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To Know Christ And To Make Him Known

looking back to Trust Him More...

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The opening paragraph of our vision statement reads, "We see a vital movement of the Gospel, fuelled by prevailing prayer, flowing freely through relational networks and out into the nations. Workers for the Kingdom are next door to everywhere!" So how are we doing and where are we in this journey?

Often times in Scriptures, the Lord gives an opportunity for his people to look back, so as to trust him more. In Isaiah 51:1-2, he calls to attention his chosen people, those who pursue righteousness and take time to seek him. He reminds them of where they came from; the rock from which they were cut; the quarry from which they were hewn. As if the place of their past was not enough, he further points them back to their genealogy: "look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. He was one, now you are many!"

The Navigators Kenya had such an opportunity to look back, probably not as far as Abraham, but an apt reminder just as well. The review of the Kenya Navigators and National Director within the last five years assessed the health and the growth of the ministry as a whole, in line with obeying God's leading and outworking.

Five years ago, the Lord laid in the heart of the National Leadership Team five focus areas instrumental to the fulfillment of our calling: corporate prayer, strengthening the move into four new frontier initiatives; vibrant inter-generational ministry, continued development of leaders

and labourers, and resourcing the work through biblically sound and financially prudent ways.

We thank God for the involvement of the international and regional leadership in carrying out this very important and yet humbling exercise. The Lord is surely at work and has seen it fit in his wisdom to have Dr. Chris and Anne Amulo continue to lead the work for the next five years.



THE AMULOS
Rehema • Chris • Anne • Rebekah

The emphasis to strengthen our ministry base and the call to expand into new frontier initiatives remains clear and therefore fertile ground in the next five years.

In Isaiah 60:22 the Lord promises that the least of you will become a thousand, the smallest a mighty nation. I am the LORD, in its time I will do it swiftly. There is no specialist nor amateur, no poor nor rich, no old nor young; each one of us who believe in Christ has the God given word and therefore potential to lifelong laboring and generational fruitfulness.

We desire to see ordinary people, joyfully leading integrated lives, being salt and light, in the marketplace, among the rural poor, the urban majority and among the people of other faiths. We see many coming to faith in Christ Jesus.

Thank you for praying and partnering with us in the Gospel.



Building Bridges

Of Trust Upon Which To Share The Gospel

It took me aback when the pastor's wife stated innocently that it was clearly God's will for Abraham to sleep with Hagar. God had promised Abraham a child, what other way was there? In her culture, life experience and sadly from the teachings of a non-regenerate church, it made complete sense. No wrong was done here. How she interpreted this passage had much to do with how she viewed God, how she viewed sin, marriage and life itself.

Who do we believe God to be? What do we believe about his character? Is he good and kind, righteous and holy or capricious and cunning? Who do we see ourselves to be? Are we loved? Do we matter? These are foundational questions for each one of us, and how we answer them shapes how we live our lives, and how we perceive the message of the gospel.

In 2002, after nine years in Tanzania, we were again entering a community amongst the Kuria, this time in Kenya. Again, our team was asking, how could we begin building bridges of trust upon which to share the gospel message? How would we know what they REALLY think about things, like life and God, and themselves? When sharing from his Word, would we know we were communicating it so that it could be understood? Colossians 1:6.

We seldom learn a person's core beliefs through initial casual conversations. Few of us come from cultures where it is appropriate to disagree with a guest or freely share our deepest heart beliefs with a stranger or casual acquaintance, let alone with someone of a different culture and language.

"I had no idea how much your culture and language affected how you understood the gospel message. It took me a long time of getting to know you to find out what you believed to be true and how that was shaping your life." Paul shared this recently with one of his key men as they reminisced about our early years of beginning the ministry in Tsinye.

Tabani agreed with Paul, "We were building on a different foundation, that of our traditional culture, rather than what is found in scripture, making it hard for us to understand you." These misunderstandings were the root of much distrust in the early years.

