A Mark of Difference

Bridgeworld College

"Be Transformed to Transform the World"

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(People of God as Kingdom and Priests)

The Kingdom of God is one of the primary themes in the Scriptures. Even as Jesus was starting His public ministry, the first message was about the Kingdom of God. There is an obvious reason to this. During Jesus' public ministry, His preaching, teaching and healing were all about the good news of the kingdom of God. After His resurrection for 40 days, what He preached was also about the Kingdom of God (Acts 1:3).

Therefore, when Jesus started His public ministry, He began by saying that "the Kingdom of God is at hand." This means that the Kingdom of God which was being fulfilled through Jesus Himself was imminent. The Genesis account in the Old Testament began with the story of Eden. Eden was the archetype of the Kingdom of God. However, humanity lost Eden because of sin. In order to restore the Kingdom of God, Jesus was sent by the Father.

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In order to restore the Kingdom of God, God reinstated His people back to His nation. The gate to this restoration is through repentance and faith by regeneration or 'being born again.' By regeneration, people can not only have salvation, but they also have the privilege to enter the Kingdom of God and become His people.

As a result of salvation, we have the privilege of calling Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. This is because He is the King of the Kingdom of God. In a sense, we are saved into the Kingdom of God.

When we become the citizens or subjects of the Kingdom of God, it means that God is our King and Lord, and we become God's people. This God is Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ saved us through His precious blood and made us His Kingdom and priests (Rev. 5:9). As our identity is His Kingdom, our calling or mission is priesthood. The Kingdom signifies the people of His Kingdom, and "priests" means the role of people of God.

The primary role of the priests is mediation. Priests are the mediators between God and people in the Bible. We are not only the people of God but we are also disciples who actualize the calling of mediation. Therefore, we are God's people in His Kingdom, and as priests, we are the spreaders of the good news of Jesus Christ. When we become God's people, the reign of Jesus Christ occurs among us and within us. Moreover, we become mediators who have the calling of priesthood.

The Kingdom of God is the subject upon and within which God reigns or rules. God sent the Holy Spirit to us so that the reign of Christ may be done within us and upon us. This reign is actualized through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the heart of believer: mind, emotion and will. Hence, we become the Kingdom of God through the indwelling and reign of the Holy Spirit in us.

As we have become the people of God through repentance and faith, we have also become His royal priests. We have been endowed with the task of spreading the good news of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. This is the reason for our existence as the people of God and evangelistic mediators. Therefore, our purpose of life should also be attuned to this calling.

Rev. James Jongdo Lee, Ph.D
Principal Bridgeworld College

Bringing people to a living relationship with God

Keeping with the core mission of bringing all people into a living relationship with God through Jesus Christ and particularly this time when the church all over the world is facing key challenges in the West and here in Africa, Bridgeworld College was founded in Nairobi for the sake of training lay people and pastors so that they may go out to transform many for the kingdom of God.

Our Lord has wonderful plans for your life. The beauty of that plan is that He will place the very people and experience in your pathway that will ensure the maximum fulfillment of your potential in attaining of His unique purpose for you day by day.

Bridgeworld College has been used by God to train many people and can be used by Him to train you for the future triumphs as you discover Christ's ever unfolding will that is yours to enjoy.

We have many programs to meet the intellectual challenges of your church/ministry as well as prepare you to make practical applications one a day to day basis.

Our faculty comprises of some very finest theologians, brilliant professors and faithful biblical scholars. Though they may come from various denominational backgrounds, the members of this trans denominational faculty have a central love for Christ around whom everything they teach revolves. For they are individually committed to Christ with a warm heart.

Here at Bridgeworld we are convinced that our students are and will be world-changers transforming the world; we pray and hope that you will let us become your personal vehicle to academic and spiritual maturity. to God be the glory.

Rev., Dr. James Mwaura,
Provost

Drawing our strength from the community

Why partnerships?

