

# *African* **HARVEST**

**WINTER 2022**

Evangelising the cities of Africa through Word and Deed in partnership with the Church



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**OUR MISSION AT  
AFRICAN ENTERPRISE**  
*Special Edition*

# EQUIPING THE CHURCH IN AFRICA TO REACH MORE CITIES THROUGH STRATIFIED EVANGELISM

**Dr Cornelius Huwa (AE Malawi Team Leader) was trained as a professional medical doctor in Malawi. In 2018, God called him to join African Enterprise as a full-time evangelist and a Team Leader in Malawi.**

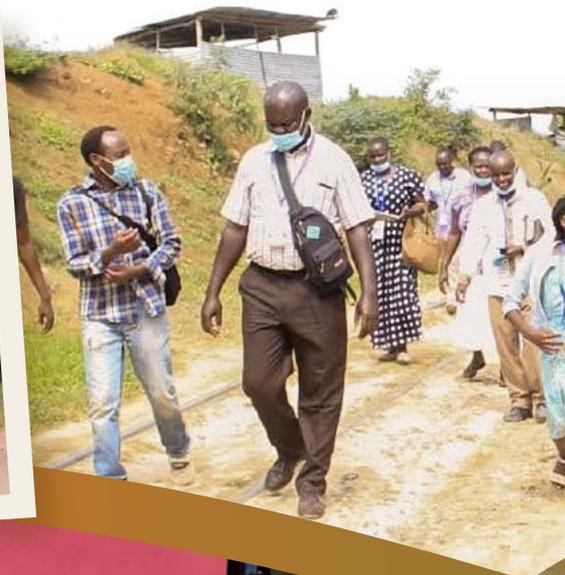
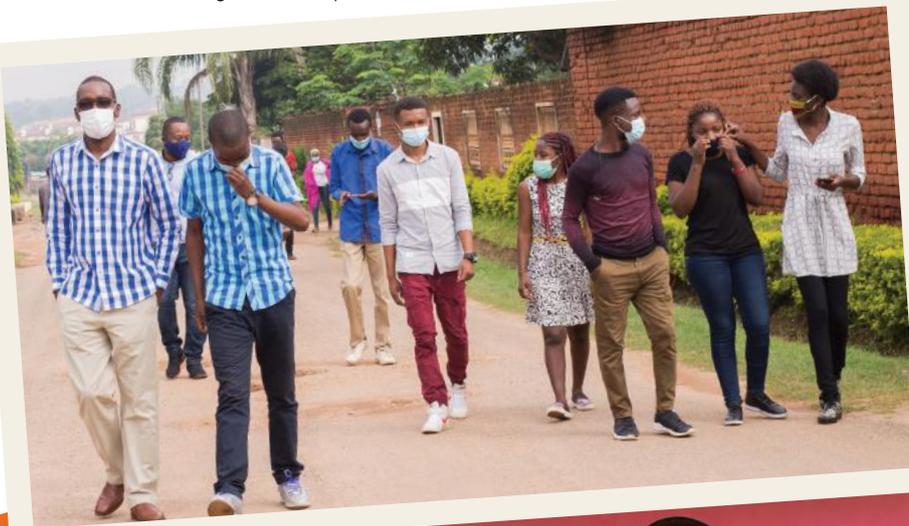
However, Dr Huwa had not received any theological or formal evangelism training, and this was the biggest challenge and hindrance to the fulfilment of his passion to train local churches and pastors in evangelism. This changed in 2019, when Dr Huwa was successfully trained by African Enterprise using a new curriculum. The training increased his passion and commitment to missions and evangelism.

According to AE's International Missions Director, Emmanuel Kwizera, the need to train lay leaders, AE associate evangelists and non-theologically trained pastors is massive and critical in Africa. In fact, some African governments, like Rwanda, have introduced a new law that set a minimum standard for theological education among preachers and pastors. This need to train evangelists and pastors,

prompted African Enterprise to improve its training standards and systematically develop its School of Evangelism. Our partner churches receive training to understand:

- The biblical foundations of evangelism and missions
- The theology of proclamation evangelism
- Biblical models of discipleship
- The integration of Word and Deed in evangelism.

For our 60th anniversary in 2022, we will also be launching our very own AE Institute of Evangelism. This institute aims to further equip the church in Africa in evangelism and missions, multiply local evangelists, and roll out stratified evangelism missions in every African country.



## BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF THE CHURCH TO RETAIN AND NURTURE NEW BELIEVERS

We nurture church partnerships so that we know new believers have a place to go to. New believers are followed up through text messages, through home visits and by local pastors, ensuring they can continue to grow in their faith.



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## MOMBASA WEST MISSION

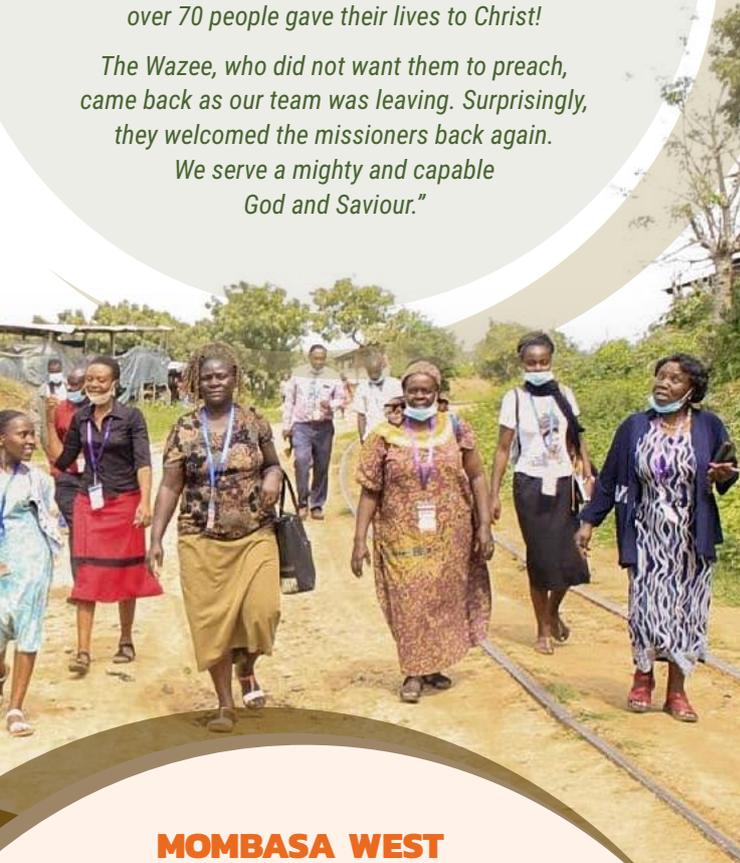
Here is one missionary's story  
of God's sovereign help:

*"In Birikani ... roadblocks had been put up to prevent our team from preaching. This, however, did not deter them as they went back the following day to the same place with the power of God.*

*People were hungry and eager for the Word and in return over 70 people gave their lives to Christ!*

*The Wazee, who did not want them to preach, came back as our team was leaving. Surprisingly, they welcomed the missionaries back again.*

*We serve a mighty and capable  
God and Saviour."*



## MOMBASA WEST MISSION FOLLOW-UP

One missionary shares how Janet was cared for  
by the Mombasa West Mission team:

*During our mission in Kenya last year, our team took to the streets and went from door to door telling people about Jesus.*

*One of these homes lived a lady called Janet. Janet gave her life to Christ but when our team left, she thought she was now 'off the hook'.*

*On Saturday she received a call from our team to ask about her and they invited her to church on Sunday. She agreed to go but didn't really think she would actually go. Well, on Sunday morning our team came to her door again, picking her up for church! Janet, who is a single mother of three, is still in awe at how the missionaries did not give up on her.*

*For the care of her children, Janet had no other choice but to make a sacrifice and sell alcohol, and she also had to sell her body to make ends meet. With the support from our missionaries, she was able to leave that life behind and now lives in God's grace and forgiveness."*

# HOLISTIC EMPOWERMENT AND DISCIPLESHIP OF AFRICAN YOUTH AND EFFECTIVE EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH TO YOUNG PEOPLE

**Our Foxfire teams are the youth arm of African Enterprise's evangelistic and mission activities.**

Their vision is to set youth ablaze with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and send them out into the world. They play a vital role in AE's city-wide and university missions each year. Their vibrancy and energy attract large crowds of school children and engage them deeply in the Gospel of Jesus, leading to further questions being asked and addressed, and outreach to provide support.