Dr. Nabeel Jabbour has stated that, "The strength of the relational bridge determines the amount of truth it can bear."

How then did we begin building those bridges?

We began with taking time and tea. Lots of tea and lots of time; and ugali, cups of curdled milk, sitting on three legged stools, learning how to make and drink busada, laughing over open fires in smokey kitchens, hearing the latest of what's happening in the community, whose cows were stolen last night, who's getting married and how many cows were being given.

Finding places where our lives could intersect, and making those intersections happen took intentionality; helping to plough a field, peeling piles of freshly harvested cassava, shelling hundreds of corncobs, kernel by kernel until blisters formed on the sides of our thumbs.

Gospel conversations in context of real lives with real needs began to happen. As we joined in the harvest, we learned that they believed that God does not care about such thing, he's God after all! Why would he bother himself with earthly things? One man stated that talking about God while ploughing is like putting your good furniture out in the rain! A mother nearly fell from her stool when I shared that Jesus cares very much about the fact that her child has worms and he delights in her knowing what to do about it. Truth begins to be shared and curiosity peaks about this God they thought they knew. Does he really care about all of my life? Does how I live my life really matter to him?

And as we began to build these relational bridges, we also carried with us recordings of the gospel in Kuria, which we would play while we worked together or even while sitting around at a wedding. People then began to ask, "Can we listen again to the Bible on your phone? We love to hear that God speaks our language!" Some would exclaim, "That's the best preaching I've ever heard!" The words of Jesus began to be regular, normal, expected parts of our conversations as we wrestled with them over what those words meant and how they could change our lives.



Paul and Stephanie Whitney with Tabani and Margaret Boke who are part of the team in Tsinye.

Paul & Stephanie Whitney

Update At A Glance



The Navigators Africa Regional office relocated and is now located at Applewood Adams Building, Off Ngong Road, Opposite Adams Arcade, 11th floor, Suite 1109.



Frontiers For The Gospel In Such Times

I have been having reflections from Galatians and one thing that stands out that resonates with the Navigators Church Ministries is the question of “How does the gospel look like in such a time as this?”

Much water has passed under the bridge in these extraordinary times of the Covid- 19 pandemic. Many questions have come up on the Church Discipleship front. How will the gospel move? How does one do church and even how does one continue to engage in disciple making?

We observe from Galatians Chapter one the word “gospel” is mentioned several times:

Vs 6- a different gospel.

Vs 7- which is no gospel at all.

Vs 7 ...trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.

Vs 8...a gospel other than what we preached...

Vs 9 ...a gospel other than what you accepted.

Key elements for us as we think, pray and act include:

1. The need to emphasize the finality and purity of the gospel.
2. The need to look into the relationship between the gospel messenger and the gospel message.
3. From vs.24 ...that our expression/presentation/Living out of the gospel message should result in praise to God.
4. Finally from chapter 2vs.10...the need to continue to remember the poor/vulnerable in such a time as this.

During this season, our ministry on the outward “was slowed down” both in the urban and rural frontiers. However, we are grateful to God that the message of the gospel cannot be hindered. It is exciting to know and experience that God has a way of making good come out of the seemingly bad. For staff and labourers, one of our major lessons has been clarifying the definition of what is “church” and embracing how the gospel looks like in these days and times.

The NCM Staff and labourers have continued to engage in their grassroots ministry from the family front, neighbourhoods, and local churches. Ministry on the family front has been strengthened. Some practical felt needs like schooling at home, digging in discipleship bible studies with relatives who got ‘pegged down’ in our homes, and taking care of sick family members have been some of the open doors for expressing the gospel message.

Ministry through the use of technology; calling, texting, video calls (Zoom, Skype, and Google Meet meetings) have come in handy for those who are able to access them. This has worked well with our urban upmarket churches. There has been minimal physical, one-on-one, discipleship interactions where possible.

