



FOCUS BRIEFS

AUGUST 2020

FOCUS LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS



Mr. Ken Munyi (right) handing over files to the incoming FOCUS NGC Chairman Mr. George Alande at FOCUS Center during the 47th FOCUS AGM on 18th July 2020

The 47th AGM, held virtually on 18th July 2020 made it possible for over 500 participants from different parts of the world to participate in the event. From the reports presented, the impact of the ministry in 2019 was evident. Continue to pray that our vision will prevail in the unprecedented times. Click to access the [FOCUS AGM 2020 Report](#).

Mr. George Alande took over as the new Chairperson from Mr. Ken Munyi who served as the FOCUS NGC Chairman for six years. We continue to pray for the FOCUS Board of Governance. Pray that God will sustain the ministry even in the years to come.



NEWLY ELECTED LEADERS



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FOCUS Associates in Kakamega branch distributing food to villagers in response to the Bible study through the guide “Walking in the Shadow of Death”

It is now six months since the world order was disrupted by a pandemic. Everyone has experienced the impact of Covid-19. Many social and spiritual dents will go untold. Scarcely do we remember how tax relief has affected our government budget. How about the orphans and those in children homes and adults in prisons? Who feeds the jobless, the fatherless, the motherless? To such and others He shall say, “... for I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, ... I was in prison and you came to me” (Matthew 25:34-36).

When the Special Edition Bible Study Series “Walking in the Shadow of Death”, was rolled out, FOCUS may not have fully imagined its reach and impact. Individuals and groups responded to the reading of the scriptures in practical ways. There was this interesting study of a story in Numbers 12 named “Waiting for Miriam”. A story in the study is told of one Dr. John Jusu, who demonstrated God’s love to his people in Seirra Leon in the light of the Civil war between 1991 and 2002: “He took guardianship of widowed women and their children to give them a “husband” and “father” they missed - of protection and provision...”

There are many moving stories of students and Associates who heard God’s call through the study to express love through acts of kindness



to strangers and friends. An example, is the FOCUS Associates in Kisii who visited the Kisii Men's Prison with gifts to encourage the officers in the prison.



Charles Otieno, FOCUS Staff setting up the food distribution Center



Part of the Foodstuff distributed during the event



Loading household items for the Kisii Prison visit

The Associates also provided a shopping gift humper for some of their friends within the fellowship. In Kakamega, another fellowship distributed household items to 12 families in Eshilakwa village.

FOCUS has produced a second volume entitled *While We Wait: Faithful Living in Uncertain Times*. While the first Volume focused on response to the reality of COVID-19, Volume two focuses on the re-engagement of our mandate as God's people and witnesses in the world in the context of COVID crisis.

By God's grace FOCUS produced and distributed the Bible Study Guides to the body of Christ for free. The guide is available and free for use on focuskenya.org/Bible Study Guides.



EQUIPPING FOR IMPACT

In this age and time when the digital space has been the most viable platform for ministry, we have undertaken major strides in empowering our stakeholders on how to navigate and make their voice heard in the digital space.

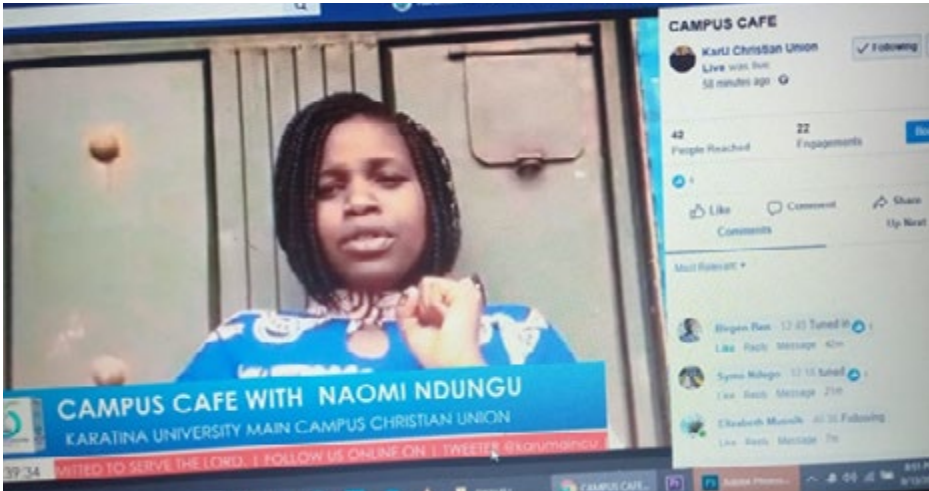


A training for CU executive committees and ICT leaders in August 2020 on on digital ministry engagement

