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Reaching Students, Changing Nations



*Merry
Christmas*

Simon Kande, National Director

Christ's birth, incarnation and ministry among God's people is a fundamental part of our faith. It is packed with profound reminders of the love the Father has lavished on us, individually and as a ministry.

We appreciate your input and involvement in FOCUS Kenya in 2021. Students have demonstrated resilience during the pandemic by rising above the tides to keep ministry vibrant in the campuses and colleges. We celebrate the FOCUS Associates and partners who gave themselves to serving the students with their resources, skills and time. The FOCUS leadership and staff have sacrificially given themselves to the ministry and for that we appreciate each one of them and praise God for them.

The partners of our Ministry Fund, Hatua, STEM program and Commission gave sacrificially to the ministry and this enabled the ministry programs and general operations to run throughout the year without a hitch. May the Lord richly bless you.

From FOCUS Kenya secretariat, we wish you a Merry Christmas.



Delegates at (Technical University of Kenya (TUK)after the final session of Commission 21

Thriving in a pandemic season demands that the vision being pursued be held close while the strategies be subjected to the changes. Translating our missions' mobilization, training and networking conference, Commission Conference, into pandemic-adaptive strategies called for a hybrid interface this year.

Commission 21 in Numbers





Worship Session in TUK



Panel Discussion



Live audience from TUK Connecting with CUs following the sessions in groups



A Delegate from UON Medical School giving feedback virtually in a CU group watch



University of Embu CU following the conference during the Sunday service



University of Kabianga Kapkatet Campus following the conference virtually in a group



Delegates sharing a meal in TUK person venue



Ahiti Kabete CU following the conference in a group



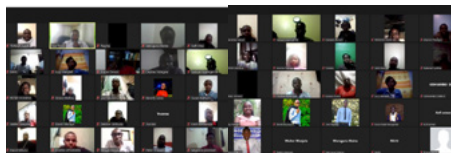
During the convocation for the STEM 2021 cohort on 18th December 21 at FOCUS Centre Kasarani

Short Term Experience in Ministry (STEM) is a leadership development internship for fresh graduates in FOCUS Kenya. This year's team has endured the aftermath of COVID regulation measures significantly but have grown agile and resilient. Praise the Lord with us for keeping this team strong and courageous in service.

It is humbling to see the team of new STEM staff burdened with God's call to the students. We had a virtual induction for 43 incoming STEM staff from 16th-19th November. They will begin active service in January 2021. We thank God for 3 new STEM stations that are pioneering in 2022 in effort to reach out to more students in the regions outside Nairobi. Please pray that the Lord would keep them well and give them a steady landing in their stations.



Outgoing STEM Staff dancing during the Convocation



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During the induction of the Incoming STEM Staff



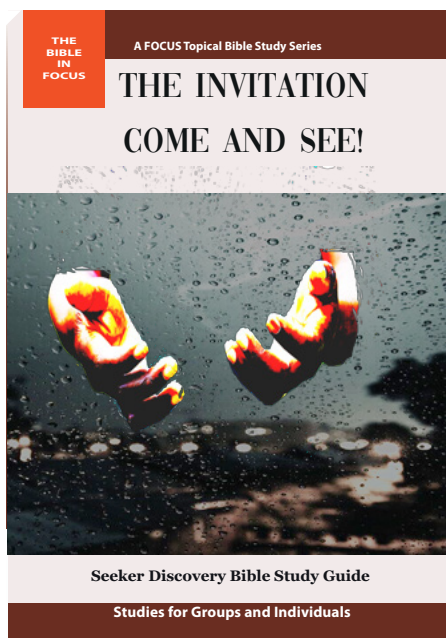
PLUG IN CAMPAIGN

At the heart of the work of FOCUS Kenya is the pursuit to impact the students in institutions of higher learning for effective Christian Living. The Christian graduates (Associates) are instrumental in catalyzing that impact to the students. The opportunities for direct, indirect and specialized mentorship are countless among the students.

FOCUS Kenya has been running a campaign for the Associates to plug in to participate and enabling ministry across the CUs. The goal of Plug in is to get as many graduates who were impacted by the Christian Union to reconnect and give back to the current generation in the CUs. The vision of the campaign is to get mentors, ministry supporters and workers to match the glaring need in the institutions of higher learning.

To sign up for active engagement in Students' Ministry use the link [plugin](#). and share it with your friends who have an interest in student ministry in the institutions of higher learning.

PLUG IN NOW!



Sharing the Gospel with non-believers is a task requiring engagement of scriptural truth. It also involves responding to falsehoods as one reveals Christ as the savior of the world. Often times, the gospel is not fully presented to those who need to understand salvation.

FOCUS Kenya has published a seeker-oriented Evangelistic Bible Study (EBS) guide, *The Invitation; Come and See*, as a response to the needs of evangelism. The guide is available on the FOCUS App. With 8 topical studies, the guide provides pointers for scriptural conversations to help non-believers

understand the gospel and come to faith.

This approach enables relationships to grow, faith to deepen and chances to engage key doctrinal issues at a pace manageable to non-believers as they engage the gospel. We pray that more people would be involved in this grace-filled and effective evangelism to the world.



FOCUS staff ministering during a FOCUS Sunday at PCEA Nyamchaki Parish

In these last few months, we have been privileged to share the labor of Students' ministry with several churches around the country. We praise the Lord for churches such as PCEA Nyamachaki Parish, ACK Embu Cathedral, ACK Teachers Nakuru, Nairobi Baptist Church, Christ is the Answer Ministries, PEFA Christ Church Kisumu, among others in different regions who have been gracious in their fellowship and generous participation in ministry. Please pray that more churches will be open for partnership and direct involvement in students' ministry.



