



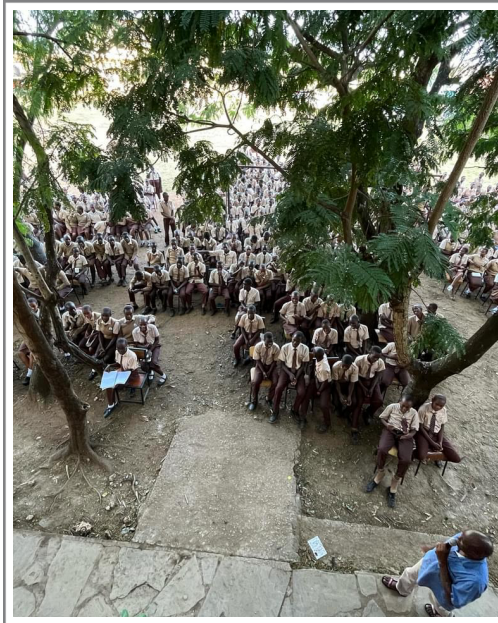
Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

June 2024

A team of us postponed an evangelism trip to Connecticut and Massachusetts, so I hopped on a plane and made an annual mission trip to Kenya, Africa concentrating on the Mombasa area along the Indian Ocean.

As you can see, we had a heavy focus on evangelism with thousands of students! I brought a message entitled, “You Can, If You Will,” reminding them from Psalm 139, that they are fearfully and wonderfully made, because our loving Heavenly Father created them spirit, soul, and body. I also encouraged them to meditate upon this verse all day long,

Proverbs 23:7 - For as he thinks within himself, so he is.



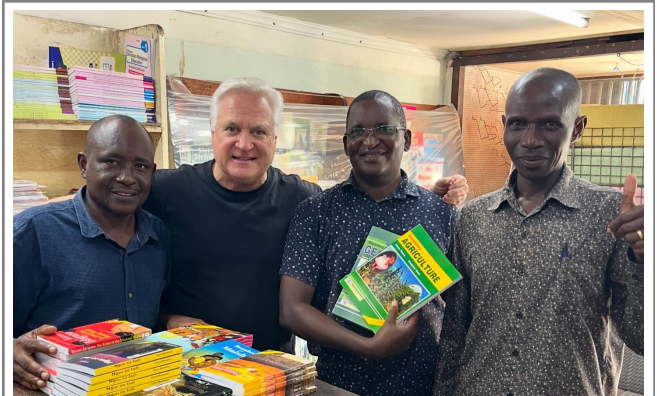
We become what we think about all day long! I taught them to practice thinking about themselves according to what God says about them and not what the world’s system ruled by Satan says about them!

As always, I finished with a simple gospel plea to come to Jesus before it is too late. For a week we heard thousands pray to receive Christ! These are just a few pictures as we went from school to school all day long.



The pictures below are of a juvenile detention prison. These young men committed serious crimes before the age of 18. This particular prison is designed to prepare them with the education they would receive in a normal life. It is a 3-year program and then parole. We were invited to share the gospel with them and I encouraged them in how they can start over again. I told them to see their time in prison as a retreat. A retreat from this world's system and personal selfishness and to sit before the Lord and learn from Him. Please pause, right now and pray for them. We saw many

tears and hopeful faces! I encouraged them in how to forget those things which are behind and press on to those things which are ahead. We also purchased some of the textbooks they need to fulfill the program requirements.



Some of our key leaders for many years in Kenya: John, Timothy, and Vincent.

We also trained pastors before we flew back to the capitol city of Nairobi in how to change the model of their churches so they become multiplying, disciple-making churches. This movement of multiplying, disciple-making begins with the pastor. Since 2019, God has led us to train pastors in the original model of a local church doing what Jesus did, making disciples who went on to make disciples who spread the faith across the world long before there was electricity and internet. Training in this is first and foremost. We have been guided by this original model to help pastors have a proper vision as they start new churches and revitalize existing ones.

We were also guided by this model as we helped financially to build the framework for a new church building and to help replace roofs on existing church buildings. In addition, we assisted to insure that 300 plastic stackable chairs were available for church use.

However, in the training sessions, we teach pastors how to instruct their churches so that they can be financially self-sustaining. Being financially self-sustaining will protect them from depending on America and will allow them to receive the joy of watching God meet their needs right there at home.



Thank you for praying and giving as the Holy Spirit leads you. We are forever grateful. This could never happen without you! We need you in these last days to reach men, women, boys, and girls for Christ. Only what's done for Christ will last! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Abiding above,

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Colossians 3:1-3

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