



Celebrating
50
YEARS OF CHANGING NATIONS

FOCUS BRIEFS

MAY 2023

CHRISTIAN WITNESS



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The CU annual missions as we know today have a long history. In 1989, we had the first centrally organized annual mission, birthed from Commission 88 convictions. The annual FOCUS missions targetted unreached people groups in the country, organized by both staff and students from CUs. They were both exposure and training for the students. Regardless of the cultural and geographical barriers between the locals, the impact of those missions has lived on to this day. In recounting stories from the historical missions, the former Evangelism and Missions Coordinator, Bishop Calisto Odede shares,

“These remote missions left a deep imprint in me. One time I led a team of 50 students for a mission outreach at Kapkenda in Keiyo. After dinner on the first day we had a meeting with the church leaders. The pastor later requested us to go back home the following day because we were praying so loudly. We were kicked out by political wingers, forced to send away most of the missionaries and 15 remained. I went to meet the District Commissioner (DC) to allow us to get a different permit away from the church but did not succeed. A non-Christian gave us an empty shop where we slept on cartons the rest of the time. Ten years later the same pastor sent for us asking us to go back for the mission.”

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CU MISSIONS IN NUMBERS IN 2022

7772 Students who got saved on Campus

298 Annual Missions with 15,247 Converts

549 High School Missions

8145 Students involved in Evangelism

Southern Nairobi Regional Mission

In April, the Southern Nairobi Region organized a Mission in Kitui mimicking the earlier model of FOCUS Annual mission. The mission brought together 134 students from 8 institutions and 13 FOCUS staff, reaching 1326 people in Kitui- Kasyalani area. 113 locals got born again. The participants donated clothes to needy locals, sanitary towels for a girls' schools, organized sports evangelism with the youths, and carried out street cleaning in one of the centers. The Mission also provided an opportunity for the students to learn from each during the planning and the execution of the mission. The Mission takes place at a time when FOCUS is reminiscing the earlier days of its formation at we celebrate 50 years of student ministry.



Missioners from Southern Nairobi sharing the gospel in Kasyalani schools.



Reaching out and within

Missioners often focus more on evangelism to the communities than ministry to the hosting church. The 24 students from University of Kabianga Kapkatet campus CU modeled a blend of both outreach and inreach during their mission in Oyugis.

The students had programs to engage young children and mentorship for community youths. These helped their audiences to comprehend the gospel while challenging them to pay attention to their spiritual growth. 125 people came to the faith.



University of Kabianga, Kapkatet Kampus CU members in a mission at Oyugis



Creative Arts and Evangelism



Egerton Njoro CU members together with their hosts at Likuyani

Creative street evangelism is one of the effective ways of capturing the attention of people in towns. This is what students from Egerton University Njoro campus CU applied in a mission at Likuyani subcounty Kakamega county. In one of the towns, they brought together the locals by doing a street dance contest. When a good enough crowd gathered, the dancing was slowed down to pave way for sharing of the gospel.

The 180 students shared the gospel with individuals and also donated clothes to some needy villagers. 751 people came to Christ and were linked up with the local churches near them for follow up and discipleship.

Vocational Evangelism

We have a new STEM branch! We kicked off with the STEM Missionary program with the aim to reach out to the unreached/least people groups marginalized communities, urban/rural poor communities, and IFES sister Movements. We have partnered with the PCEA Samburu Awareness and Action Program (PCEA SAAP) in Samburu North area of Samburu County.

Our new missionary is Mr. Emmanuel Opoloi. He is a trained horticulturist who is passionate about missions and community engagement. We are glad that he is settling well in Waso Rongai. Pray that he thrives in this new area of ministry.

UNASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL

Good theology yields good practice and sound teaching! The need to ground students in good theology birthed Ezra Conference. Since 1989, Ezra has been famous for Bible expositions, apologetics and theological workshops.

As a curtain raiser to the triannual conference, Western Region held a Mini-Ezra in March 2023. With its theme *Unashamed of the Gospel*, it brought together over 400 delegates at Maseno University Main Campus. The forum engaged gospel responses to various issues including, postmodern idolatry, African Traditional Religion, Atheism and New Age, modern day heresies and other issues of apologetics.

“Mini-Ezra was a life transforming time for me. When I attended the workshop on Consistent Bible Reading, I realized that as a child of God, I have not been keen enough with bible reading. I learnt that I have to study the bible daily because is the main weapon, alongside prayer, that I have to overcome the devil’s traps. I also enjoyed the workshop on ATR especially reflections on our redemption. In our culture there are beliefs and norms that we practise in fear of the consequences of not following them. As children of God we are saved through the blood of Jesus and have to follow the word of God, not to be threatened, but follow God’s will.” -Stephen Omuhuli, KMTC Kisumu.