We have also seen God’s grace at work in the lives of some staff and labourers being on the frontline of serving the poor and vulnerable with the basics of food and hygiene materials in line with what we observe about the gospel from what Paul says in Galatians 2:10, “All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along.”



Philip Nekunda (Standing on the right in a grey T-shirt) one of our staff team members joined Pastor Ezekiel, an associate of the Navigators and his team, in the distribution of food items to some of the people adversely affected by Covid-19 in Mathare.

Due to the lockdown and adhering to social distancing, our partner ministry stations in churches, schools, prisons were only active at a low level. These stations of ministry are now opening up, our major concern is the balance between science, church tradition (the normal way of doing church) and faith.

Let us pray that wisdom will prevail as we pursue our calling of partnering with churches and other institutions in advancing God’s Kingdom through disciple-making.

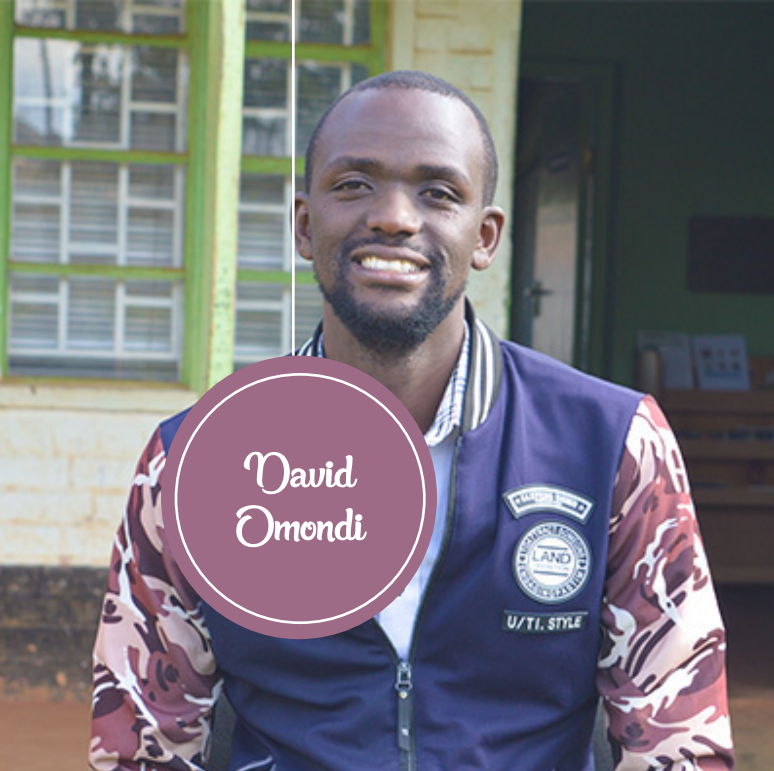
Also, keep on praying and claiming this promise for the Navigator Church Ministries:

Isaiah 54:2-3 New International Version (NIV)

- 2 “Enlarge the place of your tent,
stretch your tent curtains wide,
do not hold back;
lengthen your cords,
strengthen your stakes.
- 3 For you will spread out to the right and to the left;
your descendants will dispossess nations
and settle in their desolate cities.

Blessings,

Andrew and Faith Sibairo.



David
Omondi



Silage making process in Cheplaskei.

Serving the Community

in Rural Eldoret, Cheplaskei

EPTF is a ministry of the Navigators Kenya that takes a comprehensive and integrated approach in promoting entrepreneurship, development and ultimately advancing the gospel. This is achieved through training, mentorship and business development support services. EPTF's entrepreneurship training program addresses the twin challenge of unemployment and poverty by supporting the creation and expansion of profitable business enterprises.

Kipchamo village, Cheplaskei, in the outskirts of Eldoret town is one of the areas The Navigators EPTF is serving in. The EPTF staff come alongside a team of laborers ministering in the village. The work here is led by Charles and Laura Call, Navigators missionaries serving in Eldoret. They serve together with Lucy Omondi who is a Navs Field Ministry staff (FMP).

