



FOCUS BRIEFS

MAY 2022

HATUA FUNDRAISER



Saturday, 4TH June 2022

9:30-11:30am



FOCUS Center

Kasarani

Expanding our infrastructural capacity to meet the growing need for ministry training facilities. Read more on P4....

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Future

By Supporting the Hatua Project





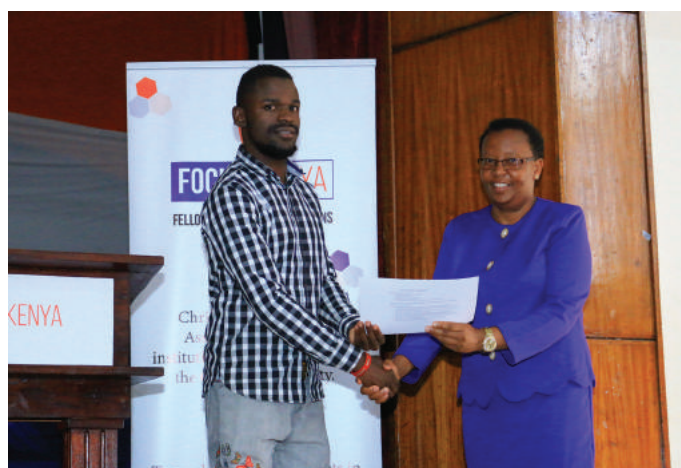
2022-2023 National Students' Executive Committee Officials after commissioning

Every year, ministry at FOCUS has unique engagements marked with growth, opportunities and challenges. We have had a refreshing season of reflecting on ministry in 2021 through various platforms. As is the practice for the first quarter of the year, a series of review meetings take place; to audit the Ministry's operations. We thank the Lord for successful Regional Students' Executive Committee, the National Students' Executive Committee, and the National Governing Council (NGC) meetings in March.

We are grateful for the success of the hybrid AGM on 30th April with 310 people gathered at TUK and 190 virtual attendees. During the meeting, ratification was done for 3 new members of the Advisory including: Rev. Dr. Peterson Wang'ombe, Dr. Charles Jakait and Mr. Benson Inyangala. Also, 11 new members joined the NGC; 4 Regional Council Chairpersons and 7 National Students' Executive Committee members. **Pray with us that these transitions shall be marked with God's strength and grace.**



Members of the National Students' Executive Committee during the NASEC Weekend at FOCUS Center



FOCUS Kenya's 49th Annual General Meeting at Technical University of Kenya

MINISTRY RESOURCES AND PARTNERS

God has proved to us over the years that He provides for FOCUS Kenya through His people in peculiar ways. This year, we are thankful to see partnerships with like-minded persons and organizations bloom further, especially with Hatua Initiatives.

The infrustructural development initiatives are running in the Regions and nationally to expand our training centers and facilitate more capacity development of students. We are thankful for the successful purchase of a 6-acre land in Nakuru County.

On the 4th of June 2022, we look forward to hosting stakeholders at FOCUS Center in Kasarani for a Hatua Fundraiser event from 9:30-11:30 am. We are hopeful for the sucess of the upcoming mini-fundraisers across the Regions. The milestones achieved since the inception of Hatua are clearly the work of God. **Pray with us for continued provision towards this; that more people will pledge and give towards Hatua initiatives.**



Status of the Hatua construction at Kasarani (left) and slab setting for 2nd floor (right)



Site visit to the students' center land in Nakuru



Fundraiser event for Nakuru Land in March



Christians are stewards and co-workers with God in His great purposes to the institutions, communities and country we belong to. It is for this reason that FOCUS Kenya launched a campaign to create awareness and advocate for good governance, peaceful elections and responsible citizenship. The campaign dubbed **Eneza Amani** is a blend of virtual and physical engagements activated the Christian Unions to engage Civic Forums in April. The civic forums discussed the individual and corporate responsibilities to ensure good governance, youth participation in the electoral process, and ensure that we have peaceful elections.

CUs have also been using *Better Together* Bible Study guide from FOCUS to build convictions around these issues. It is very refreshing to see students making commitments to participate in the electoral process and vote for leaders who will enforce good governance, uphold and champion for peace in their institutions and communities and shun negative ethnicity during elections and beyond.

