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“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you to the end of the age” Amen. (Matthew 28:19-20)

Glory to God for defying the odds: AN EXCITING WEDDING TOOK PLACE IN NAKIVAALE REFUGEE CAMP





Above: Though rather belatedly, we include here, for the glory of God, two photographs of an exciting wedding that took place in Nakivaale Refugee Camp, Southern Uganda last year, 2019. Considering refugees are people who are far from their homes which they fled due to insecurity, the majority of them having left their sources of income and wealth behind, it was only by God's enablement that the wedding took place. The occasion serves to encourage us in the faith that the God we follow, serve and worship defies odds. Whatever is our situation, His magnanimity and inexplicable power is capable of turning things around in our favour. This is because everything is possible to those who believe in Him (Mark 9:23). If He did it for the above couple despite their refugee situation, He is capable of doing the same for us, exceedingly above, beyond expectation just to make us, His children, happy and fulfil His plan for our lives (Jeremiah 29:11). Glory to God. In the second picture above, Pastor Mahuno Nakyoyo is officiating the wedding in front of the congregation.

EDITORIAL

As we come to the end of the month of February 2020, it is befitting and a form of worship to remember how God by His grace and benevolence ushered us into the New Year with a bang, giving us reason to celebrate the way we did in our respective capacities. More so, considering the challenges He enabled us to overcome and the many exciting things He enabled us to do for His Kingdom during the year 2019. The way He uniquely and relevantly connected us with CRC, through His obedient servants Pastor Phil Cayzer and Pastor John Zembwe, enabled us together to renew our strength to serve Him with a new impetus.

Whereas the maiden publication of our e-newsletter, published on 18th February 2020, mainly covered CRC events that took place last year, 2019, in our Africa sub regions of Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mauritius and Southern Sudan, this one covers CRC events that took place in the months of January and February this year in the same countries. However, we are sorry that we were unable to get adequate news of CRC events in Kenya, compared to the big work our brothers and sisters there pioneered and are still doing. We appeal to them to send us in time as much news as possible for our next publication on 31 March 2020. Their great work is worth publishing fully as an inspiration to us all.

MISSING EVENTS

Besides the newsletter missing comprehensive news about the big CRC work our brothers and sisters in Kenya are doing for inspiration, there was little or no news at all from the region about evangelism, baptisms, planted churches, Holy Communion services (Luke 22:19), in church washing of each other's feet (John 13:4-16), youth camps and outreaches for the less fortunate in society. As these are part of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), let us also involve ourselves in them and accordingly send me news about them monthly for inclusion in this newsletter.

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FROM PASTOR PHIL CAYZER

This month we celebrate the Cranbourne turningpoint campus birthday. Each of us has a birthday, a day we celebrate the gift of life God has given us. Thirty years (Pearl celebration) ago Ps Nancy Harkin from South Eastern Christian Centre, (and about the same time Ps Ian Nash from City Life church) planted churches in Cranbourne. It was 3 years later Ps Norma and myself were called of God to take the leadership of the new small church of 20 people. Then a few years later Ps Ian joined us to form what was to become the foundation of CRC turningpoint Cranbourne.

We can now see from the humble beginnings how God has moved, with 7 turningpoint Campuses running in our area, a School of over 1,000 students (with another school planted), Child Care, Properties owned, Australian Bible School of Ministry, Leaders trained, Pastors commissioned, Missions in 17 countries, Bible Colleges in 12 countries, over 1200 churches planted from the Bible Colleges, Children's home, School sponsorships, Pastor sponsorship as our first steps (with much more to come).

Still with all this we have to stop and say the true Pearl Celebration is seeing how the Holy Spirit has come into lives and created TURNINGPOINTS in all of us. It has been an enjoyable and challenging journey together, as Ps Norma and I have had our lives turned around (many times) – then to see our family all grow through turningpoint church and watch them continue to serve within turningpoint churches and extended ministries. The great JOY is to see how so many have stood the test of time shoulder to shoulder as we continue to see God moving in a way that sometimes we have to say "which way is up?" As it says in Acts 17, when Paul and Silas were proclaiming Jesus as King, the people said "These men, who have turned the world upside down, have come here also." turningpoint, and CRC linked ministries, we still have a lot of world to turn the right way up.

Happy birthday Cranbourne turningpoint and may we see the birth of many more Churches, Schools and Bible Colleges that will do far greater.

Ps Phil

TURNINGPOINT COMMUNITY GARDEN

Turningpoint Church at Cranbourne has a community garden with 36 garden beds available to church members and people from the local community, so that they can grow vegetables and flowers. The purpose of the garden is to make opportunities for the church's contact with the local community, increasing the possibilities of sharing God's love with them.

The Community Garden Committee is now led by Terry Aeschlimann, who some of you met last August 2019. He would like to see African churches promoting the idea of their members growing their own food at home and in shared gardens to provide much needed food, and a means of sharing resources with the community around the church.



