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## Dear Friends,

**As we reflect on the year, it's astonishing how quickly time flies. At the start of 2024, amidst global uncertainties, none of us could have anticipated the challenges that would unfold. From escalating conflicts to the rising cost of living, many are facing pressures that threaten their ability to secure a decent living in an increasingly uncertain world. Despite these challenges, we hold firm to the assurance provided by the gospel: Lord Jesus reigns supreme, offering salvation, forgiveness, and sustenance to those who trust in Him.**

Just over a month ago, we gathered at the Epping Club for our fundraising missions dinner. I am deeply grateful to each of you—friends, supporters, churches, and first-time attendees—for joining us and learning about the impactful work of African Enterprise across the continent. From South Africa to Ghana, our teams, including volunteers and pastors, are united by a common mission: to evangelise the cities of Africa through word and deed in partnership with the church. The stories of transformation are profound and continuous, thanks to your prayers and generosity.

The fundraising event was a resounding success, raising significant funds towards our mission in Juba, South Sudan. However, we are still short of our target by AUD 13,000 to reach our goal of AUD 60,000. This funding is crucial as we continue to work with local churches to spread the gospel in Juba, a city burgeoning along the banks of the Nile River. Please continue to support us through your prayers and contributions.

The dinner also highlighted our stratified evangelism, which include initial planning, mapping cities, training pastors, and establishing robust follow-up and discipleship plans with local evangelical churches. Special thanks to both Archbishop Kanishka Raffel and Stephen Mbogo who engagingly spoke of God's work and the urgent need to spread the gospel across Africa.

We ask for continued prayers for Reverend Alex Aggrey, our national coordinator for the South Sudan office, as he mobilises churches and likeminded Christians for biblical evangelism and mission. Remember, "For he himself is our peace," as Ephesians 2:17-22 reminds us. We are all part of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus as the chief cornerstone.

Lastly, I invite you to reach out for a meeting or drop by our office for a coffee. Connecting with you is always an encouragement. Let's continue to pray for the spread of the gospel across Africa, and for our colleagues, Steven Liggins and Chris Jones, as they head to Zimbabwe to train pastors using the PTC course.

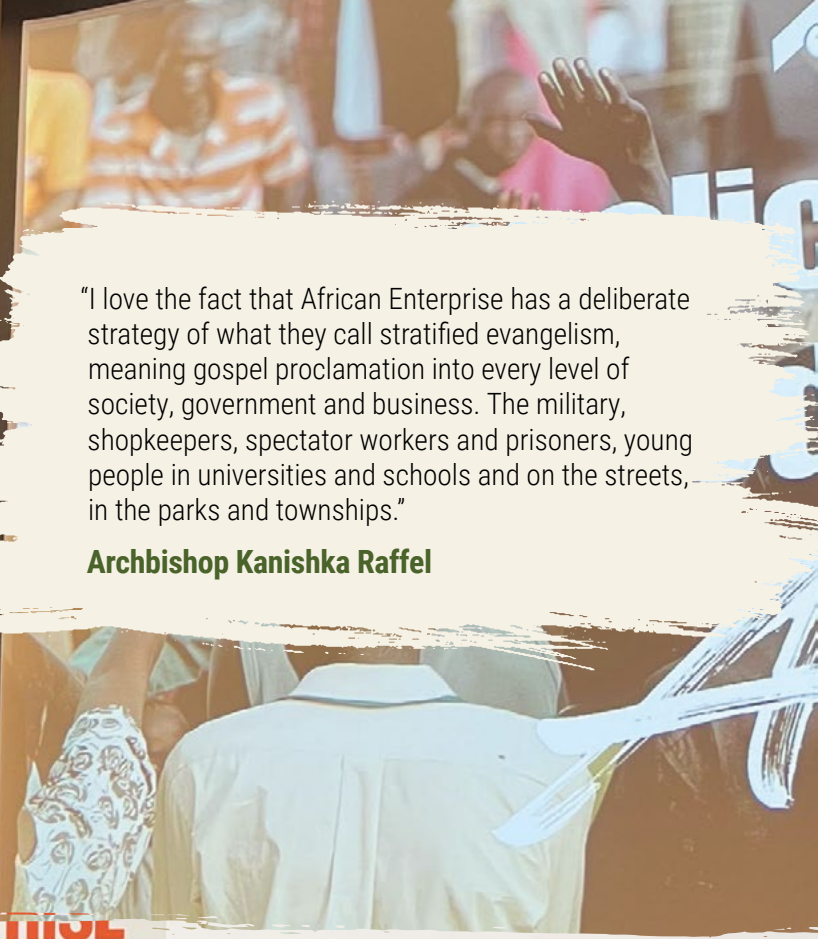
Thank you for your steadfast partnership in the gospel. May the Lord bless you until we meet again.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Simba Musvamhiri  
CEO, African Enterprise Australasia