To contribute to the sobriety of the general Elections in Kenya, we are mobilizing 500 students and associates to volunteer as Elections Observers in polling stations around the country.

Praise the Lord for such profound sensitivity to the season we are in. We pray that we will be committed stewards and better statespersons.

ASSOCIATES DINNER



Associates' Easter Retreats have over the years been a major reconnection and capacity development platforms for FOCUS Associates. This April, we held an Easter Graduates and Professionals dinner at All Saints Cathedral themed *The Christian Professional; Christ's Co- worker*. 97 Associates attended the dinner. In engaging the call to faithfulness in professions, the associates were encouraged to assess what value they have added to their work places, how they have developed colleagues and honored God. Thank God with us for a successful dinner.

To enhance marketplace accountability, networking and encouragement, several Christian Professional Groups have been birthed by FOCUS Associates. The dinner inspired the caatalyzation of 5 more professional groups among associates in the fields of *Engineering and Construction, Media and IT, Human Resource, Procurement and Teaching*. **Pray that the Lord will use these avenues to increase societal impact among Associates.**



FRESH GRADUATES

With the commitment to mentorship of students beyond campus, FOCUS Kenya has arranged tailored programs for fresh graduates. Once every month, the fresh graduates meet virtually for capacity building for life after campus, to hear testimonies of older graduates in FOCUS, and to connect and network amongst themselves.

The current cohort has had 3 forums so far to explore God's intention for them in scripture, finding hope and dispelling the enemy's deceptions as they engage issues around settling down. We are thankful for the 250 fresh graduates who have been engaging in the sessions so far. **Pray that the Lord will grant them favour as they engage in settling down.**

STEM RETREAT

Reconnecting and recharging is important for the sustenance of the ministry passion among FOCUS Kenya staff team. From the 1st to 4th of May, the FOCUS Staff team gathered at the headquarters office to take stock of the first quota of the year and build the capacity of staff on essential ministry skills and doctrinal issues.

The fellowship was a pleasant opportunity for staff to share their experiences in ministry and pray together and a rich ground for mentorship and the exchange of ideas among staff. **Praise the Lord for refreshing us for more service.**



Welfare meeting for the STEM staff alone



Small-group sessions; sharing ministry stories



STEM alumni in a panel sharing their testimonies



Staff dinner and discussions on inner healing

MEMORIES WITH HOPE

Seven years ago, 147 students at Garissa University died after a tragic terror attack in April. Seven years later, we are in awe as we witness the resilience of the students and the consistent growth of the institution. April was a solemn month for the CU as they conducted a memorial service for their fallen friends. We are encouraged to hear their reflections on the hope of eternity and the strength in their devotion to the Lord. **Pray that these soldiers of Christ will carry His banner with courage each day.**





AHITI Kabete Christian Union members being trained on financial management by a FOCUS associate.



UON Upper Kabete Campus Christian Union Elders Night panelists sharing their experiences in campus.



Kabete National Polytechnic CU members engaged in door to door evangelism and two days of open air in their college in May..



Moi University CU Elders (finalists) during a Vuka FiT session. The CU has released more than 300 vibrant students into the market place this semester.



Mentorship Sunday at KMTTC Kisumu in April exploring how Christian students/youth can be champions of peace, not just during an election year but being active citizens engaged in the affairs of our nation.



Koshin TTI staff, FOCUS staff & Students posing for a photo after the leaders training on 23rd March 2022. The training targeted leaders from; the Christian Union, Student Union and other society leaders.



Baraton University Christian Union Fellowship members visited Kapsabet Prison where they had a wonderful fellowship with the inmates and gave out food items to the Prison.



Narok Associates Branch breakfast with Finalists in April. 120 finalists attended



RSEC Handover and induction in Central Rift Region.



During a FOCUS awareness, associates mobilization and booksale at Praise Chapel Church- Mombasa in March.



An associate facilitating Anza FyT session in March, helping new students in KMTC Voi to understand Christian living in a Campus setting, Twenty first years turned up.



TUM first years during their last scripture insight class (Anza Fyt) where they sit down to reflect on what they have learnt during the whole spiritual year. Over 70 first years attended the scripture insight class bash.



Mobilization of different Churches in Kitui for ministry participation.

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