



DJJ During a Pandemic

Ministry Update
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Some might be wondering how COVID-19 has impacted Discipleship Journeys with Jesus. Here is the answer: **On the one hand, A LOT. On the other hand, NOT MUCH.**

How can these both be true? The **A LOT** part is the loss of opportunities to meet new potential partners face-to-face through international travel and to complete our Old Testament videos in the lands of the Bible.

We were planning on these trips for this fall:

- September:** partnership trip to Brazil with Jason Resende, **CANCELLED**
- October:** partnership trip to Malawi and other African nations, **CANCELLED**
- October:** video trip to Israel, along with a partnership training in Jordan, **CANCELLED**
- November:** partnership trip to Myanmar (Burma), **PROBABLY CANCELLED**

You might recall that in January, I was able to travel to three countries in Africa. As a result, we recruited three Regional Coordinators: **Liberia:** David Gbalee, **Uganda:** Godfrey Kakembo, **Kenya:** Kennedy Karanja.

Since we have had to cancel the trips above this fall, we will not be able to do the same kind of recruitment in many other countries.

On the other hand, the **NOT MUCH** impact is that staying close to home allows us to develop the needed structure for our ministry. For example:

- ◆ Our six Ministry Values (see page 3 for the first value)
- ◆ Expanded Vision
- ◆ Organizational Chart
- ◆ Clarification of goals and responsibilities
- ◆ Completion of writing 52 Old Testament journeys (11 to go!)
- ◆ Design set up and beta-testing of 20 Old Testament journeys
- ◆ Revised Partnership and Ambassador training materials
- ◆ Regional Coordinator reporting and monthly meetings
- ◆ Various policies & procedures
- ◆ Staff recruitment and orientation processes
- ◆ Website improvements
- ◆ Translations
- ◆ And others



Please pray with us that we can reschedule the canceled trips for the beginning of next year. Please also pray that we will eventually be able to see how God used this time to create the infrastructure needed to continue building this ministry to reach our immense vision.

Making Discipleship Doable,

Dr. Mark Alan Williams
Founder and President

Kenya Partnership Training with Kennedy Karanja



Kennedy reports: We commissioned one Bishop and ten Pastors, for a total of eleven ministers in July. Those included:

Bishop Stephen Karanja (East Africa Community Pastor's Fellowship), **Pastor Mbugua Joseph** (Full Gospel Churches of Kenya), **Pastor Lillian Wanjohi** (Deliverance Church-Gitaru), **Pastor Gilbert Kibiu** (First Born Church, Kiambu), **Reverend David Njuguna** (Kenya Assemblies of God, Rungiri), **Pastor Esther Mugu** (Deliverance Church, Cooperation), **Reverend Julius Chabari** (The Worshippers Chapel Intl), **Reverend Dementrias Karanja** (Christ the King Worship Church), **Pastor Lucas Njiraini** (Church On The Rock, Kawangware), **Reverend Francis Mugo** (Deliverance Church, Kinoo), **Pastor Elizabeth Chege** (Church On The Rock, Gitaru).



Here are a few of the vision commitments made:

- ◆ **Rev. Dementrias:** vision to disciple 50,000. He has planned to organize Bishops and pastors for partnership training Mai Mahiu, Naivasha, Narok, and Nairobi (three major towns outside Nairobi).
- ◆ **Bishop Karanja:** he has planned to begin meeting with twenty of their key leaders in their church and begin the discipleship movement. He leads the East Africa Community Pastors Fellowship, which has a membership in 9 nations. I (Kennedy) am one of the key leaders of the Fellowship. He wants to use the annual International conferences to introduce the DJJ materials/movement
- ◆ **Reverend Christopher Wanyeki:** who is involved in discipling forty of his members- has planned for a partnership training event with some bishops and pastors that is scheduled for September.