The work in Cheplaskei was initiated by the Navs Eldoret area ministry at the Greenveld farm. It takes a three fold uproach: agricultural training, Bible studies at community level and trainings on saving for investment. The vision is to see community transformation and the enhancement of reconciliation, cooperation and good relationships among communities in this region.

The team in Cheplakei consists workers at the farm, community members leading Bible studies and some of the EPTF staff members in Eldoret. Elizabeth (the administrator at the farm) and Lucy meet with women for Bible studies. Elizabeth serves alongside Isaac, a manager at the farm and Hillary who helps out with managing the dairy section.

The EPTF team is led by David Omondi who also leads the men's Bible study. He serves together with Benard Kibet and Geoffrey Yator who have been making weekly visits to the farm to help in setting structures and procedures for dairy cow management. They recently engaged community members on Silage (green fodder compacted and stored in airtight conditions) making. Silage is used as animal feed.

The team has helped set up welfare and savings groups for both men and women. They use a curriculum that encourages, inspires and teaches the community members on financial saving as they experience Jesus in every aspect of their lives.

One of the savings and welfare groups managed to encourage it's members to save Kshs. 100/- weekly. The savings group has lending options available to the members. They currently have saved and lent out over Kshs. 10,000/-. This is significant for a community whose members leave on a daily wage, especially with the uncertainty experienced globally due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The EPTF team comes alongside such groups to help them learn and develop skills on money management, saving and investment with Biblical principles.

Duncan gave his life to Christ at one of our bible study sessions; sharing that after a year of reading and studying God's word, his lifestyle had changed. He quit taking alcohol and became a better steward of his finances, time and family. He has since learned to budget and allocate resources for different needs in the household. His family is grateful to God for this tremendous change.

Duncan is a member of the savings group (mentioned above) he borrows money from the group and uses it to buy feeds for chicken that he rears to support his family. He desires to grow his chicken enterprise even as he grows in knowing God.

At EPTF, together with the team at Cheplaskei, we are praying and trusting God that through the different farm activities, trainings and studies, the community members will grow spiritually and economically. We are praying that they will grow in entrepreneurship skills, be involved in different income-generating projects, and experience holistic transformation; restoring dignity in their homes and communities.

Testimonies such as Duncan's inspire us to be more intentional as we meet the men and women every week at the farm.

Please pray that: -

- The Men and women would grow in the knowledge of the Word of God.
- God will be glorified through the studies, training, farming activities and savings initiatives.
- The community will be transformed holistically with the members reaching out to others with lessons learned and studies taken to heart.
- That God will provide resources to enable us to grow the farm and extend our range of activities and ministry in the region.

David Omondi



- Use us to Rebuild, Restore and Renew; and influence people in our various spheres (vs. 4 and 5).
- Help us to truly embrace our calling to be priests and ministers for him in the marketplace (vs. 6).
- Use us to transform the various situations we are in (vs. 7).

For the 7 days of NTP 2020, we received rich input from various speakers and processed this in breakout rooms.

Participants were equipped on topics like; Identifying our Calling, Vocation and how it relates to our daily work, Managing transitions from College into the working world, Doing ministry/discipling effectively in the context of your workplace, Managing workplace dynamics, Work and business for gospel/ kingdom impact and dealing with the ungodly secular/ sacred divide mindset.

The participants continue to testify that they were equipped for effective life and ministry in their work and businesses.

Such conferences and training programs are a critical component of our ongoing Faith & the City marketplace ministry.

Quote:

"Concerning our diverse contexts and work, 'There is no higher calling.'" Jerry White

All the NTP 2020 teaching sessions are available at the Kenya Navigators YouTube page.

Faith & the City is committed to continue coming alongside and discipling graduates and professionals to grow to become effective ministers of the gospel of Jesus in their various contexts. As scripture says... "They shall be called priests of the Lord and ministers of our God" (vs. 6).

