



NEWSLETTER 2022

I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES UNTO THE HILLS

PASS IT ON

2 TIMOTHY 2:2



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

Message from Our Vision Bearers & Founders

Dear Partners and Friends of PCI Nairobi,

Happy New Year in Jesus' name!

The year 2022 was a great year of fulfilling the Great Commission at Philadelphia Church International (PCI) Nairobi. Guided by the Theme, **"Pass it On"**, taken from 2 Timothy 2:2, we saw the Lord at work in winning many souls (more than 150) to His kingdom through our various ministry activities. As a new church plant, we started the year with an average attendance of 25 people but the Lord increased our number to a congregation of 55, a number beyond the capacity of our current worship hall. We have seen the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ transformed broken and wasted lives from the bondage of addiction to alcohol, drugs, immorality, and crimes, to lives being lived on kingdom purpose, reflecting Christ as salt and light of the world.

We are sincerely grateful to God for all our dear partners and friends who stood with us in prayers, supported us financially, Morally and in kind. We cannot thank you enough. The growth we now celebrate wouldn't have-

been possible without your support. May the Lord reward you all hundredfold in name of Jesus!

Our special thanks and appreciation goes to our landlord, Mr. & Mrs. Waweru for your sacrificial support in providing us a place of worship. In spite of our financial incapacity to pay the rent for the facility, which is on sale, you have been uncommonly gracious to us and even committedly praying for us as your preferred client to purchase property. For our sake, though you need the money, you have turned down several offers from other clients who have the money to buy the property. We trust our God whom you have honored with such an unthinkable support will reward you beyond measure in Jesus' name! We have no doubt that the Lord will honor your faith and ours for PCI- Nairobi to secure the property since an altar of worship has already been raised to Him.

In this year 2023, the Lord is leading us from Isaiah 54:2, to **"Create Capacity for Growth"** Hallelujah! We are excited! One of the areas God has made clear to us to create capacity is the space for worship to accommodate numerical growth. So this January 2023, we are believing God to pitch a 200 seater tent.

As we endeavor to create capacity for the holistic growth God is set to birth at PCI Nairobi in 2023, your continuous and increased support would be needed even more and would be greatly appreciated.

We remain committed to our core mandate of discipling and equipping the Millennials and Generation Z for a lifelong commitment as kingdom laborers for a global end time harvest in every sector of society.

Again, Happy New Year 2023!

In Christ,

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



Sunday service

OUTREACH

At PCI Nairobi, we are committed to fulfilling the Great Commission through our Outreach and Missions Ministry. This year, the Lord granted us great harvest of souls through our various outreach activities (High School Ministry, Personal evangelism and Sport & Fitness outreach). We saw more than 150 souls won to Christ through these ministry activities.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

This year we adopted the St. Christopher's International Secondary School in Karen, where we've been discipling the Boarding studies and the larger student body in the Christian union through our Reach 4 Life discipleship program. The Reach 4 Life program is a comprehensive youth discipleship program that takes young people through sound Bible-based lessons addressing fundamental Christian doctrines, the Christian life & disciplines, and almost all the contemporary issues (drugs, alcohol, sexuality, media, LGBT, etc.) contending with their faith and walk with God. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, the program also provides answers to the critical questions young people are asking and thus resolves the tensions they are faced with in their context.

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

Being a church keen on raising kingdom laborers for a lifestyle of sharing the Gospel with others, we did deliver several trainings on personal evangelism, one of which was the 5Stars Evangelism (One Minute Witness) training. For practicum of trainings delivered in personal evangelism, we had three months congregational evangelistic campaign, an activity that held our congregants accountable to pray for their unreached relatives, friends, neighbors, and loved ones and to also reach out to them to share the gospel. We also conducted a 21 Day evangelism challenge that required our congregants to share their faith with at least one person every day for the period of 21 days. With our continuous emphasis on personal evangelism and ensuring that our members do evangelism, we have experienced numeral growth from a congregation of 25 at the beginning of the year to now a congregation of 55.



