



MID-YEAR NEWSLETTER 2023

I WILL LIFT UP MY EYES UNTO THE HILLS

KENYA YOUTH
HOCKEY

**CREATING CAPACITY
FOR GROWTH**





Rev. Robert T. Chiewolo & Mrs. Jarso V. M. Chiewolo

Message from Our Vision Bearers & Founders

Dear Partners and Friends of PCI Nairobi,

Greeting in the name of our Lord and soon coming King, Jesus Christ!

This year 2023, has been our year of Creating Capacity for Growth, drawn from Isaiah 54:1-2. Thus far, since January, the Lord has been faithful in equipping us to create the capacity required for the growth He is causing. We began the year believing God to secure and pitch a 200 seater tent for the growth we envisioned. Though we are yet to pitch the tent, we are glad to report that the Lord has already sent a partner who has pledged to purchase the tent for us. The Lord has also answered our prayers and provided 10 refurbished office chairs, and two refurbished computers that have come in handy for our media ministry and office relate work.

On the ministry front, we have remain committed to our mission of winning, discipling, equipping, and commissioning kingdom laborers for the global end time harvest. Through our weekly evangelistic outreaches and core ministry activities in Church, we have won more than 180 souls to Christ. We continue to see the Lord radically and holistically transforming lives through the power of the gospel. In this edition of our newsletter, we have featured few of the impact stories of the many lives that are being transformed, and few stories of our core ministry activities. We hope you will be blessed and inspired as you read.

We are grateful to God for all of you our esteemed partners and friends for your continuous prayers and support. PCI continues to impacts lives because you have stood with us and allowed God to use you. May the Lord who sees and is not

unjust to forget our labor of love for His Kingdom (Hebrews 6:10), reward you timely in every point of need in Jesus name!

A big thanks and appreciation goes to our dear landlords, Mr. & Mrs. Waweru for the priceless sacrifice you have made in the last 2 year by allowing us to use your property for a place of worship in spite of our inability to pay rent. Great is the reward for you and your descedants up to thousand generations in Jesus name!

Allow me to bring to your attention that we are at a critical point of losing our current place of worship due to our inability to buy the property. Our landlord, against his wish and prayers for the Church, is at the verge of selling the property to a potential buyer due to the challenge of not being able to keep up with the mortgage payment for the property. He has got to do so least he loses the property to the bank. However, he still considers the church as a primary client if we have the fund to buy. He has given us up to the end of August 2023 to make an offer or be on our way out.

We cannot afford to lose this prime property because our being there is prophetic, as God had commissioned us to raise an altar of worship in Karen. Besides, losing this place of worship at such a time as this, would pose a growth challenge to the young church thus aborting the journey of spiritual nurture and discipleship for the many young people who have found a place of refuge, transformation, and discovery of their purpose. We therefore seek your prayers and urgent support in whatever way the Lord may lead you so that this young church is not displaced because we do not have the funds to relocate or transition to another place.

Would you consider supporting us to secure this prime property for the Philadelphia Church International Nairobi so that we continue the ministry of providing a place of refuge and holistic transformation for young people who are considered threat to the society due to lifestyle crime, addiction to drugs, and alcohol, and immorality? Please contact us as soon as possible.

Blessings

In Christ,

Rev. Robert T. Chiewolo & Mrs. Jarso V. M. Chiewolo
Lead Pastors

Missions & Outreach

PCI-Nairobi is a Great Commission driven Church. At the core of all that we do is winning souls and discipling them for Christian living and kingdom service. This year, we introduced weekly congregational outreach and evangelism in various communities. We also committed the entire month of May to daily personal evangelism. To date, we've reached more 1000 people with the gospel of Jesus Christ and have led more than 180 persons to Jesus.

QuickMart Karen Supermarket Outreach

Early this year (in January) during our beginning of the year 21 days of fast and prayers, the Lord gave us the burden to take the gospel to the staff of Quickmart Supermarket in Karen. The supermarket has a staff of around 70 people, most of whom are young people who do not have the time to attend church due to tight work schedule.

In obedience to God's leading, we arranged with the management and started a weekly early Sunday morning service for them right before they open the supermarket. On the first day of service with them, 25 people gave their lives to Christ. In three months time, a total of 45 persons had gotten saved.



QuickMart Karen Supermarket Outreach

Short-term Missions in a western part of Kenya

In June, a missions team of five people including our lead pastor, Rev. Robert T. Chiewolo had a short-term missions trip to Kipsongo a slum in Kitale, western Kenya to share the love of Christ with elderly widows and widowers who are abandoned. It was quite a sad and emotionally heart-breaking experience to see elderly people who are unable to do anything for themselves, lack food to eat, no mattress to sleep on and duvets to keep them warm, and no one to do household chores for them.

