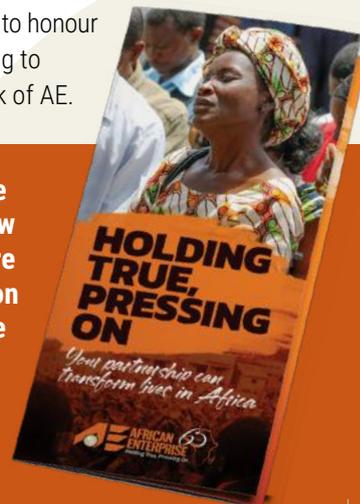
David says he always looks forward to AE's newsletters because they inspire him to be in ministry in his own community in Tasmania. "Just to follow what God is doing in His world is amazing!" he says.

David loves learning from the voices of the African Church.

While he studied at Ridley College in Melbourne, David was privileged to sit under the teaching of Bishop Alfred Stanway, a former missionary Bishop from Tanzania who shared many stories from his time in Africa. Former Anglican Bishop of Uganda, Edward Muhima, also stayed with David and his family during a visit to Australia. "We were privileged to sit at his feet," David remembers.

David's grandfather is buried in the St John's Methodist Cemetery in Port Elizabeth in South Africa, and David and his family are proud to honour their African heritage by continuing to support the transformational work of AE.

During the past two years, COVID-related lockdowns impacted our ability to present the work of AE to churches and individuals in Australia, NZ and Hong Kong, and engage new supporters. As we emerge from this crisis, we'd appreciate it if you'd share the brochure we have sent you with mission committees and friends to support the Great Commission in Africa and see new generations partner with us on mission. If you did not receive the brochure or need more, please contact us via ae@aeint.org or the toll-free numbers listed on the back page of this newsletter.



DO NOT BECOME WEARY

– AN ENCOURAGEMENT FROM STEPHEN MBOGO

These last two years have been a testing time for us all, particularly those who have lost loved ones or have struggled with the health or financial impacts of COVID-19.

But in spite of it all, we have pulled together across our various locations to support each other. You have upheld African Enterprise so courageously and steadily through your prayers and financial giving. Thank you.

In 2021, we were pleased to successfully conduct 11 missions in the different cities across our offices in Africa, giving us opportunities to reach the unreached. In total, your support enabled AE to share the Gospel with over 12 million people, and of those, 46,440 made commitments to follow Christ.

Looking back, I have heard so many moving testimonies of lives transformed and hope renewed.

So as we begin 2022, I encourage you: even though we are

sick and tired of COVID, do not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up (Galatians 6:9).

There is much to look forward to in this new year, especially as we prepare for our 60th Anniversary celebrations.

May the good Lord strengthen us as we follow in His footsteps. We are united in keeping hope alive to achieve our mission to evangelise Africa in Word and Deed.



Stephen Mbogo
Team Leader/CEO
African Enterprise International



FAREWELL FROM BEN

The ministry of AE is one of growth, development and looking forward, and although this is my final message as CEO of AE Australia to you, I remain an active participant through ongoing fellowship and prayer with the teams in Africa.

Please pray for my successor here in Australia as it is an important role in building awareness across our region, channelling your support to evangelistic and development activities across Africa and encouraging the entire ministry partnership. The AE Chairman is coordinating the search for a successor and will be in touch with updates via our email, social media and website touchpoints before the next African Harvest update.

I am thankful for the relationships the Lord has provided for me during my time at AE and for all those who have actively engaged in our mission activities. In the time I have been here, we have seen Gospel outreach exponentially increase in Africa through COVID-safe channels of communication, with over 12 million people reached last year. Our teams in

Africa are actively exploring innovative and practical outreach opportunities in new cities and new countries, as well as strengthening our relationship with churches for the discipleship of the hundreds of thousands of new believers each year. Effective outreach goes hand in hand with regular and faithful support, and I thank you so much for all you are making possible in Africa.

At the time of printing, we just confirmed Jorge Rodrigues, formerly of Samaritan's Purse and Bible Society, will join us as Interim AE CEO from 4 April. Please welcome Jorge. It's been an honour to partner with you in this mission together. Please pray for all the teams, boards and partners here and in Africa as the ministry holds true and presses on in Christ Jesus.

God bless.

Ben Campbell
Immediate Past CEO
African Enterprise Australasia

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