



Celebrating  
**50**  
YEARS OF CHANGING NATIONS

# FOCUS BRIEFS

AUGUST 2023

# FLAMES OF IMPACT





## 31<sup>ST</sup> STEM CONVOCATION

Short Term Experience in Ministry (STEM) was started in 1992 as an initiative to create opportunities for fresh graduates with a ministry calling to serve students and communities on a short-term basis. It has since then raised over 786 mentors and trainers, spurred social transformation and trained authentic leaders. True to its motto, the rigorous experience has been a source of transformation through the development of these leaders.

This July, we had a successful convocation celebration of the 31<sup>st</sup> cohort with 48 participants. Among them were participants in Students Ministry, Chaplaincy, Community Development and Diaspora branches of STEM. We rejoice with them for the testimonies of their character formation, skills sharpening, and their devotion to God. You can watch [their stories](#) or [read their testimonies](#) through the links provided.

STEM is funded through partnerships with individuals who believe in the vision of STEM. You can adopt a station or support your STEM staff and support them to raise their monthly target of Ksh 23,000 for ministry facilitation. To send your gifts or be linked with a STEM staff you can support, use [this link](#) for details.





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## STEM ALUMNI GET TOGETHER

Over 300 STEM alumni in the country and from diaspora gathered at FOCUS Center for their first major get-together. The event was a joyous occasion, with alumni sharing stories about how the program has impacted their lives, families, work, and ministry. They also encouraged each other to endure the challenges of integrity and excellence, which are core values that they have cherished since STEM.

In addition to plenary session, alumni also gathered in cohort groups to catch up, share cake, and have more conversations. One of the key resolutions was the launch of an institutionalized follow-up method for the over 780 STEM alumni. We hope to synergize the end products of STEM more strategically to support students and associates, and to grow their impact on the church and society as a whole.

We praise the Lord for the blessing of the STEM alumni and for such a pleasant fellowship. We look forward to cohorts catalyzing and supporting each other for works of service.







## CELEBRATING FORERUNNERS

Nostalgia, laughter and joy filled the air as Forerunners met for a reunion at FOCUS Center in July. This forum has brought together associates who were in the universities from the 60s and contributed to the formation of our movement. It was great to hear them share stories and testimonies of their involvement in the ministry for the last 5 decades.

The reunion was an opportunity to celebrate the beginnings of FOCUS, the development, and impact to the church, marketplace, and society. We celebrate the Forerunners for their faithful contributions to the growth of the ministry to students and associates since its inception. Our joy is made full as we reap from their labour and the heritage that FOCUS is anchored on.





## North-Rift Region

June was packed with joy and excitement as students, staff, and associates from Kapenguria, Eldoret, and Kitale gathered at Sirikwa Pentecostal Church in Eldoret to celebrate the progress of the ministry in the North Rift region. There was great cheer as students and associates shared inspiring stories of how the ministry had impacted their lives. There was also laughter and gratitude as people reminisced on the days of humble beginnings and the trials that had been encountered along the way. And there was a renewed sense of passion and reaffirmation of commitment and as they shared a meal and cake to celebrate the ministry's rich heritage.

Associates in North Rift are giving generously and have kept their homes open for mentorship and support students and staff. The students are diligent with reaching their campus communities. The staff have been selfless in their service to the students, associates and partners in North Rift! Praise the Lord for the consistent labour and bountiful harvest in the regions of FOCUS Kenya. You can also plug in to be a blessing to the region you reside in by [clicking this link](#).



# CELEBRATING THE FOCUS STAFF

Throughout the 50 years, FOCUS staff have consistently demonstrated a deep passion for Students' Ministry, evidenced by their dedicated service. One of the practices that has shaped the work culture is the tradition of conducting reflective ministry reviews during staff meetings. Many critical programs, strategies and responses to ministry issues have been birthed through these meetings. We are thankful for the thoughtful and selfless contributions of the staff and staff alumni.

All rounded celebrations are the hallmarks of our 50th Anniversary. In the last 2 months, we have had unique staff celebrations including a hybrid staff party. We were also treated to a delightful 2-days retreat organized by a group of former staff and their spouses at CORAT Africa in June. The Both Events were filled with joy, laughter, and refreshing connections, providing a much-needed break from the intensity of their work. Our passion for ministry has been reignited as we reflect on the faithfulness of God in the realities of our service. We trust God to keep this diligence and flourish the staff of FOCUS.



Staff meeting business discussions



Staff celebration presentation



Retreat at Corat with current and alumni FOCUS staff and their spouses



# HATUA MILESTONES

Our infrastructure development project, Hatua, is a testament to our dedication to cultivating leaders. We express our gratitude to the individuals who have generously supported Hatua thus far. In June, we had the privilege of welcoming 149 stakeholders to our fundraising breakfast at the FOCUS Centre, where we raised Ksh 2 million towards the ongoing construction.

In the past decade, finding affordable venues for our growing student population has been challenging. Currently, our conference budget of Ksh 6-9 million only covers about 5% of our Christian students. However, our goal is to increase this support to at least 10% during national and regional conferences.

To increase impact and overcome cost constraints, we plan to establish our own National Conference Centre in Pwani. This facility will not only serve our needs but also generate rental income. We already have 11 acres of land near Mariakani, conveniently located near the highway and SGR station. We are looking to acquire 19 more next to it. Associates and other stakeholders can contribute to FOCUS's ownership through a "buy one, donate one" arrangement. For details on this land purchase, you can contact us on 0702-909-982. Pray with us for the realization of this vision.







Branch Leaders Summit in Central Rift.

Central Rift Region Branch Leaders Summit brought together 21 leaders from Naivasha, Narok, Nyahururu and Bomet Associates Branches at Kenya Industrial Training Institute in May.

The Summit equipped the leaders with skills to enrich their leadership in very dynamic Branches. We look forward to increased impact to the associates of diverse age, education, financial and family status.

In June we had a leadership training with 127 CU leaders from 5 institutions across Bungoma county at Kibabii Diploma TTC.



Bungoma CUs leadership training.

The theme, *Small but Consistently Deep*, was a timely reflection on counting successes and finding solutions for leadership challenges. The opportunity to network among themselves built accountability systems for the leaders.

Embracing accountable leadership structures has been a highlight at Samburu Technical and Vocational College CU. With the support of the patrons and FOCUS staff, the CU had their first restructuring of the selection and training of leaders.



Samburu TVC training.

This is one of many stories of impact to new CUs. We hope that the organizational effectiveness will enable fruitful ministry in these CUs to God's glory.



# ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



*Students and Partners in the National Tree Growing event at JKUAT*

We are called to be good stewards of the earth and everything within it. This is not just a responsibility, it is a privilege. However, the devastating effects of environmental degradation have caused a growing environmental crisis. To address this, we launched a strategic campaign on Environmental Stewardship. We want to raise awareness of the environmental crisis, build convictions about our responsibility to care for the earth, and empower people to take action.

We kicked off the campaign with a remarkable Tree Growing Day at the JKUAT Main Campus grounds. Students from various universities and colleges in Nairobi came together to plant 1000 trees. This was a powerful symbol of our commitment to environmental stewardship. The zeal and passion for environmental care has evidently spread to CUs and Associates Branches are running various activities to raise awareness and promote action. We are excited to see what the future holds for this campaign.



*Karatina Main Campus CU (left) and Kibabii University students and Bungoma associates(right) in tree planting events in their institutions*





# 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)

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)

Students	3000
Associates	4000
Associates Couple	7,000

### Conference Details

28th Dec 23-1st Jan 2024

@Kabarak University

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North Rift (Eldoret)  
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