

HARVEST

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Dear Friends,

As I write to you today, from Africa, my heart is greatly encouraged by what God is doing. This month Peter Slay (AE's Projects Manager) and I have seen with our own eyes how the Gospel continues to make inroads in communities in Rwanda, Ghana and Uganda.

In the remote Gahini Diocese, the birthplace of the East African revival, the church is thriving. Bishop Manasseh oversees 60 parishes in his diocese and asked AE to promote evangelism in these churches. Education and literacy is low



within these churches but AE saw an opportunity to run evangelistic literacy programs - reading, writing and comprehension using biblical material. Bishop Manasseh is thankful for the way people have been receiving education and understanding in the Bible. There is now improved literacy in the Gahini diocese through AE.

In Kigali, ministers shared about compelling conversions. They said that AE was instrumental in reaching their city through open air preaching, outreaches to the university and high schools.

In Uganda, we met Prossy, one of many saved in the Fort Portal mission last year.

Prossy had been the head witch in her family and was known as Nakato. She turned to black magic, violence, sex work and alcohol, and was 'leading others astray' in her town. In an emotional meeting, supported by her son, Prossy shared that she had been convicted of her sins and the Holy Spirit came into her life last year.

It was a radical conversion.

Soon she declared she wanted to burn the things she used for magic and prostitution and changed her name from Nakato to Prossy. The AE team supported her, even travelling with Prossy to her rural home to help.

As she came to faith Prossy left her old ways and livelihood behind to live in a more Christ-centred way. A year on, she is reading the Bible, has found joy in Jesus, and is staying with a female Anglican ordained minister, who has organised training so Prossy can start a microbusiness. The congregation had rallied around Prossy and fully accepted her as part of the church family.

A great challenge we observed was churches suffering from poor understanding of the Scriptures. Faulty teaching can quickly become toxic. We also pray for more men and women to turn to Christ and enter leadership.

God is doing great things! The AE team is united, sharing the gospel and growing in its faith. I am reminded of Revelations: *"After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne...And they cry out with a loud voice saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."*

May God bless you,

Simba Musvamhiri,
CEO AE Australasia



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Empowering Church Leaders

The PTC Course Comes Back to Zimbabwe

Strong theological foundations are essential to a flourishing church, all over the world. In a major step towards strengthening the post-COVID church in Zimbabwe, church leaders have gathered in Harare to undertake the Preliminary Theological Certificate (PTC) course. This joint initiative run by African Enterprise Australia and Moore College's Centre for Global Mission particularly aims to equip more rural and regional leaders with robust biblical knowledge.



The course, led by Rev. Stephen Liggins, alongside Rev. Chris Jones, was the first PTC initiative in Africa since 2019. This training aimed to cover six subjects over two years, starting with an introduction to the Bible, which was taught thoroughly over a fortnight. The goal was to provide a comprehensive framework of biblical understanding, coherently highlighting God's purposes from creation to new creation, centred on the cross of Jesus.

30 diverse students, including Methodist and Pentecostal pastors, church leaders and enthusiastic young believers aged 17-70 participated, greatly enriching the experience.

Many students came from remote areas across Zimbabwe, enduring significant hardships to attend the course such as travelling long distances, limited access to transportation, financial constraints, adverse weather conditions, and balancing responsibilities at home and in their communities to attend the course. The students and teaching team graciously navigated these challenges and the interruptions they caused, creating a collaborative, supportive environment with one-on-one coaching to catch students up where necessary.

Participants will complete three units by the end of the year: Old Testament 1, New Testament 1 and Doctrine 1.. This ongoing effort promises to deepen the theological understanding and ministry skills of Zimbabwe's church, empowering leaders as well as their congregations and communities.

We praise God for the incredible work being done through the Preliminary Theological Certificate to raise new leaders for his church in African nations. The success of the PTC course is a testament to His provision and the dedication of those involved.

We invite you to join us in supporting this vital work in Zimbabwe. Your prayers and contributions are instrumental as we equip church leaders with the sound theology they need for ministry. Together, we can help spread the gospel and strengthen the church in Africa.