Since success cannot be achieved by doing one thing all alone, it calls for partnership. We as Bridgeworld College have discovered that we need to value what others do and hence draw our strength from the diversification of the divine deposits to move a step further.

Who are you partnering with?

We are targeting to partner with more than thirty institutions but have so far partnered with various institutions and churches like Navigators, Elyon High school in Dagoretti and Spring Pastures High school in Ngong. We have also been sending our students for attachment at St. Nicholas School in Karen, Nyumbani Children's home in Dagoretti, Feed the Hungry and Shangilia mtoto wa Africa in Kangemi and Gachie Hospital among others.

Do you have any relations or collaborations with institutions of higher education?

We have enjoyed close working relations and services from wonderful universities; Kumi University in Uganda and Northwest University in South Africa and one local Great Lake University in Kisumu.

What are your future upgrade plans for the college?

We are in the process of registering Bridgeworld University. We have begun the journey of becoming one of the best professional local universities here in Kenya and in Africa

What's your parting shot?

This generation is waiting, Bridgeworld is moving! Come on and join this chariot! Thank you for your prayers.

Rev. Philip Gichohi,
Government Relations Officer/Dean of students

Friends of Bridgeworld

Poverty is endemic in Kenya and run side by side with ignorance and disease in both rural and urban areas. Tackling this requires holistic approach which embraces spiritual teachings from the bible. Elyon Christian Mission's memorandum of understanding with Bridgeworld College has been seen as a divine connection for transformative actions to change these poor communities in our locality.

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We have been trying to introduce various churches and our high school graduates to this college for training both for theology and social science studies. The college's PR team is visiting, marketing and recruiting prospectives from a target of 27 slum churches. We are very greatful for the scholarship given to students from our community and the opportunity given to the principal of Elyon High school to contribute to this through lecturing in HIV/AIDS course unit.

We, together with other underground churches from the Arab countries mainly Egypt, Algeria, Sudan and Morocco had a privilege of attending the 2015 spectacular graduation ceremony, joining in celebrating the contribution to the society through training and commissioning the change agents. In all these and more to come, I can surely say Bridgeworld College carries the hall mark of God's chosen ones as stated in John 15:16 and in Jeremiah 1:5.

May the Lord richly bless Bridgeworld community.

Rev. William Eyika,
Director, Elyon Christian Mission.

Sprouting forth

Narok County is one of the promising counties despite the challenges of poverty and lack of access to social services among others. In the education sector, there are a few institutions of higher learning that cannot at the moment cater for the fast growing population.

In response to this call, Bridgeworld College administration together with one of our lecturers in the social science department ,Mrs. Sarah Okwemba sat down to discuss and structure an extension class to cater for these needs. From this, an extension class was born.

On Monday 16th March, 2015, the class was launched in Narok town and the classes officially started. Our classes are run on part time and school based in collaboration with Timothy Leadership Training a ministry of Christian Reformed World Missions-Eastern & Southern Africa.

Our training is not like classroom teaching where the teacher stands up in front of the class and talks while students listen and take notes. It is interactive and inductive. Inductive means that during a lesson participants talk more than the trainer similar to a good mathematics teacher who gives the class a problem to solve ... and then leaves the students time to reflect to find the answer instead of just giving them the solution!

The prospective students come from a variety of backgrounds working groups but so far it has been a success given that it was the first of its kind in the region known for a culture that is rigid to change.

We extend our gratitude to the entire group that made it a succcess for their generously in supporting this Program in Narok.

Mr. Davis Fedha,
Education and Training Coordinator-
Timothy Leadership Training

Lecturers Desk..

Living the mandate

I was led to Bridgeworld College after a dream I had fifteen years ago of becoming a missionary professor in the mission field. It has been a blessing working with this wonderful college. At the beginning I had challenges coping up with the cultural anthropological setup of Kenya but now am getting a better understanding of it.

