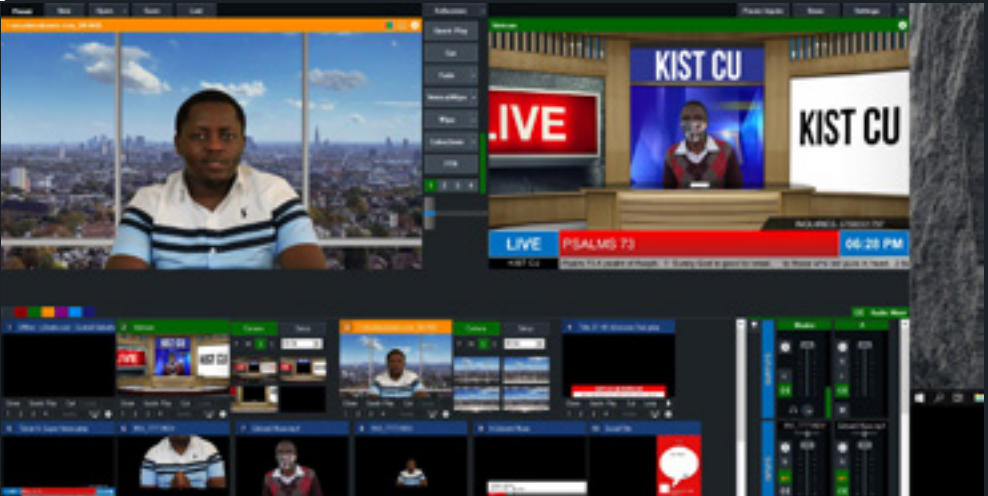




FOCUS BRIEFS

MAY 2020

REINVENTING MINISTRY CHANNELS



During a CU facebook livestream session

It has been a few months since the world was thrown into panic by COVID-19. FOCUS has not been exempted from the effects following the measures taken in an effort by the government to contain the spread of the novel virus. The closure of the institutions of higher learning and banning of social gatherings has changed ministry approach in FOCUS. By the grace of God, we have reached out to more stakeholders in the past two months than in any of the conferences FOCUS has ever held.

In this Brief, we recount the acts of grace in propagating the Gospel under “lockdown.”

WALKING IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH

We knew it was time to shift ministry to digital platforms when colleges and campuses were closed down, large gatherings banned and everyone advised to stay at home.

A team to embark on Ministry of the Digital Platform was constituted among FOCUS staff and responsibilities shared. A Bible Study Guide “Walking in the shadow of Death” would be the first publication, produced and shared on weekly basis not only to FOCUS Stakeholders but to the entire body of Christ at no cost.

So far, 10 study sections in the guide have been published. Stories of its impact among students and Associates have been breathtaking. At least 86 Christian Unions, 24 Associates Branches and 4 Alumni groups meet virtually on a weekly basis for the studies.

Pray that as we develop the last 4 studies for the series, God will continually speak through the Bible study guide.

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PRAYING ONLINE



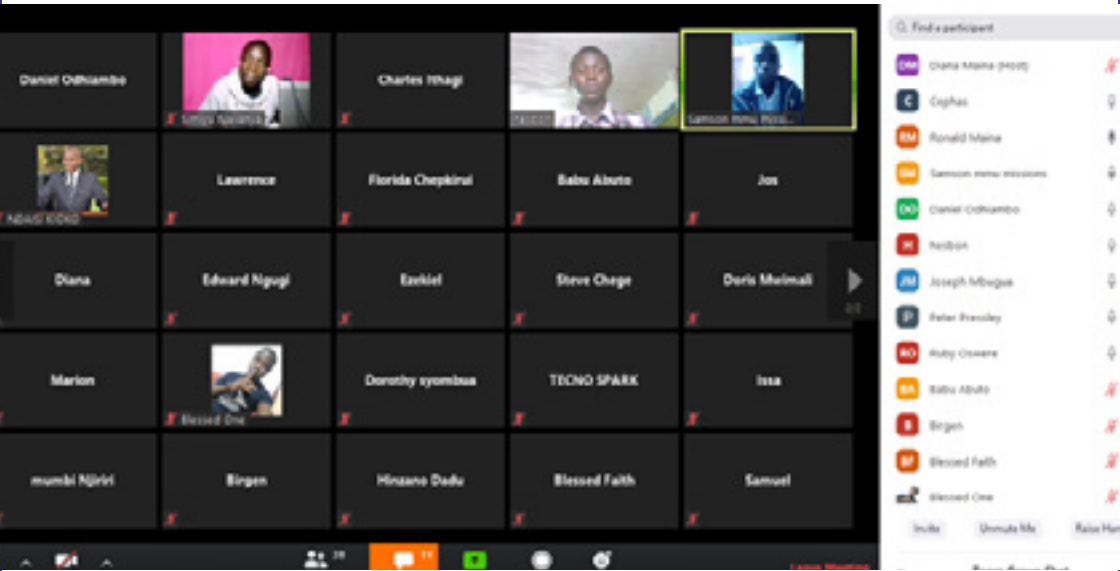
During a FOCUS weekly Prayer meeting broadcasted on facebook live

We have facilitated weekly prayer hour on Facebook Live. So far, we have had at least a cumulative 10,000 participants according to our facebook page insights. We have been also mobilizing students to host live prayer sessions for their CUs. It has been encouraging to see CU members praying together on whatsapp groups and in other platforms.

The [FOCUS App](#) has provided a platform for believers to share prayer issues and get people to pray with them. We are trusting God that through this App, we shall build a strong network of intercessors that this world is in need of. Soon the App will provide more features to connect users with mentors and disciples makers.

Pray that these efforts will lead to believers growing into maturity in their faith. We also invite you for the weekly prayers on wednesdays.

EQUIPPING STUDENTS FOR MINISTRY



Screenshot taken during a Missions and Evangelism Training for Christian Union Students

Our mission and desire is to see students fully equipped for ministry and effective Christian living. One of the ways we do this is through leadership training and development. For sometime now we have significantly focused on equipping students on the use of digital platforms for ministry.

One of the advantages of the online trainings has been the ability to bring together students from different campuses and colleges in one platform without the limitation of space, time, and accomodation logistics. Students are also able to network and interact across the board.

One of such trainings took place on 30th April 2020; 4pm – 5pm. It focused on Evangelism strategies and the Role of the leader on online evangelism. We also trained 35 students on Peer Counselling on 27th of May 2020. The students appreciated the fact that they could still get a chance to be empowered at the comfort of their homes. Some who are experiencing challenges in their homes and communities now feel empowered with the right skills to handle the situation confidently.

THE GOSPEL ON SOCIAL MEDIA



A sample of posters used by CU during the mobilization effort for the Evangelism Month

FOCUS joined the global Christian community in the Evangelism emphasis in the month of May organized by GO2020. After an online Evangelism training for CUs organized by FOCUS Kenya, digital mobilization and evangelism was launched. The earnest enthusiasm expressed by students and staff saw at least 2000 students reaching out to over 3000 non-believers. So far, 110 new believers have been reported as a result of these efforts. Pray for them and for sustained passion in the ongoing evangelistic events by the students and Associates.

FOCUS Kenya has been producing regular clips, articles, and graphics with messages of hope for our stakeholders and general public during this pandemic time. FOCUS continues to contribute towards the flattening the COVID -19 infection Curve by developing and circulating informative content to our stakeholders.

We also seized the opportunity to gather views from Associates and Students and presented a memorandum to the task-force of the Ministry of Education on the re-opening of learning institutions.

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