The Amsterdam Project

Bringing Clean Water to Harare

In Harare's largest informal settlement, Amsterdam Park, water is a big issue. And not just for a few people - for the 20,000 people who have struggled with unreliable and contaminated water supply through years of instability, heat and COVID-19.

Rapid urban expansion in the Zimbabwean capital has led to significant issues, as the rate of change outstripped the supply safe, clean water.

A study into urban water safety revealed nearby water was contaminated with ammonia, E. coli, and high turbidity levels. Residents relied on wells tainted by seepage from adjacent cemeteries, unlined septic tanks and open waste dumps, resulting in severe public health problems like frequent cholera, diarrhoea and dysentery.

In Amsterdam Park these issues were especially dire, and the pandemic compounded them. Unsurprisingly, this led to tension and distress in the community.

Supporters, donors and a hardworking team have allowed African Enterprise to bring life-changing transformation through its fresh water project.

The Amsterdam Project involved drilling a new borehole that reaches down to about 90 metres, ensuring a consistent supply of high-quality water. The borehole, powered by solar panels, fills two large 5,000-litre tanks, providing clean water to the community through multiple taps.

The water distribution is managed with strict hygiene protocols, limiting each household to five containers per day to ensure fair access.

This initiative is more than just a fresh water supply; it has become a hub for community engagement and support. Women have formed groups around the water source, even

supporting each other with micro projects and small businesses. The project has not only provided essential water but has also fostered a sense of unity and empowerment among the residents.

The community is incredibly grateful, with residents expressing their deep appreciation for AE and God's provision.

Rev. Chris Jones, reflecting on his visit, said, "Seeing the Amsterdam Water Project in action was fantastic.

It's a really high-quality, magnificent bit of work that has brought joy to people."

The success of the Amsterdam Project is a testament to God's provision, donor's generosity and the dedication of those involved. We invite you to join us in supporting this vital work in Zimbabwe.

Reference: Maruta, E., Matsa, M., Mupepi, O., & Dzawanda, B. (2023). Water safety and associated public health impacts in upcoming and informal urban settlements in Zimbabwe: case of Amsterdam Park in Harare. Sustainable Water Resources Management, 9, p138.





A Project Manager's Report

From Peter Slay - AE Australia Project Manager

Being amidst the action of an African Enterprise project is always thought-provoking - sometimes challenging, often inspiring, always moving. It's a privilege to see the difficult, sacrificial work being done and to report on these projects' efficiency and impact.

Having just completed project monitoring work in Rwanda, Uganda and Ghana, I am left encouraged and with much to reflect upon. I came back having heard so many heart-breaking stories from people who needed help in the past.

Overwhelmingly, they now have hope and a vision for a good future for themselves, their families and their group members.

Two Community Transformation Groups (CTG's) stand out: both run to demonstrate God's love for all people without preaching to them, and available to all in need.

These groups are set up in such a way that, as people meet together and learn skills, they become increasingly equipped to support each other and contribute to micro-finance accounts, which can then fund loans to members to cover urgent needs.

Early Child Development Centre near Kigali, Rwanda.

This preschool is for children who have had little interaction with others - even their own mothers - and helps prepare them for primary school.

While children are being nurtured, mothers are offered classes. Heartbreakingly, due to the depth of dysfunction some mothers experience themselves, one subject is called "Child care: how to love your baby."

Other topics include craft work, nutrition, food cleanliness, hygiene, growing food at home and defusing domestic violence situations. The craft work is later sold to provide an income for the mothers.

Safe Place Centre in Kigali, Rwanda.

This centre accommodates at-risk women and their babies and offers training in skills to live an independent life.

One young girl told me that when she had become pregnant her parents threw her out because of the disgrace and her boyfriend fled to the city to avoid responsibility.

She used the little money she had to go to Kigali in the hope of finding her boyfriend but ended up on the streets and turned to prostitution.

AE took her and her baby into the centre, cared for them and facilitated training as a security guard. She is now reconciling with her family.

Along the way most of the people helped through these programs have become Christians: Not because people have been preaching to them, but because they have seen God's love in action in their own lives, thanks to the amazing staff of the AE teams in each place.