## A passionate Foxfire

*Memory Suwadi had a passion to share the Word of God from a young age, and in answer to prayer was appointed to the 2021 Malawi Foxfires youth evangelism team. As she commenced training and evangelistic outreach, she realised that the most powerful way to convey Christ's way, truth and life was to highlight her own testimony and the life-transforming impact of accepting Christ into her life from the age of 11.*

*Memory realised that people started to listen closely to her words in her testimony and witness to how Christ changes lives, and AE Malawi Team Leaders also helped her to develop a strong insight into her own need to forgive and love others. God has revealed to her that her best approach in reaching out to others is focusing on the 'who has changed' as a priority over the 'what needs to change'. She has also learned that the more quickly she applies changes that she needs to make in her own life in the area of forgiveness, the faster she will be able to positively impact her family, church and nation through Christ.*



# PROMOTING HOLISTIC AND TRANSFORMATIVE SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES, DEMONSTRATING THE LOVE OF CHRIST TO VULNERABLE AND MARGINALISED PEOPLE

In 2002, AEE Rwanda piloted the first Rwandan self-help groups (SHGs), also known as community transformation groups (CTGs). Since then, with its partners, AEE Rwanda has brought the transformational power of CTGs to hundreds of thousands of Rwandese.

CTGs emphasise the value of economic goals and the value of social and spiritual empowerment. These groups build a sense of worth in members and then realise their potential. The conditions in severely impoverished communities have always been a barrier to developing necessary life skills. CTGs aim to change this by giving people hope. Our teams have recently focused on providing vocational training aimed at empowering women.

CTGs do so much more than build financial independence. They promote a sense of belonging and teach people to work together for the greater good. The benefits are shared throughout the entire community and bring a much-needed sense of purpose. Through your generous support, people in poverty are finding their way towards hope and building a sustainable future.



## *The Ethiopian Work Group*

Firehiwot is one of the graduates of the 2021 sewing project in Ethiopia, who teamed up in a Work Group (WG) with other graduates. She is a housewife with one child. She was jobless until she started training in the sewing project and has since graduated.

She says... *"As a Work Group, we have rented a shade as a workplace. We have seen a promising market for tailoring. People have started to come to us seeking tailoring services. I personally hope to open my own business in a year's time."*



# STRENGTHENING GOD-CENTRED PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND UNITY WITHIN AND ACROSS AFRICAN NATIONS AND COMMUNITIES

We started 2021 with an 'Improved literacy through education in reconciliation' project in Rwanda, the first year of a three-year project in collaboration with Bible Society Australia. Rwandans still suffer profound scars resulting from the atrocities of the 1994 war and genocide against the Tutsi. The project was developed to facilitate the healing of wounds and restoration of relationships.

We were also fortunate to launch a trauma healing program in South Sudan in September 2021. The civil war may be over in South Sudan, but the effects remain. As many as 19,000 children were kidnapped or recruited to join the armed forces, and many women and children were also brutalised. UNICEF believes that three quarters of South Sudanese children have never known anything but war.

When a community is traumatised, the children suffer. They are often without a voice, and sadly their emotional wounds go untreated. The healing program, mainly focused on parents and teachers, reflects on what God says about suffering and how His Word brings healing.



# INCREASING THE NUMBER OF TRANSFORMATIVE SERVANT LEADERS WHO ARE ACCOUNTABLE AND AGENTS OF POSITIVE CHANGE, PLUS RAISING AND MENTOR GODLY, TALENTED AND INFLUENTIAL EMERGING LEADERS

The openness to the Gospel and the growth in the numbers of Christians in Africa is phenomenal. However, as a result of the need for teachers and pastors, many leaders of churches are poorly trained, and some are illiterate.

As a result, there is a significant danger that people with a thirst for the truth of Jesus will be led astray by the merging of their beliefs with other belief systems (syncretism), or the misguidance of congregations into believing that church is some form of 'get-rich scheme' (prosperity doctrine).

African Enterprise is committed to helping to train people for godly leadership, equipping church ministers to be faithful to the Gospel, and to grow the church. We form lifelong partnerships with churches and train church leaders who in turn help us on mission to transform the cities they are in and nurture new believers.

