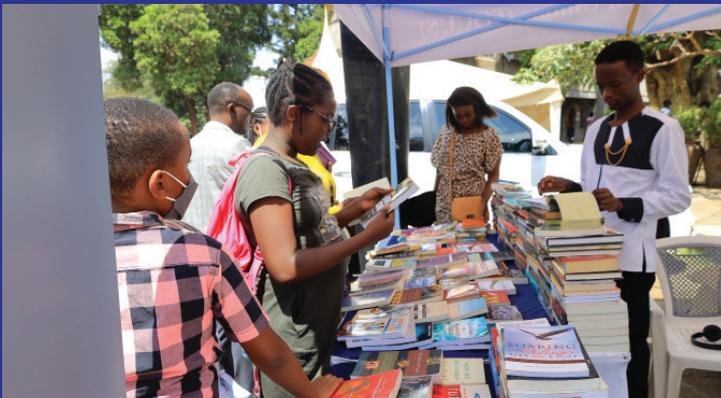




FOCUS KENYA

BRIEFS

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- Cultivating passion for the gospel
- Connecting globally for the Course of the Gospel
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Students of UoN Chiromo CU teaching the gospel to community clusters in Kibandaongo.

In the last 2 months, Christian Students have held annual missions around the country. Evidently, students have grown in knowledge of apologetics (defending the faith), especially when engaging people of other faiths.

As a highlight, 69 CU members of the UoN Chiromo Campus spent a week at Kibandaongo, Kwale County for a mission. They reached 769 people, gathering them into clusters of children and adults separately and teaching them the gospel, and praying fervently. Each day, Muslims and skeptics in the area who heard the gospel were convicted of their need for Christ's salvation. Praise the Lord for the 139 people who got saved during that mission. May the Lord preserve them in His grace.

We thank the Lord for a chance to share the gospel openly and pray for those who came to faith from the evangelism activities.



Students of Thika School of Medicine praying for people in a mission in Narok.



Students of Tom Mboya University sharing the gospel to high schoolers in Imbo.

MID-YEAR REVIEWS



Review meeting of FOCUS staff in the FOCUS Center Hall



(Left) TAFES National Director, Mr. Nickson during the staff meeting.



IFES leadership having lunch with FOCUS Kenya staff at the Kasarani Center



Tour of IFES leadership at the 2nd floor of the Hatua construction

In June, we had our first staff meeting of the year to review the implementation progress of the 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. It was a delightful time of fellowship and mutual encouragement to the staff. We had a chance to celebrate the milestones in Ministry operational accomplishments thus far.

The FOCUS Associate Staff also joined us for a session during the meeting. The 31 of them have been working in CUs as ministry facilitators since January. From their reflections, we are glad to hear that these co-workers are well-grounded in the ministry to the students.

It was a great honor to have the Tanzania Fellowship of Evangelical Students (TAFES) National Director, Mr. Nickson during the staff meeting. We pray that the exchange of ideas that happened will be beneficial to both Movements and that we will be keen to pray and support our brothers and sisters in TAFES.

The other pleasant joy we had during the staff meeting was having a lunch-hour fellowship with the leadership team of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES). IFES facilitates our connection with Students Ministry Movements in 160 other countries in the world. **We thank God for a wonderful time at the staff meeting. Pray for the successful implementation of the resolutions from the staff meeting and for continued grace in service.**



FOCUS staff in Pwani Region labelling a beacon in the Regional Land.

The ministry work of FOCUS is growing rapidly. More students are within our reach and we hope to extend our reach to more institutions. This reality is humbling to us whom God has entrusted with this work. To match the growth of the stakeholders, we have been trusting God for more resources for infrastructural expansion (Hatua). In June, we had a fundraiser for the Hatua construction in Kasarani and were pleasantly refreshed by the gifts of God's people. The work on the 3rd floor of the construction is set to begin soon.