As we move forward we trust the Lord to jumpstart missional discipleship movements in the marketplace and also to come alongside and support our laborers seeking to minister and be more fruitful for the Lord in this space.

Victor Rilwake

Updates At A Glance

- ▶ We thank God for the successful review of the Navigators Kenya and the National Director, focusing on the last five years. Dr. Chris and Anne Amulo's term as Navigators Kenya Country Leader was renewed for the next five years.
- ▶ We had a successful National Training Program (NTP 2020) in August. The program was restructured this year and conducted virtually.
- ▶ Missions Conference 2020 themed Mission as Vocation will be held on 7th November 2020 from 2-5pm on Zoom.

Missional Discipleship Movements in the Marketplace

The Navigators global vision envisages "ordinary men and women" in all walks of life joyfully leading integrated lives...resulting in workers for the kingdom being next door to everywhere.

With this in heart and mind, the Navigators Kenya marketplace ministry (Faith & the City) endeavors to disciple and train individuals to be fruitful and effective where they live, work and socialise.

An average person will spend the bulk of their adult life at their workplace, it is here that they will also significantly interact with others. The workplace is therefore a God ordained platform for gospel impact. At Faith & the City, we are building ministry to and through graduates, young professionals and people already established in the work, business world and the community.

The marketplace ministry is one of the "new frontier initiatives" at the Navigators Kenya. We desire to effectively advance the gospel of Jesus and his Kingdom into the marketplace as we become the salt and light bringing the impact of the gospel in Kenya and beyond in discernible ways.

Towards this end, we held the National Training Program (NTP) 2020 from 23rd to 30th August, 2020. NTP 2020 was a virtual Workplace Ministry training for 7 days over Zoom.

Each day, we brought together close to 150 participants from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, South Africa, Angola, Rwanda, Ghana, Philippines, USA and from the Caribbean's.

Our theme, inspired by Isaiah 61:3-7 was:

"Effectively carrying the gospel of Jesus and his kingdom into the marketplace"

From the training program, we are trusting the Lord to;

- Equip and make us into oaks of righteousness (vs. 3).

‘Meet our Trainees’

Be on the lookout for more stories from our ministry trainees on our website and in coming Eneza Editions.

New Found Life

Three years in field ministry training with the Navigators Kenya, under Student's Ministry in Eldoret has been life changing.

My experience in training can be best compared to Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman in John 4. I was yearning and unaware of the riches found in intimacy with Jesus. I sought satisfaction in many things, good and bad apart from Christ.

In training, I have experienced what Jesus describes in verse 14; "but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst, indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Christ found me and gave me His identity. I am learning to live in Him and serve him fully. It is such a Joy to pour out my newfound life to girls like Candy, a fourth year student at Moi University-Annex campus, whom I have had the privilege of walking with in her journey of faith for the last one year.

My prayer and heart's desire is that Christ would continue to shine even brighter through my life, drawing many more people to Himself.