Sirikwa Pentecostal Fellowship - Eldoret hosting FOCUS Associates Prayer breakfast on 4th December 2021



FOCUS Bookstal selling books at ACK Teachers Nakuru Church

EXCHANGE TESTIMONIES

For over 20 years, FOCUS Kenya and the Norwegian Christian Students and Schools Association (NKSS) Norway has had an exchange program that promotes mutual learning, leadership development and cross-cultural understanding among our stakeholders. 4 Laget NKSS students joined us on Oct 7th and have settled in well while 4 FOCUS Kenya graduates left between 12th- 18th August. We are thankful to see this pick up again after being put on hold for 1 year. On the 27th November, 14 Kenyan alumni from this exchange program re-united to share their testimonies in a hike at Ngong Hills. We are also very glad to see the impact coming from this engagement. Here is what one of the exchange students from Norway in Kenya had to say,

‘What really stands out to me about the CUs I have been to is the dedication towards serving the Lord and the fellowship amongst the students. Seeing how the students truly love God and are very passionate about Christian service is inspiring. The way they integrate their busy school schedules with very engaging CU programs says so much about their fellowship. They have a deep bond and a togetherness that does not consider differences in roles or backgrounds. I have kept these things to heart and hope to stir that up in my home community.’



NKSS students from Norway with Kenyatta University Christian Union Students



NKSS Alumni at a hike in Ngong Hills



DEVELOPING LEADERS

The FOCUS Strategic plan lays great emphasis on capacity development of student leaders. 85% of all CU leaders, including executive committee leaders and other categories of leaders have undergone formal training from Staff and Associates. We can already witness the transformational servant leadership being formed in these students, one day at a time. In this part of the year, we have also had several successful leadership transitions in the CUs. Pray that the leaders will experience spiritual formation and character development as they serve.



National Students Executive Committee Retreat (NASEC) at FOCUS Center in Oct. 2021



Southern Nairobi Regional Students Executive Committee (RSEC) retreat at FOCUS Center Kasarani



Leaders Training in KMTC Msambweni



Leaders after a successful AGM at Tom Mboya University College CU



AIU CU during a leaders Training at FOCUS Centre Kasarani in November 2021



Evangelism training Consortium at Karen CUs with 40 students from different CUs



Karatina Town Campus CU AGM in December 2021



Leaders dancing in MKU CBD CU first Kesha



CU dinner at UON Main Campus CU



MKU Parklands CU mentorship by associates

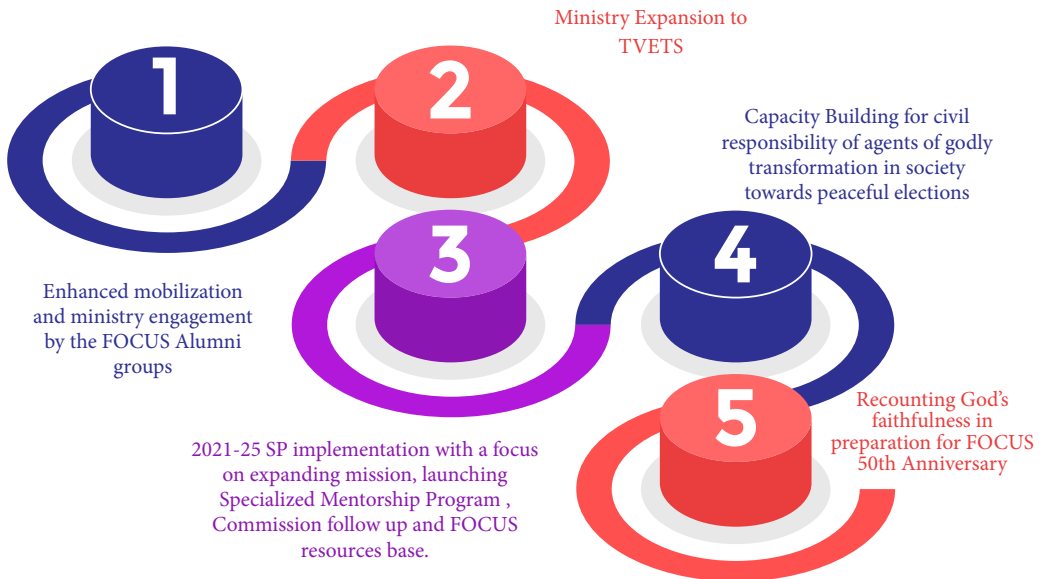
FOCUS IN 2022

We look forward to the New Year 2022 with **great anticipation** and **hope**, being confident of this, that He who has established the good work in us will carry us through.

To humans
belong the plans of the
heart, but from the Lord
comes the proper answer
of the tongue.

—Prov. 16:1—

To this end, while remaining committed to our mandate to students and Associates through effective implementation of the Strategic Plan 2021-2025. Below are some of the thematic areas of focus for 2022.



Sign Up for
Involvement

Sign Up for
Financial Support



CONTACTS AND SUPPORT

Thank you for your continued support amidst harsh economic times. By the end of November 2021, we had raised 37.8M against 40M.1 budget for 2021. We invite you to give a Christmas gift to help us meet the ministry plans.

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