Rev. Robert T. Chiewolo leading someone to Christ at a liquor shop

SPORTS & FITNESS OUTREACH



A workout session

PCI is blessed with a Sports and Fitness Consultant and several practitioners of various sports. To leverage the skills of these professionals for ministry, we conducted an eight-week sports & fitness outreach in a neighboring community of the church.

Doing those eight weeks, we went to the target community every Saturday, conducted a session of workout and then had a guided discussion session on an issue the target audience raised. At the end of the 8 weeks, 4 persons got saved and several rededicated their lives to Christ.



A photo taken after the discussion session

BAPTISM

We conducted two baptism ceremonies this year.



A total of 12 persons were baptized.



ALPHA FILM SERIES



Rev. Chiewolo and Moses, one of the guys who got saved during the first Alpha and is now a committed member of the church.

We ran one in person Alpha Film Series and are currently running the second one which will be ending in February 2023. “Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of the Christian Faith. It creates a culture of invitation within the church and is a great front door for people exploring faith.” During the first series, three guests gave their lives to Christ, one of whom is now a committed member of the Church. Through this one new convert, his mother, one of his sisters, and a cousin of his have gotten saved and joined the church.

The ongoing Alpha was launched with an event we dubbed, **“Breakfast with The Unchurched”** on the 25th of November 2022. For this event, our members were encouraged to invite their unchurched relatives and friends. Several unchurched people were invited but 12 persons turned out for the event. During the program, we had two of our members shared their personal testimony of how they encountered Christ and the difference Christ has made in their lives. At the end of their testimonies, 3 persons gave their lives to Christ upon making an altar call. The event ended with our guests signing up for the Alpha series. We have had three sessions so far and 2 persons gave their lives to Christ during the second session on “Who is Jesus?”



The unchurched breakfast meeting



SOME IMPACT STORIES OF OUR MEMBERS

Nothing transforms holistically like the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The transformation we've witnessed in the lives of our members has been our source of joy, strength, comfort, and encouragement to remain committed to our assignment of winning and discipling the Millennials and Gen z. Here are few testimonies.

Eunice Momanyi



“My name is Eunice Momanyi, a member of PCI Nairobi. My life before joining PCI was, oh my God, something else. It felt like I was in a spiritual cage cause I was not making any progress in life. I was addicted to alcohol, drugs, and earning my livelihood from stealing. The thought of becoming a Christian was a plan for sometime late in the future. But one night I heard the voice of God in a dream, warning me that if I do not stop stealing, I will be killed. That's when I felt the need to be saved. So one day, I responded to the voice of God by accepting an invitation from a friend who invited me for a discipleship class PCI was running at his house weekly. It was at the discipleship class that I gave my life to

Christ after a lesson on **“The Transforming Power of the Gospel.”** Few weeks later, I got baptized and I joined the church. Since then, I can say I have been set freed from the cage I was in. I have experienced spiritual growth, love in the Church and the goodness of God. PCI has become my second family where I feel love and always want to be.”

Lucy Njeri



“Hello! I'm Lucy Njeri. Before joining PCI Nairobi, I was actually going to a church called Redeemed Christian Church. But I stopped going even before COVID came. I had stay for like 2 to 3 years without going to Church before joining PCI. My husband started the discipleship class with Pastor Chiewolo and Pastor Steve and then invited me on the third day because they had started before me. And when I started attending, we had the discipleship for

like a month or three weeks; but I can't remember the exact time we took and that's how I joined PCI through the discipleship.

Since I joined PCI, I've grown much in praying and reading the word of God, the Bible. The thing I like most about PCI is that you can have one-on-one with the pastor. You can call him anytime of the day, anytime of the night and he will pick your call and you will be able to interact with him. Even if you have a question, it doesn't go unanswered. I feel like I've grown in my walk with God through the teachings that he teaches us. I believe I'm still growing, I'm not yet there, but I've developed, I've grown in a way I wasn't thinking it could be like that.