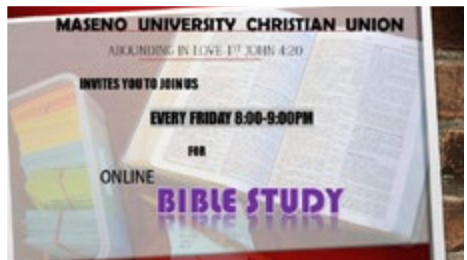
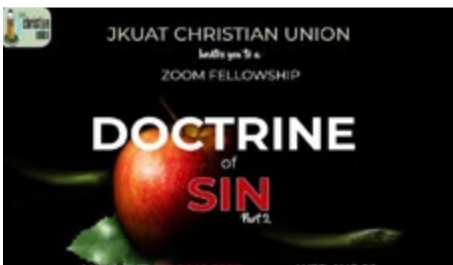
Following the pronouncement of possibility of the pandemic becoming endemic, CUs need to be on the cutting edge in as far as serving their members and the campus is concerned. Consequently, FOCUS organized a half-day meeting to discuss and explore ways of engaging ministry among students in the digital space happened with 286 participants inattendance. Additionally, FOCUS has set up a digital ministry kit that will enable the CU to enhance and mainstream ministry in the digital space.

A number of universities and colleges are planning for virtual first years orientation. With the help of the CU Patrons and Chaplains, some CUs have had an opportunity to create CU awareness through the universities and colleges website.





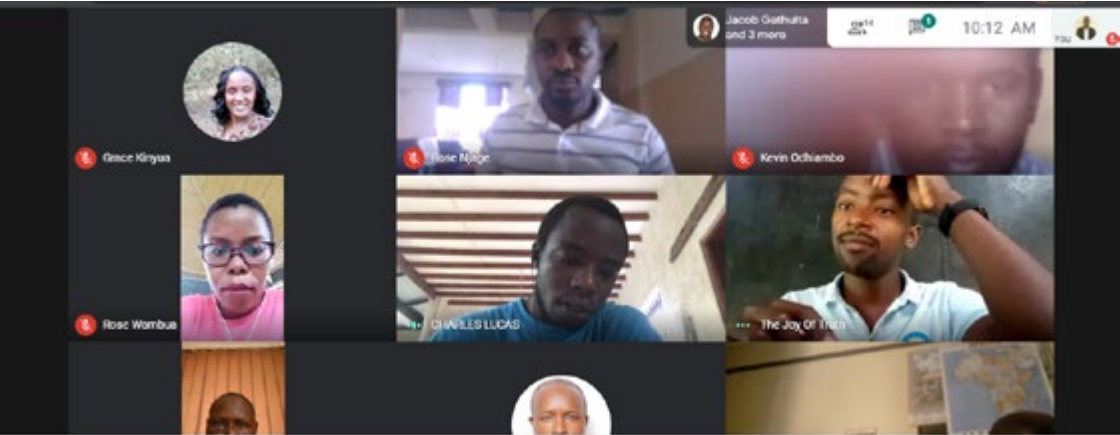
Karatina University Main Campus is one of the CUs whose ministry presence on social media platforms has been impressive. The CU has been running an interactive sessions on program dubbed *Campus cafe* featuring episodes with professionals on matters affecting students at the moment. The students have leveraged on virtual platforms being used by the university for academic programs, making it easier for the students to navigate.



Some CU Digital Ministry initiatives



RELAUNCHED AND REJUVINATED



FOCUS Pwani Associates Branch Leaders' Consultation on Saturday 6th June 2020

It is amazing what God has continued to do among and through FOCUS Associates. Key among the deliberations of the day was on how to leverage on digital ministry to keep the fellowship going despite COVID-19 crisis that disrupted the already planned branch events. Online Bible Study sessions have been ongoing in the branches and it has been great to fellowship weekly together.

It was during this meeting that brought together leaders the FOCUS Malindi branch was relaunched. It is now the youngest branch in Pwani Region which joins the 36 existing branches across the country.

You can click this [link](#) to find out your nearest branch and join the warm fellowship of FOCUS Associates near your location.

We appreciate all the FOCUS Stakeholders who have continued to support ministry of FOCUS financially during the hard-economic times.



DEVELOPING LEADERS, TRANSFORMING LIVES



A training session on First Aid during for STEM Staff in August 2019

Short Term Experience in Ministry (STEM) is a one year apprenticeship program in FOCUS Kenya for developing men and women of integrity. For the first time, the STEM Convocation, an event which marks the completion of the program, was held virtually for the 2019-20 STEM Cohort. Pray for the outgone team that God will avail relevant opportunities for each one of them. Pray that they will be people of impact in the society. Thank God with us for the sustenance of the program and the partners who have selflessly given to the program throughout the years.

The incoming cohort reports in January 2021. [We invite you to support one the STEM Staff financially.](#)



STEM 2020-21 COHORT



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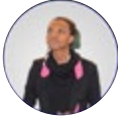
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Prof. Henry Thairu (right) facilitating a session during the Forum for Christian University and College Faculty members organized by FOCUS Kenya in July 2020.

The forum attracted 86 Faculty members from all over the country. The mantra of the consultation was on the need for faculty members to leverage on their position in their various institutions of higher learning, in fulfilling the great commission, by spreading the aroma of Christ in the campuses.

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