We got to share the gospel with 50 of them and about 30 gave their lives to Christ. With generous support from partners and friends, we were able to distribute used cloths and feet wears with them. We also donated dried food items and initiated a feeding program for 19 of the elderly and most needy widows (we adopted for continuous support) who are unable to do anything for themselves. We set up a team of volunteers to be preparing the meals for them daily. We are trusting God for support to sustain

Discipleship Program for young people being trained in kick boxing and martial arts

Through the initiate of one of our converts, who is being discipled, we started a discipleship journey with several young people in Ngando. We meet with them every Friday, get to join them in the kick boxing training and share the word of God them right after the training. Nine of the youth gave their lives to Christ when they first visited the Church and another five have given their lives to Christ in our weekly bible study sessions on Friday.

this program. From our analysis of the need, it costs an average of Kes. 3,000 per month to provide three square meals, laundry, and basic care and hygiene for each elderly. Should you consider adopting an elderly to support, please don t hesitate to contact us.



Discipleship session with kickboxing & karate trainees

Baptism

Seven persons were baptized early this year.



Elderly widows & widowers giving their lives to Jesus in Kipsongo, Kitale



Baptized candidates with Rev. Robert Chiewolo & Pastor Lamech Gichana



Volunteers for feeding program being commissioned in prayers



Baptism

Men of Purpose Training

At PCI-Nairobi, God is raising a new generation of men, some of whom are already married and building godly families and impacting every sector of societies with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. At the end of April, 20 of our men were fully sponsored by Enwealth Financial Services Limited, one of our partners for the Men of Purpose Training. It is training aimed at equipping men to become men of Christ-like character, Christ-centered leaders, and exume authentic fatherhood so as to serve God's purpose in their generation. This training greatly impacted the lives of the men who attended. We are grateful to Enwealth for such a priceless investment in our men.



Cross session of PCI Men and Men from other churches at the Men of Purpose Training

Marriage Enrichment Program

Our marriage enrichment program equips couples to model God's ideals for marriage, encourages their involvement in ministry together as couples, and creates the platform for couples to serve together in ministry. One of the unique features of PCI-Nairobi is that all our core church ministries are lead by young couples. We have seen this approach to ministry leadership help husbands and wives to keep bonding, growing together in their walk with God and investing their time and skills for the work of ministry.

One of the ways we equip marriages is through the Alpha Marriage Course we do run. The Marriage is a seven week course that explores cardinal issues that determine healthy Christian marriage. The topic include: Strengthening Connection, The Art of Communication, Resolving Conflict, The Power of Forgiveness, The Impact of Family, Good Sex, and Love in Action. We had our first cohort of the course from 5 th May to 23 rd June 2023 with 8 couples. All the couples who did the course have testimonies of impact of the course in their marriages. The next cohort of the course is schedule for this coming November.



Discussions in marriage course session



Moses Ngenga Munene

Hello! My name is Moses Ngenga Munene. I am 22 years old. I am a member of the Philadelphia Church International Nairobi. Before becoming a member of PCI, I was involved in drugs and crime for eight year, from the age of 14. In April 2022, I met a friend of mine by the name of Prince Wire, who was then a fellow Rastafarian like me who had changed a lot and was not struggling with the issues I was struggling with at the time. As I got to talk with him, I discovered that he had

Impact Stories

encountered Christ and that's why He was at peace and was not struggling with the issues I was struggling with. That got me interested in wanting to experience this same Christ that has transformed his life. So Prince invited me to attend an Alpha session at his church, the Philadelphia Church International Nairobi. After attending three Alpha sessions, I gave my life to Christ. At the end of the 12 Alpha sessions I attended in total, I got baptized. In March this year, I formally became a member of the church. Since then, the Lord has been working miraculously in my life. People who knew me as a drug addict and lover of crime are now coming to church since they have seen me transformed through the power of the word of God. In fact, my cousin, my mother, and senior sister have all gotten born again and now attending church. Most of my friends are also attending church because of me. Currently, I co-head a home bible study group of our church in our community. I'm happy for my new life in Christ.



Moses Munene & Rev. Robert Chiewolo

Prince Wire's Story

My name is Prince Wire, a member of PCI Nairobi. I was of a Catholic church three years ago, before joining Philadelphia Church International Nairobi, but originally am from a Muslim background. I converted to Christianity in 2020.