I would say one thing is that my partner and I actually wanted to go to the same church because prior to joining PCI, he was attending a different church and I was attending another church. So we decided to come up as one and begin attending either of the church we were comfortable with. And like I said, I am comfortable with PCI and He's also comfortable with PCI because of the sound biblical teachings and the interactions with the pastors and other members. They don't segregate people; you can ask whatever you feel like you want to ask. You are free to wear whatever you want as long as it is decent and your heart is perfect with the Lord. And that's another reason why we decided to become members of PCI and we are comfortable. Even our kids are comfortable with the church. Our entire family is now attending PCI and we have also encouraged most of our friends who have joined us at PCI as well. They have also been blessed and

inspired by the teachings. Unlike most churches that focus more on prosperity and not the real gospel, at PCI the real gospel is taught. And I can encourage anyone looking for a church that PCI Nairobi is the best place to be. The pastors hold your hand and walk with you in the faith. They don't discriminate you. It's all about the Word."

Joel Githinji



"My name is Joel Githinji. I'm 27 years old. My life before I joined PCI was a mess. I was involved in many activities that were not good and godly. I was into drugs, alcohol, immorality, lies, and many more. That was my life.

I didn't know I would ever become a member of the church. There was a mission that PCI held at our place, a discipleship program. I was introduced to the discipleship program by a friend. After attending the discipleship classes, I found myself interested, got born again, and became a member of the church since I didn't have a church. I decided to be a member because I was inspired by the classes and the preachers. They were very encouraging and I felt motivated.

Through the teaching and interaction of the pastors, I

was not a church person and I didn't know how to pray but now I do. My self-esteem towards the things of God was low. But I have learned and I'm still learning through the help of Christ. And the difference it has made is that, in my life, way back, I was not a person who could forgive. I was not a person who would help others genuinely but through the teachings, I have seen a big change. And I am continuing with the process of living for God so that I can be better.

I didn't choose PCI. I think God led me. Because I had visited many churches but the pastor of PCI are friendly. They do not condemn people. They correct us, they preach not prosperity gospel but the things that should be made right within us so that we can be able to seek the kingdom of God. Through the teachings, by the grace of God, I think it is God who place me at PCI, I didn't choose PCI. I'm not yet strong in the faith as I should be but each and every time, I continue going to church so that I grow stronger."

Fanon Oyuga



"My name is Fanon Oyuga. I have lived a very sinful life in the past. I have been involved in all kinds of sin; committing crimes, drugs, alcohol and sexual immorality. There was a time I got born again and was attending a different church. But when I was in that church, I backslid and totally went back to the things I use to do. The only thing I never went back to was crimes, but I got back to drugs, alcohol, immorality and all kinds of sin. But I never had peace. So one day, I went with two of my friends to seek help from my brother-in-law, who is a pastor because the life of drinking alcohol had really messed us up. It had messed up our career and our reputation. We were tired of such life style and really wanted to change but didn't know how to get out of it. So when we went to Pastor Steve, my bro-in-law, he introduced us to Pastor Chiewolo who embraced us and started to teach us. He took us through discipleship lessons. Through the discipleship lessons, we really learned a lot. Pastor Chiewolo taught us the true Bible and the true meaning of salvation. At that point, we started to change and began seeking ways we could be changed completely.

Through PCI I see that Pastor Chiewolo is a great Man of God. He never coated things. He always rebuked us when we were wrong. He also at the same time embraced us with love and telling us the truth, telling us how we should live and serve God. And we felt we were embraced and we were part of the church. Not like other churches where we went sometimes back, because we had dreadlocks, people saw us as threat to the society; we were not accepted. Now we've been taught the right way, we felt that Pastor Chiewolo embraced us and encouraged us to love one another. He never preach to us love by just words but he preached love to us by action. He showed us action of life that has been with us until now.

And it has made us to change the way we've been living. To be honest, we never stop our sinful ways completely when preached to at first, but bit by bit, we've been dropping them. And we believe God, through the help of His Holy Spirit, we will be completely delivered soon from every thing.