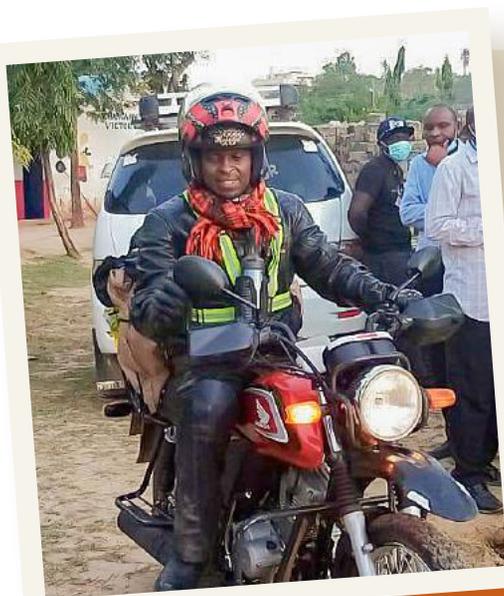
## *Mobilising the church for mission*

Reverend Godfrey in Kenya shares his passion for mission:

*"I came to know AEE Kenya in 1986. I participated in various trainings that were planned by AEE. I was enriched and impacted by the ministry and exposure that I got.*

*"I did participate in various missions in the early 1990s and that marked the beginning of how I viewed missions. I am happy for the reconnection with AEE and in 2021*

*I participated in the mission as a host pastor. I was able to mobilise the church I served to ensure that the Mombasa West Mission 2021 was successful."*



## STEPHEN, THE BIKE-RIDING PASTOR

Meet Pastor Stephen Muindi, who serves at Christ Labourers Church in Racecourse, Nairobi. He undertook the tedious 485km ride from Nairobi to Mombasa on his Honda motorcycle to ensure that he was part of the Mombasa West Mission, ready to be used as a vessel of God. He left Nairobi at 5:15 am and arrived at 1:30 pm.

*"Being a pastor, I have learned to be grateful for all. The call for evangelism isn't to be ignored. Means of transport can't hinder me."* He took time to pray and sing out loud as he rode, soaking in the presence of God. He has been to many missions but this was his first time riding to one.

He cites 2 Timothy 1:7 as his reason to ride: *"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline"*.

## GREAT GOVERNANCE AND INCREASED CAPACITY FOR GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY TO EXPAND MISSION TO NEW CITIES IN AFRICA

The Southern African region, under the regional leadership of Dr Lutangu Lubasi, is one of our most recently established regions. This was done to strengthen our capacity, capability and effectiveness in reaching more people with the Gospel. Even with the impact of COVID-19, we're grateful for all that was possible through the year.

We are also grateful to have been able to launch a program in South Sudan with other program and mission initiatives in Togo and North Africa.





# Upcoming Missions

Your prayers and support are requested for 2022's missions across Africa...

**Kenya, Mombasa**  
Citywide Mission  
June 2 – 12

**DRC, Kinshasa**  
Citywide Mission  
June 20 – 30

**Uganda, Kabale**  
Citywide Mission  
July 10 – 30

**Rwanda, Rwamagana**  
Leadership & Citywide Mission  
July 18 – 24

**Uganda, Kampala**  
Citywide Mission  
August 1 – 7

**South Africa, Pietermaritzburg**  
Citywide Mission  
August 12 – 21

**Tanzania, Dar Es Salaam**  
Citywide Mission  
August 14 – 21

**AESAR, Lusaka**  
Leadership and Citywide Mission  
August 25 – September 4

**Ghana, Togo**  
Citywide Mission  
November 18 – 28

**Ethiopia, Adama**  
Leadership and Citywide Mission  
December 19 – 25

Please note that should mission dates change due to the various unique circumstances in Africa, supporters will be advised throughout the year.

## GREETINGS

### IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

This year is African Enterprise's Diamond Jubilee, and we are looking forward to celebrating this milestone in August.

It's now 60 years since Michael Cassidy founded African Enterprise in South Africa and had the first mission to Pietermaritzburg in 1962. Since then, we have pressed on, proclaiming the saving grace of Jesus. This is a testimony to your prayers and your support – so thank you for standing steadfastly with this ministry.

Just in the last year, we've welcomed new teams in Zambia and in South Sudan, with our main 60th celebratory mission to be held in Zambia. Please continue to pray for God's guidance and wisdom for these teams and for our upcoming missions!

We thank you for your unfailing support to evangelise the cities of Africa through Word and Deed. Amen!

**Stephen Mbogo**  
Team Leader/CEO  
African Enterprise International

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## African Enterprise Australasia is seeking to recruit a permanent CEO.

Please pray for our Board to find a suitable candidate for this role.

If you or anyone you know might be interested in the position, kindly contact our office, and we will give your details to the Board.

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