I was raised by my Aunt who was a witchdoctor. I grew up as a thief and in a very sinful environment. I involved myself in sexual immorality, drugs, crime and many more. I ran away from home after my aunt tried to kill me. Some of my friends took me to a Catholic priest and that's how I became a Catholic.

The priest could give us money but never taught us anything to do with God or his word.

I was in the Catholic Church for 10 months then I joined PCI where my life started changing as I went through Alpha lessons. Through these lessons I learned to pray on my own for I didn't even know how to pray. What made me stick to PCI is, there's a day my Pastor, Robert Chiewolo asked me what I really wanted him to pray for me about and I told him I just wanted to meet and re-unite with my mum whom I hadn't seen for several years. The day we started praying for my mum we got re-united three days later. Since then I have been giving prayer requests to the church mostly for my mum who has never been to church and my drunkard brother.

I believe in God's power because right now my mum gave her life to Christ and my brother got a job with Masai Mara game reserve with restrictions of alcohol. I've personally founded a sports and fitness program where I train youths in all kinds of sports; kickboxing, body building, karate, and so on. Pastor Robert has been of a great help as he comes weekly with a team at the training hall to advise and give us God's word. Right now we have managed to bring 16 young people to Christ through the training program. Am a proud member of Philadelphia Church International family and my faith and expectancy has increased and am waiting on the Lord as he continues to use us to win more lost souls for his kingdom. SHALOM!



Prince Wire & Rev. Robert T. Chiewolo

Teresa Karugu s Story



My name is Teresa Karugu. I am a member of Philadelphia Church Nairobi. I grew up in a family deeply rooted in Catholic faith. My life was a whole mess and I really struggled with anger issues and unforgiveness. All along I used to see as if everyone hates me and I came to struggle with low self-esteem for so long which led me to make a lot of bad decisions in life.

I got saved in 2018 after 6 years of marriage at Living World Church International. I worshipped at LWCI for 2 years then I backslid. After backsliding I lost peace of mind, my marriage was in chaos and so many more. I decided to go back to salvation and seek God s intervention.

I met a friend who worshipped at PCI Nairobi who took me to church. I re-connected with God again through Pastor Robert and since then my life took a new beginning. I have experienced love in the church, spiritual growth and PCI has become my home where I always want to be.

PRAYER NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT

1. The Church

- ★ We need divine intervention to secure our current place of worship or else be on our way out at the end of August 2023, a transition that would cost us a lot, which we do not have the funds for unfortunately. We are still trusting God for miracle to purchase the property (a 1.1 acre of land space with a four bedroom build in the heart of Karen, Nairobi). It costs ----- USD \$690,000
- ★ 200 seats @ \$25 ----- USD \$ 5000
- ★ Complete Audio-visual livestream equipment -----USD \$ 5,000
- ★ Jaz Drum Set -----USD \$1,248
- ★ 3 Office Desks @ \$200 /pc ----- USD \$ 600

2. Family Support (Rev. & Mrs. Robert & Jarso Chiewolo and 3 three children)

- Monthly upkeep -----USD 2,000/month
- 3 Kids Schooling (yearly): Our three kids, John (Grade 5), Lamateh (Grade 3), and William (Kindergarten 1) have been awarded 50% scholarship per year at an American International School. The remaining 50% of USD \$5,500 per year is what we are trusting God for to enable them transition to the international school in January 2024.
- Family car: Movement has been a major challenge for the family due to the lack of our own car. It s been costly using Uber and local taxi for movements. With USD \$ 8,000 we can get a good used car.

FOR GIVING OR DONATION, YOU CAN USE ONE OF THE BELOW OPTIONS:

1. Mpesa Option

Paybill: 247247
Account: 219218#Purpose

2. By Cheque to

Philadelphia Church Interna-
tional Nairobi

3. Bank Transfer

Bank: Equity Bank (Kenya) Limited
Karen Supreme Centre
Account name: Philadelphia Church International Nairobi
Account no: 1630282151313
Swift code: EQBLKENA
Bank code: 68
Branch - 163



We envision a World where well disciplined and equipped kingdom laborers are impacting every sector of societies with the Gospel of Jesus Christ

To win, disciple, equip, and commission kingdom laborers for a global end time harvest

- **Love:** Loving God and His people
- **Compassion:** Reflecting Christ's compassion for the lost
- **Missions:** Committed to fulfilling the Great Commission
- **Lifestyle:** Reflecting Christ as salt and light of the world
- **Stewardship:** Faithfully stewarding God's resources for the care of creation and the advancing of His Kingdom

Our Guiding Scripture

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having not shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the Harvest to send out laborers into His Harvest.

(Matthew 9:35-38 NKJV)



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