NEWS IN PICTURES

Worship in Pastor Phil Cayzer's Turningpoint Church on Sunday 26th January (Australia Day)

Each month the church focuses on a cultural group that turningpoint is ministering to. In January it focused on Australians and dressed the way many Australians dress and talk, with readings from the Aussie Bible.



Ps David Owens from Frankston Church



Melody Fernandes (daughter of Ps Phil & Norma) leads worship time at Turningpoint Church on Sunday 26th January 2020



More worship time at the church on Sunday 26th January 2020



People worship God at Pastor Phil's church on Sunday 26th January 2020



Above are members of two CRC churches in Lubumbashi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, under the leadership of Pastor Mbembe Rugubira, celebrating Christmas last year 2019.



Some celebrating members of the same two churches in a relaxed mood.



Pictured above is the choir of the two celebrating CRC churches in Lubumbashi, DRC, leading the celebration with singing.



Above is a connect group of CRC Open Door Church in Canada where Pastor John Zembwe (4th from right) and his wife, Pastor Nabita Nyirarukundo (3rd from left) are members and Pastors.

CONNECT GROUPS

According to Hillsong Church, Connect Groups are groups of people who regularly meet, talk about life, God, or the Bible, and simply do life together! As a church gets larger and larger, connect groups help individual members of the church to feel connected to other members of the church. They do not feel unnoticed.

Although there are many different models of starting and managing Connect Groups, the following four ways describe how to build effective connect groups, ensuring that every individual is connected:

1. Make it consistent

By meeting regularly to build the trust of the people in the group, develop solid relationships, and journey through life's challenges together. Whether it's weekly or fortnightly on whatever day, make sure that your Connect Group is consistent. Encourage everyone to make a note of it in their calendar, and create the habit of gathering with your Connect Group family.

2. Make it accessible

Meeting at a convenient venue is crucial. Try to be spread out geographically when starting and building new groups, so that people from all over your community can meet at one convenient place to their home or work.

Whenever you meet, make it brief and to the point. It should not take a long time or be an in-depth Bible study.

3. Make it easy for people to fit in

One of the best ways to achieve this is to build Connect Groups based on age groups. This is effective because people can find their peers and connect with people who are going through a similar season of life.

Create a safe place where people can come as they are, where they can feel welcome and accepted, and where they can be vulnerable and open up. It's important that we create a relaxed environment for people to be themselves amongst likeminded people.

4. Make it fun

Have fun! Although reading the Bible and praying for each other is an essential part of a Connect Group, including a variety of activities will help people love it even more. Allow space to enjoy each other's company. Play games, eat food and become friends with each other. Connect Group should be something you look forward to attending, and not become a strain or a chore.

Ultimately, a Connect Group should aim at ensuring that people are disciplined and that they are part of the respective church's family. It should be an opportunity for people to be a part of the community, to find solid friendships, support and people to carry on life with.

BELOW ARE SOME OF THE 115 CRC CERTIFICATE COURSE STUDENTS IN CLASS AT KASULU, KIGOMA REGION, TANZANIA, A BIG ACHIEVEMENT. THEY STARTED THE COURSE ON 27 JANUARY 2020, FACILITATED BY PASTOR SAID JAMES.





Pictured above and below are more of the 115 CRC Certificate Course students in Kasulu, facilitated by Pastor Said James.



Pictured below is a group of CRC Certificate Course students in Kenya, facilitated by Bishop John Masika on 10th February 2020.



Pictured below is the Second level training which was started in the month of February 2020 on Chaplaincy at Pastor Phil's turningpoint Church.





On the left, attentive students of the Second level training on Chaplaincy, started at Pastor Phil's turningpoint Church.



In the picture above is CRC Pastor David Kalasira and his wife Pastor Resti Kalasira of/in Uganda



As Southern Sudan is slowly recovering from many years of conflict and civil war, CRC Missionary John Leak and other Missionaries are already there making a positive difference. Among encouraging things done so far is the construction of Agape Nursery and Primary School, whose signboard and water tanks are shown in the above picture. Glory to God. Below is the CRC team of Missionaries in Southern Sudan together with their Sudanese CRC counterparts.





Above is one of the CRC constructed school buildings in Southern Sudan, showing the village community, most likely parents of children attending the school there, having a meeting and celebrating the achievement.



Above are CRC Certificate course students in Uvira, DRC at CEPEA Open Door Church, facilitated by Pastor Suveni Rubaduka.



TREES WERE CUT DOWN IN BURUNDI FOR CONSTRUCTING A CRC CHURCH

Under the leadership of Brother Guy Nkurikiye and Evangelist Ahadi Mathieu, trees were cut down in Burundi during the month of February 2020 to become construction poles for building a CRC church, as the picture on the left and two others below show.