Securing land and building Regional Students Centers is one of the goals of the Hatua initiative. The stakeholders in Pwani Region held a visit and marked the Regional land with beacons last month. Central Rift stakeholders are looking forward to a land dedication on Saturday, 9th July and are in the process of acquiring designs for the Students Center.

The Lord has truly supplied for this work so far and we praise Him. We pray that He will favor us in the initiatives to resource for the Ministry.



Stakeholders during the Hatua Fundraiser



Fellowship of stakeholders in Pwani during a Regional Land Visit.

STEP PROGRAM

In furtherance of the Strategic Plan area on Leadership Development, FOCUS seeks partnerships to impact the society and the Church with Biblical values. This is achieved by identifying, recruiting, equipping, and placing vetted fresh-graduates, in corporate institutions, Organizations, and Churches as interns. Over the years, we have partnered with 24 Organizations in short and long-term engagements.

This year, we have revamped the initiative and dubbed it Short Term Exposure and Placement (STEP). We hope to raise effective workers for institutions and offer opportunities for fresh graduates to nurture their professional experiences through apprenticeship. STEP will also foster deeper and stronger strategic partnerships between FOCUS-Kenya, Churches, Parachurches, and Corporates..

In June, we recruited, trained, and commissioned for service the first 9 interns for NCKK and are glad to hear they have settled well into their roles. We are on course with the recruitment and training of 12 interns for the Ufungamano Christian Students Leadership Center. **Pray that this program will meet its objectives and have fruitful outcomes for the graduates, organizations, and the ministry in FOCUS.**



STEP interns cohort for NCKK in a training at FOCUS Center.



The NCKK General Secretary, Rev. Canon Chris Kinyanjui (Middle) with the new interns and FOCUS staff after the training.

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

For 42 years, FOCUS Kenya has partnered with our sister Movement, InterVarsity Fellowship-USA in a short missions program called the Global Project famously known as GP. Students from InterVarsity are matched with Kenyans from different CUs and sent to evangelize around the country. For the last 25 years, the program has been directed by Brian and Debbie Lee. In June, they began a handover of the directorate roles to Hans and Jill Schenk and Jeremy and Kaci Johnson. This new team of directors will oversee GP from 2023 onwards. **Thank God for the gift Brian and Debbie have been to GP and pray for the new directors as they take over.**

We are glad to receive back three of our staff who have been in the NKSS exchange program in Norway for the last 10 months. While there, they explored ways of sharing the gospel among people of a different cultures. For Mercy in Oslo, that included mobilizing Churches and their members to partner with Laget, the Norwegian Christian Students' Movement. Walter and Isaac engaged students in Bergen in an apologetics forum and mobilized international students for meetings and fellowships. The call of God towards Apologetics, Social Transformation, and Resource mobilization for ministry is very clear in the three staff. We pray that they will honor God with obedience to His will. We are also thankful that Mercy Kimanzi has been appointed to serve in the Laget Staff team in Norway on a longer-term starting this September. **Pray that God's will through her will be accomplished.**



Families of Walter, Isaac and Mercy gathering for a thanksgiving at FOCUS Center upon their return to the country.



Handover meeting of the GP Directors at FOCUS Center



MINISTRY RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Creativity and Innovation are among our core values. That makes research in FOCUS very critical. As part of our learning creativity and innovation in the ministry, the staff conduct organized research each year. This year, we have 37 articles being researched by the STEM cohort. The areas range from theological discourses like pneumatology, prayer, and hermeneutical relativism. Other engaging contemporary issues include moral relativism, transformational leadership, dysfunctional families, a Christian response to online writing, etc.

To evaluate, review and brainstorm on the implementation of our ministry strategies, we held an innovation symposium. The forum gave us rich insight on matters like effective management of small groups in a CU. **May the Lord help us to maintain faithfulness to His Word, relevance in our work, and thoroughness in our influence.**



STEM staff presenting their research articles to the staff team in Nairobi

TOWARDS A BETTER KENYA

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