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"I love the fact that African Enterprise has a deliberate strategy of what they call stratified evangelism, meaning gospel proclamation into every level of society, government and business. The military, shopkeepers, spectator workers and prisoners, young people in universities and schools and on the streets, in the parks and townships."

**Archbishop Kanishka Raffel**



# Stephen Mbogo's visit to

## African Enterprise Australia

**We were thrilled to have Stephen Mbogo, the head of African Enterprise International, join us all the way from the African Enterprise International office in Kenya at our recent fundraising missions dinner. His presence added a remarkable touch to the evening, where we united for a common cause—spreading the gospel across Africa.**

Stephen, captivated us with engaging stories about God's work and the vital need to evangelise our cities in Africa. During his time in Australia, Stephen has the opportunity to meet the team in the AE Australia office and it was an encouragement.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making the night a resounding success and raising important funds for our mission work in Juba, South Sudan. To support African Enterprise in this important work go to [africanenterprise.com.au](http://africanenterprise.com.au)



# Resilience and Renewal

## Rwanda's Journey from Darkness to Light



**As Rwanda marks the 30th anniversary of the end of the genocide that devastated its heart, the nation stands as a testament to the incredible resilience and capacity for renewal of its people. In 1994, the genocide claimed nearly one million lives, overshadowing Rwanda's future. Yet, three decades on, Rwanda is not just surviving but thriving.**

The transformation is evident from the bustling streets of Kigali to the serene hills of the countryside, reflecting a country on the move. New hospitals, shopping centres, and Africa's first end-to-end vaccination manufacturing plant showcase a nation in rapid transformation.

The essence of Rwanda's revival is captured in the stories of individuals like Benoite, a mother from Rusizi District, whose life changed dramatically through her involvement with African Enterprise. From a life marred by poverty and discord, her engagement in the evangelism campaign "Jesus All About Life" brought a new beginning, impacting her family and community.

Similarly, Fabrice, a youth once entangled in substance abuse, found a new path through evangelistic outreach, embodying the national spirit of recovery and hope. These stories of personal change highlight how faith-based initiatives are crucial in rebuilding lives and communities.

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Reflecting on Rwanda's recovery, it's clear the journey has been arduous. The scars of genocide are deep, displacing millions and devastating the nation's infrastructure and psyche. Yet, the resilience of the Rwandan people endures. As they weave their diverse stories into a unified national narrative, they show a commitment to a future defined by shared prosperity and unity.

This spirit of resilience and renewal is central to African Enterprise's mission in Rwanda. By focusing on community development, vocational training, and spiritual enrichment, African Enterprise helps foster environments where Rwandans can find healing and hope.



As we commemorate this solemn anniversary, we are reminded of the profound capacity of the human spirit to overcome darkness. Rwanda's path from despair to hope continues to inspire and challenge us, offering a powerful testament to what is possible when a nation unites for a peaceful and prosperous future.

**We invite you to join us in supporting Rwanda's journey of resilience and renewal. Your prayers and support are vital as we continue to work alongside the remarkable people of Rwanda, helping them build a future filled with hope and peace.**



## The Lasting Impact of AE Ghana's Computer Training Program

**In a world where digital skills are increasingly indispensable, the African Enterprise Ghana's Computer Training Program has lit a path for young Ghanaians to secure their futures. As the latest cohort of students graduated in January 2024, the program has stood as a beacon of hope and opportunity.**

The computer training program, designed to empower students with essential IT skills, concluded successfully last December. The intensive course equipped students with a range of new skills from basic computer operations to complex software applications, preparing them for the challenges of the modern workplace.