Abigael Gathuru
Eldoret

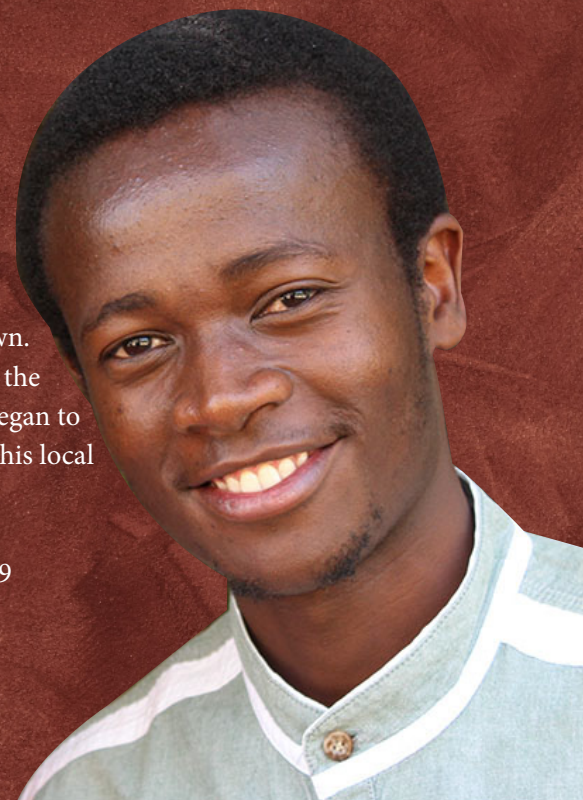
God is at work

My name is Davis Athwart, serving with the Navigators Kenya alongside Elijah Khamala at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology. It has been a joy being part of what God is doing in the lives of students here and I am so grateful God allowed me to be part of their story (Psalm 2:8). Serving in campus has taught me to pray more!

God is at work through Ezekiel at Kisii University. I had the privilege of meeting him on 5th June, 2020, after two years! During a visit to Kisii town. Upon his graduation in 2018 from MMUST, Ezekiel felt the need to take the gospel to his hometown campus. After several weeks of evangelism, he began to meet four students weekly for bible study, tagging along a member from his local church.

Pray with me that God will sustain this young ministry even post covid19 pandemic when learning resumes.

Davis Athwart
Kakamega



“Mama Pendo”

My friend Mama Pendo (name changed) walks with pain and uses a cane for support. She’s a single mother who runs a kiosk, selling groceries. Yet she chooses, every day, to be joyful. In my training in Nakuru, serving the urban majority, I have learned so much from Mama Pendo and people like her.

I wouldn’t trade my training experience for anything. One key area of growth has been my inner life. I’ve gotten to know myself better, and I have been challenged to grow in humility.

Until Corona paused community meetings, I got to meet weekly with Mama Pendo and others from her neighborhood for oral Bible study. I’ve come to appreciate the wisdom, hunger for God’s word and life experiences they share. I get to see the beauty and goodness of God in them. Even in hard life situations, they show me there is joy and hope.

Phedelis Wanjiku
Nakuru

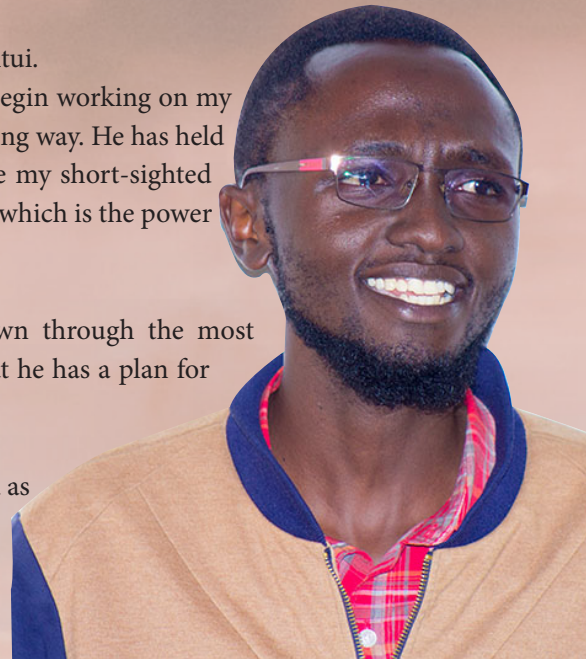
My Faith So Small

My name is Ngurimu Kiarie, serving as a ministry trainee with the Navigators in Kitui. Away from all I ever knew and had experienced, training began, and so did God begin working on my heart. Over the past 18 months, I have witnessed the Lord’s faithfulness in an amazing way. He has held me fast in lands unknown (be not afraid), provided people and resources, despite my short-sighted faith and stirred up a fire in my heart for his people and the urgency for the gospel, which is the power of God for the salvation of every individual.

I have glimpsed eternity in his heart through the love and grace he has shown through the most unexpected people. How he has touched my heart and drawn me to ever trust that he has a plan for every single person.