Key leaders who went through Partnership Training in July, with Kennedy in the center (not holding a certificate)

Location:

Church On The Rock, Gitaru, Kenya

Prayers for Kenya

- ◆ Thank God for Kennedy Chenge Karanja and his work with DJJ as the Regional Coordinator for Kenya.
- ◆ **Pray for those working to spread discipleship despite the COVID-19 restrictions and for innovative methods to reach people.**
- ◆ Pray for funds to purchase a TFT monitor to show PowerPoints for the Partnership Training.
- ◆ **Pray for the eleven who went through the training and for their vision to make disciples.**
- ◆ Pray for another discipleship group that will be starting in Kennedy's church.
- ◆ Pray for an unstoppable passion to those that are discipled so they may multiply and make disciples.
- ◆ Pray for adequate resources to enable the team to do the work in Kenya.

Meet a Translator: Bishop Stephen Sarara-Swahili



Bishop Stephen Sarara teaching at Booker Primary and Secondary schools at Mumias, Western Kenya

Bishop Stephen subscribed and downloaded our discipleship materials in early 2019 and immediately put them into action by using the lessons with several discipleship groups. Bishop Stephen oversees Pentecostal Revival Ministry Churches, as well as pastoring Pentecostal Life Time Church.

Bishop Stephen was invited and joined Dr. Mark Williams at the January Partnership Event in Nairobi, where he heard how he could expand discipleship using DJJ materials.

At the time, he said: “These discipleship materials are a great way of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ to family members, church members, and the community. “

We have developed a working relationship as he has translated the New Testament Quarter 1 lessons and Closed Caption files into Swahili. Those materials are in the design and proofing phase and will be on the website for worldwide use in September.

Ministry Value One: Strategic Partnerships

As mentioned, one of the projects we have been working on during COVID-19 time is our Ministry Values. We have found six foundational values, which we will share about in our upcoming ministry updates. Here is the first:

VALUE ONE: Strategic Partnerships

We provide a resource for strategic partners to multiply disciples.

What this means:

In practical application, this value means that **we provide discipleship resources for local leaders who multiply discipleship in their continent, country, region, district, and so on.**

The Apostle Paul wrote to a strategic partner named Timothy: “And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” (2 Timothy 2:2 KJV)

To live out this value, we need translations of our materials in many local languages. Therefore, we are currently in various stages of the translation process into 19 languages.

Disciple Report

We love celebrating the stories of lives transformed because of going through the DJJ materials.

If you have a story to share, send it to service@djjministry.org.

Send a picture- preferably with DJJ materials or certificate in hand. We may feature your picture next!

Disciple's name: Tete Bulu
Discipler: Apostle Wilmot F.S Bulu
Grace Temple Church
City/Country: Kakata City, Liberia



Tete Bulu
Kakata City
Liberia, Africa

My name is Tete Bulu, a member of the Grace Temple Church, Green Hill Community, Kakata City, Margibi County, Liberia West Africa.

Before joining the DJJ Q1 training, I was a very weak Christian, not active in any activity in my church. Even when I think about my life, no one could tell whether I am a Christian because of my lifestyle. I participated in more worldly activities than the church.

I thank the most high God for Apostle Wilmot F.S Bulu, who motivated me to join the discipleship training in our church and complete the Q1 training.

I thank God that repentant spirit has come upon my life through this training and has gained the habit of reading my Bible, being active in church, and sharing with friends the good news of Christ. However, I want DJJ to develop a video for the teaching materials in local language /dialect for more understanding for our local people who are not literate.

Other Ministry Prayers:

- ◆ Pray for the completion of many ongoing projects, including an app in development that will also speak the lessons and Scripture to those who cannot read or have eyesight issues.
- ◆ Thank God for the faithfulness of donors.
- ◆ Thank God for the people in 83 countries that have downloaded the materials!
- ◆ Pray for the vision of children's materials and for writers who can collaborate on the DJJ4K project.
- ◆ Pray for wisdom to know how to hold Partnership Training and meet potential staff around the world when we are not able to travel due to the pandemic.
- ◆ Pray for the opportunity that has opened for Jason Resende (Latin America Rep.) to hold DJJ discipleship lessons on the radio.

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