One of the lasting outcomes of the training was the rigorous exam that all participants had to pass to graduate. This exam was not merely a test of knowledge but a crucial stepping stone to obtaining valuable certifications, increasing their opportunities of employment.

The real-world impact of the program is significant. Two standout students secured job offers even before their formal graduation, a testament to the quality and relevance of the training they received. One was offered a role as a Shop Assistant, and the other as an Administrative Assistant, both pivotal roles that benefit from the skills honed during their training.

This success story isn't just about job acquisition; it's about community impact. The computer training initiative was part of a broader effort by African Enterprise to empower young people and equip them with the tools to transform their lives and communities. The program not only taught technical skills but also instilled a sense of confidence and possibility in the students.

Reflecting on the transformative power of education and opportunity, African Enterprise Ghana remains committed to nurturing the potential of Ghana's youth. The computer training program serves as a cornerstone of this mission, with its lasting effects still felt months after its conclusion.



**We invite you to join us in celebrating the success of our graduates and to continue supporting the expansion of this life-changing program. May God continue to guide and provide for all involved, opening doors to new possibilities for many more.**





# A Stitch in Time

## Vera's Journey of Transformation

**Vera, a mother of two and resident of Malawi, has transformed her life dramatically since attending African Enterprise's vocational training in tailoring. Married and formerly uncertain of her long-term prospects, Vera's participation in the 2018 training session marked a turning point in her life.**

Before her training, Vera faced daily struggles with self-doubt and financial insecurity. "I had no idea of how my life would pan out in the long term. I always struggled to answer the question, 'What will ever become of me?'" Vera recalls. The opportunity to develop tailoring skills through African Enterprise's program provided her not just with vocational training but also with a clearer vision for her future.

Despite early challenges, including managing her family's immediate needs without a stable income, Vera's newfound skills soon allowed her to contribute significantly at home. "With the skills and sewing machine I got from African Enterprise, I have been able to meet the daily needs of my family, which include making uniforms for my children," she explains. Her business now consistently generates about \$10.00 weekly, money she invests back into her family by purchasing fabrics and other necessities.

The impact of Vera's training extends beyond her immediate family. She has used her earnings to start building a house with her husband and recently purchased a steel window frame, a testament to her growing financial independence. "I am grateful to God for allowing me to be a helper even in raising finances for my husband," she shares, reflecting on her journey.

Vera's success story is a shining example of how targeted vocational training can empower individuals and foster sustainable community development. As Vera continues to grow her business, she hopes to employ others and expand her impact within her community.

**Praise God for His work in Vera's life. Please pray for her continued success and for the empowerment of more women like her through the support of African Enterprise.**





## Prayer points:

- Praise God for the JAAL (Jesus all About Life) project in cooperation with the Bible Society in Rwanda and Malawi over Easter. The project aimed to mobilise churches to reach out to their communities with the Easter message.
- Praise God for all those who attended our Missions Fundraising Dinner raising significant funds towards our mission in Juba, South Sudan
- Prayer for the PTC (Preliminary Theological Certificate) lecturers The Rev Stephen Liggins and The Rev Stephen Jones.
- Prayer for the Trinity Presbyterian Church Camberwell Youth group travelling to Rwanda in June for a short-term mission. Pray for protection as they share their faith.
- Prayer for the upcoming short-term medical mission to Malawi and for doctors and health professionals travelling. Pray for that may successfully navigate the difficult application process as they seek to share their specialist medical skills.

## Prayer for Ongoing 2024 Missions

**Your prayers and support are requested for the upcoming missions across Africa**

<b>13- 24 May</b>	PTC (Preliminary Theological Course) Harare, Zimbabwe
<b>20 - 26 May</b>	AEE Rwanda, Kigali Students Mission
<b>29 June - 12 July</b>	Rwanda Short-Term Mission with Trinity Youth
<b>27 June - 7 July</b>	AEE Kenya, Kisumu Mission
<b>14-21 July</b>	AEE Tanzania, Dodoma Mission

## Be involved!

We want to stay in touch with you and keep you updated. Here are a few ways to stay connected:



Pray for all our Teams that God may give them wisdom, joy and strength as they proclaim Christ.



Join us on a short-term mission to Africa.



Ask us about going to see what we are doing in Africa.



Please partner with us by giving to the work that we are doing. Visit our website to donate.



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