My faith so small, yet he planted me out here as a laborer in His vineyard to be used as his vessel. He has opened the eyes of my heart!

Ngurimu Kiarie
Kitui



Webster Ochieng (right) with Cornelius Muatha his ministry trainer

Surrendering To God’s Sovereignty

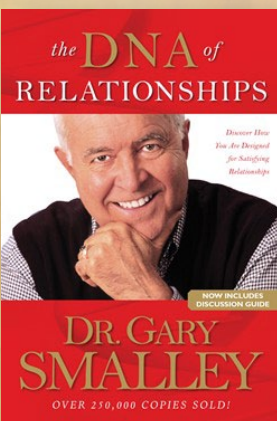
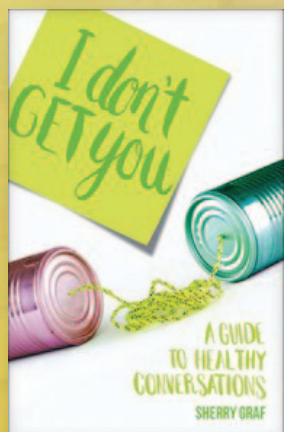
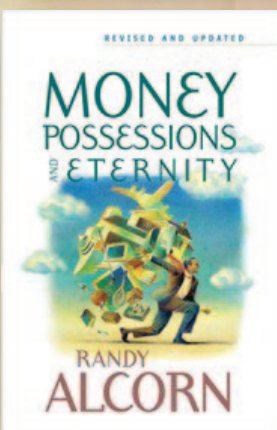
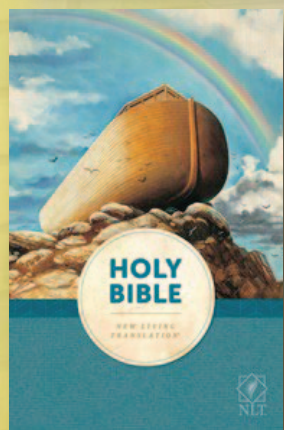
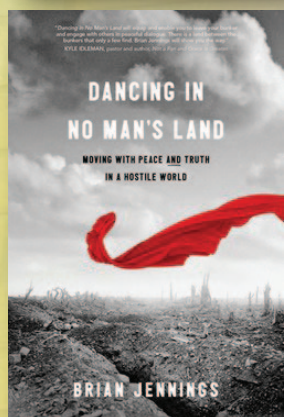
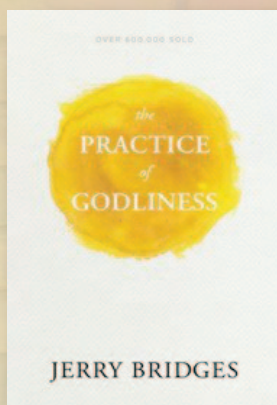
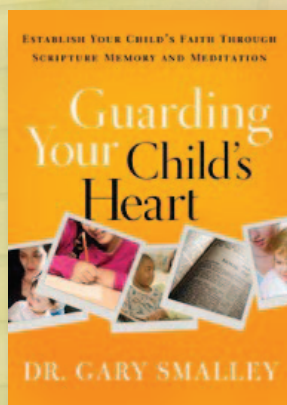
In a year filled with uncertainty, I have witnessed God at work in various areas of my life. As a Nav trainee, my goal for the year 2020 was to grow my faith in God’s sovereignty over my life. He is after all Lord over our lives.

My prayer has been answered immensely. Reading through the letters of Paul, which are some of my favorite books, I see a common pattern of people trusting God’s vision for their lives, and his authority over everything they do as they spread the Gospel.

Paul has been an inspiration for me, I had fears of not doing enough due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but once I went back to God, asking him to show me people that he has sent me to, I have met with new people like my neighbors and shared the beauty of Christ, pray that God touches their hearts.

Webster Ochieng -Embu

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