PCI has been a home to me and my entire family. We all go to church and are praying together. And I give thanks to God for what He is doing. My encounter with Christ at PCI has really changed my life. I had been playing a part in leadership in the community. In the past I was leading other people astray because I had a lot of influence and I influenced the community in negative things and made many got lost. But now I believe, though I'm not fully grown in my salvation, God is using me to lead many to salvation. Now most of my friends that were involved in prostitution, crime, drugs, and alcohol, they are now going to church with me at PCI. And also when they come to church, they feel love and embraced. And their lives are also changing, as we were taught that transformation is a process. I believe the people who God has used me to bring to church are being transformed. They are trying to live a good life that reflect the image of Christ. And I believe through the help of Jesus, all will be well. What He has begun in our lives is going to change our entire

community, it going to change Kenya, and I believe that God is still going to use us and our stories to reach the entire world and save the lost.

I am happy to be a member of PCI Nairobi. I see its different form other churches. Some of us were members in other churches before but even the pastor use to stay far from us. But at PCI, the pastor is close to us. When we miss church service, He calls to follow up. He always shows concern. I feel that's love. Also when we have problem and call him, he shares with us. He helps us to solve our problems. He encourages us with biblical words. And even sometimes, I feel that because I know, as I can see my pastor is not financially stable but he's always willing to share the little he has. Though he struggles with his family financially, he's always willing to share. He is struggling to provide for His family but most times takes cares of other families in need. Such a love to see someone who can forsake himself to see others have meal on their table, is one of the greatest love someone can show and encourage others. Pastor Chiewolo has taught us love through his action and not just by preaching. So I am proud to be a part of PCI family. I believe God is working. He is raising an army of laborers at PCI that will win many lost souls.

MEN'S CORNER

PCI Nairobi is unique when it comes to male attendance and involvement in ministry. We are one of the few churches that have more male church members and attendance than female. This tells us that God is out to something! He's building a church that is raising a generation of godly males who will be used of Him to change the global narrative of more women church attendance than men.



Photo taken after an early morning men's breakfast prayer session

YOUTH'S CORNER

As a youth focused church, we are intentional about the spiritual nurture and equipping of young people for the work of ministry. In so doing, we engage young people with the word of God not by instructing them through conventional preaching and teaching. Instead, we create an environment of conversation centered on the tensions they are faced with and the questions they are asking and together we seek to find out what the scriptures has to say.



Rev. Chiewolo, Mom Chiewolo and Pastor Lamech in photo with Teens after a session of conversation on sexuality

WOMEN'S CORNER

Our women ministry has been a model of strength and growth to other fellowship ministries (men's ministry, young professional fellowship, and youth ministry) in PCI Nairobi. Most of the ministry activities being rolled out in other ministries of PCI first started with our women ministry.

From our women ministry, the Lord has also birthed an interdenominational women ministry that is equipping women ministers and pastor's wives for sustained spiritual vitality and fruitfulness in ministry.



A photo taken after an interdenominational women fellowship meeting held at PCI Nairobi

PRAYER NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT

1. The Church

- ★ Church rent arrears for 2022 (11 months @ USD \$1,500/ month) -----US \$16,500
- ★ Church rent for 2023 (12 months @ USD \$ 1,500/month) -----US \$18,000
- ★ We are trusting God to purchase our current rented property (1.1 acre of land space with a four bedroom build in the heart of Karen, Nairobi), which is on sale at -----
-----US \$690,000
- ★ Monthly operations expenses (@ USD 1,000/month *12 months) -----US \$12,000
- ★ 200 seater tent -----US \$8,000
- ★ 200 seats @ US \$33 -----US \$ 6,600
- ★ Complete Audio-visual livestream equipment -----US \$5,005
- ★ Jaz Drum Set -----US \$ 1,248
- ★ Office Desks & Chairs (Three offices @ US \$100,000 / office) -----US \$ 3,000

2. Family Support (Robert, Jarso and 3 children)

- Monthly upkeep -----US \$ 2,000/month
- Three Kids' Schooling (yearly) -----US \$3,000/term * 3 terms/year = US \$9,000
- Family 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: 1630282379377
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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