Peter Slay -
AE Australia- Project Manager





Transforming Lives

Kigali Student Mission 2024

African Enterprise is on a mission! Evangelism is at the heart of African Enterprise's work. Each year, national offices organise and run missions in targeted African cities. Earleir this year, the mission season began with South Africa in April and Rwanda.

Kigali Student Mission

In May 2024, African Evangelistic Enterprise Rwanda, in partnership with AEE Kenya Foxfires and One Hope Ministries, launched the Kigali Students Mission. It aimed to inspire students in Kigali to place their hope and trust in Jesus, surrendering their lives to Him.

Planning for the outreach involved collaboration with head teachers and extensive training for Christian teachers and student association leaders, equipping them to nurture new converts effectively. The theme, "Redefine your future in Jesus," drew from Ecclesiastes 11:9-10.

In just 5 days, from May 20th to 26th, more than 29,000 students were reached and over 5,000 decided to follow Christ.

Jesus: All About Life

Earlier this year, the "Jesus All About Life" campaigns in partnership with the Bible Society, reached over 43,000 people through various special outreaches, including universities, high schools, hospitals, and prisons.

The unity and enthusiasm displayed by university Christian student associations were particularly inspiring, as they embraced the mission's call to evangelise and disciple their peers. God is doing great things in Rwanda!

These two initiatives are examples of Stratified Evangelism at work—ensuring the gospel reaches everyone, regardless of age, race, class, or status.

Short-Term Mission trip from Melbourne

In addition to these efforts, a group of 25 young people from Trinity Presbyterian Church Camberwell in Melbourne journeyed to Rwanda for a two-week mission trip, visiting Kigali and surrounding areas.

Their mission included participating in local church services, engaging in community projects, and sharing the gospel through various outreach activities.

The team was warmly welcomed and actively involved in activities such as school visits, building projects, and open-air evangelism.

Their journey reflects the ongoing commitment of Australian churches to support and engage with African communities.



If you are inspired by their mission and would like to plan your own trip to Africa, please get in touch.

Let's continue to support African Enterprise's mission to bring hope and healing to those in need. Your prayers and contributions can help more individuals like those reached in Kigali find a new path and a brighter future. Together, we can make a lasting impact, guided by the love and grace of God.



We are looking forward to these upcoming missions, and would value your prayer and support:

- 5-15 SEPTEMBER** AE South Africa Johannesburg Mission
- 14-21 SEPTEMBER** AEE DRC Kinshasa West
- 20-29 SEPTEMBER** AE Zimbabwe Harare Mission
- 21-29 SEPTEMBER** AEE Uganda Soroti Mission
- 25 OCTOBER - 3 NOV** AE Ghana Tema Mission
- 27 OCTOBER - 3 NOV** AE South Sudan Juba West

Prayer Points:

Pray for the Upcoming Juba Mission in South Sudan

Pray for the safety of the AE team and volunteers as they prepare for the annual Juba mission at the end of October.

Pray for unity among local churches as they come together to proclaim the good news of Jesus.

Pray for provision to support the mission financially as AE aims to raise \$60,000 to bring healing and restoration to the people of Juba in the name of Jesus.

Praise God for the PTC course in Harare

Pray for the continued momentum of the program and for the students who endured significant hardships to attend.

May God provide the necessary resources and support for AE to equip these church leaders.

Thank God for the life-changing, community-changing impact of the Amsterdam Project

This means the provision of clean water to around 20,000 residents who previously had none. Pray people would see the love of God that inspired this project.

Pray for the sustainability of this initiative and for the community's ongoing efforts to maintain the water supply.

Praise God for the successful mission in Kigali

Pray for the over 29,000 students were reached, and the over 5,000 who decided to follow Christ.

Praise God for the mission trip of the youth group from Trinity Presbyterian Church Camberwell

May their efforts inspire others to engage in mission work and bring more people to Christ.

Be involved!

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



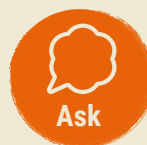
Pray

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



Join

Join us on a short-term mission to Africa.



Ask

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



Partner

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



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