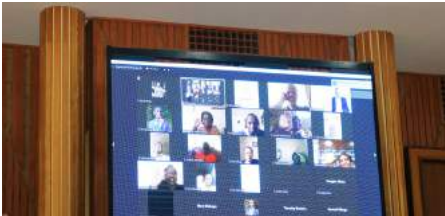


Highlights from the Western Region's Mini-Ezra

50TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year, 511 students and associates, gathered at the University of Nairobi with 252 others joining virtually, for a two-fold event, the Annual General Meeting and our Anniversary celebrations. A key deliberation of the AGM was finding resolutions to increase the uptake of Bible study among students. With an alarming decrease in a participation by 4%, the members raised emphasis on reviewing strategies for mobilization and conduction of Bible Study.

This AGM brought together leaders from different generations including members of governance from the early days of the movement to the present CU leaders. Thanksgiving filled the air as each group of leaders shared their reflections of the years they have been involved in the ministry. To crown the day, we sang together and shared cake as people reminisced together on the journey of FOCUS and their involvement. You can revisit the celebrations from our live stream [here](#).



Highlights from the 50th Annual General Meeting



50 YEARS OF DEVELOPING LEADERS

Students have been part of the leadership of FOCUS Kenya from the days of its inception. The FOCUS Executive Committee (FEC) is the first recorded governing body of the movement comprised of CU student leaders. Associates came on board to enrich the composition of the leadership body in 1986. The representation of both the Students and Associates formed the FOCUS Coordinating Committee (FCC). Over the years, the names and the scope of work of the leadership units have changed but their mandate and passion for students' ministry unaltered.

The present equivalent of the Students Executive Committee (SEC) is the National Students Executive Committee (NASEC). This March, we had our annual transition of the officials. Meet the new team!

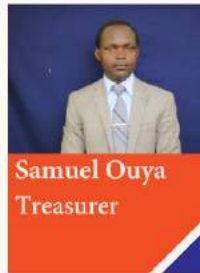
NASEC OFFICIALS 2023



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Baraka Luchemu
Vice Chairperson



Samuel Ouya
Treasurer



Gitau John
Special Member



Salome Mueni
Secretary



Cynthia Mwangi
Vice Secretary



Jesicah Juma
Special Member



COMMUNITIES FOR IMPACT



Missional-mindedness beyond campus is the heartbeat of the Associates ministry. Since the late 1960s, FOCUS Kenya has used Easter breaks and others to create forums to build capacity of Associates for effective christian living. In 2000, the forums grew radical and strategic, and formally became the Associates Easter Retreat which has since birthed many initiatives including the FOCUS Social Action Mobilization (FASAMO), Hesabika and other professional bodies.

This year, we held the retreat at Mombasa Continental Resort in April. The key highlight was building communities for multi-generational impact. In attendance was Hon. Sopian Tuya, the CS for Environment, Hon. Patrick Mariru, the PS for Defence, and Rev. Dr. David Oginde, the EACC chair. They invited the associates to constantly keep them accountable, challenging them to be community oriented and not isolated. The associates prayed for them and encouraged them to serve the country diligently. We also had an opportunity to celebrate the heritage of the Associates in FOCUS Kenya for the last 50 years, and made prayers for the years to come.



Highlights from the Associates Retreat



NEW STAFF & CHANGE OF ROLES



Millicent Mutai

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Isaac Miriti

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Brian Likono

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JOIN US TODAY

Are you sensing God's call to reach students in institutions of higher learning? As FOCUS Kenya celebrates 50 years anniversary, we invite you to be part of a great heritage of reaching students and changing nations in either of the following ways:

1. Plug in to direct students' ministry
2. Join intercessors who pray for the ministry of FOCUS
3. Join an Associates Branch near you to mentor students
4. Support the ministry through financial and in-kind gifts.

Click Now to be Part of the Impact



215 Christian Unions | 64,000 | 91 FOCUS Staff



2541 Associates
involved in Branches



229 Associates involved
in Student Ministry



3,375 Associates Giving
Financial Support



54 Partnering Churches
and Organizations

HATUA FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST

To raise Ksh. 6 M for one more floor of the Kasarani Student Center superstructure.

Saturday



3rd June 2023
8:30 am-11:00 am



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Kasarani



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JOIN US IN SHAPING THE FUTURE

Hatua seeks to increase the number of trained Value-based and skilled leaders from 4000 to 10000 annually!

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EZRA 2023 | THE LAW OF THE LORD

EZRA is the FOCUS Kenya Triennial-Discipleship and Scripture Engagement Conference

EZRA 2023 CORE CONTENT

The Sermon on the Mount

Call for Radical Discipleship and Christian Disciplines.

Dealing with the Materialistic World

The Goal of Christian Discipleship

Dealing with Empty Spirituality

Call for Radical Discipleship

CONFERENCE CHARGE SHEET

Full Board (Ksh)

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| Students | 3950 |
| Associates | 7000 |
| Associates Couple | 13,000 |
| International Students | 6500 |
| International Graduates | 7500 |
| Church Youths | 6000 |
| Teens (13-18 years) | 3950 |
| Children (5-12 Years) | 3000 |
| Children (Upto 4 Years) | Free |

Day scholar (Ksh)

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| Students | 3000 |
| Associates | 4000 |
| Associates Couple | 7,000 |

Conference Details

28th Dec 23-1st Jan 2024

@Kabarak University

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