I am so thankful to God and feel blessed to be given an opportunity to teach and impact students in both Theology and Social Science departments and to oversee and coordinate the Theology department.

I have been praying that our precious students will be agents who will bring God's Kingdom into every area of life. We look forward to God doing great works in and through us as we equip the leaders with biblical stewardship skills and truth as they reach out the society in Kenya and beyond.

This is my word for all our prospective students; come, see, experience and be part of what God is doing in Bridgeworld College. To those considering to do mission work; go into the reality with God's promises on you. My humble prayer for all of us is this: Lord, empower us to serve you faithfully and wholeheartedly!

Dr. Wooyoung Choi,
Lecturer /HOD Theology Department

Bridgeworld College-the place to be

The first time I heard of the college was when a friend referred me to the Administration Officer for a part time teaching job. My friend was relocating to another town and that meant the vacancy left was to be filled. The first reception I got was great and I felt part of the Bridgeworld community right away.
It was the place to be!

It has been great interacting with the staff which is warm and very supportive. I particularly remember with joy, the lunch time breaks in the kitchen when we shared meals together as family and laughed off the day's experiences with one of the lecturer's hilarious jokes!

Teaching has been fruitful and enjoyable. The interaction with the students gives me great joy and satisfaction as a lecturer. My part time colleagues have equally been instrumental and supportive. I appreciate the lecturers we have interacted with during the briefing sessions and those whom we rub shoulders with academically. Where do you find such warm reception? Where do you get such a healthy psychological environment for teaching? - *Only at Bridgeworld College!! Thumps up walimu!!*

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I pray that it shall be well as Bridgeworld College continues to grow and fulfill the godly mandate of transforming learners who will transform the world for our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you all!! God bless Bridgeworld International and God bless Kenya and Africa!

Mrs. Judith Ambaka,
Lecturer Community-Dev. & Social work

Students Desk..

Long live Bridgeworld

When I registered for my counseling studies, I was not so sure if it was really the right time for me to study with everything that was going one in my life.
I almost gave up that moment and even in the course of my studies but through advices and encouragement from the college's Public Relations Officer and one of my lecturers I soldiered on and I can certainly say, it was in the will of God and this is the right place for me to be.

In the course of my studying, I have really gained a lot of knowledge and experience from class work and from my fellow students. The lecturers are qualified and with diligence in teaching helping us to integrate our theory with practical life.
I would like to encourage anyone considering joining Bridgeworld College to do so and he/she will have this same or a better testimony. *Long live Bridgeworld College!*

Lilian Waikwa
Counseling program student

I sincerely thank God who by His grace enabled me to join Bridgeworld College. I joined Bridgeworld College in February 2012 after I was introduced by a friend pastor. As its slogan is "be transformed to transform the world", my life has been transformed holistically.

My preaching and ministry lifestyle has improved a lot even the members of my church have observed and been commenting on the same. I have been humbled, equipped, molded and shaped through the knowledge and skills I have acquired. I am now more effective and productive in my family as husband to my wife, a father to my children, a senior pastor in our church and as a leader in my community.

The lecturers are very experienced in their areas of study and the administration is very understanding and cooperative making it easy to and enjoyable to study. Interacting with students from different cultures both locally and internationally has been a great experience in my stay and study and has helped me learn to appreciate diversity as one body of Christ.

Encountering truth, experiencing transformation

I now feel more confident as I serve God with understanding and freedom from learning the truth as the bible says, "*You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free" (John 8.32)*. I encourage all who want to learn not only get a certificate but for quality and transforming education which will help them in their areas of service to consider joining us. Here you get undiluted Biblical Teaching. To God be all the glory and May He bless Bridgeworld College.

Pst. Charles Mwai,
Theology Program Students

My holistic growth

Bridgeworld College has made me grow intellectually, socially and spiritually. It has made me appreciate who I am and also appreciate other people from different backgrounds. The college provides a serene and holistical environment; classes are well managed by the administration, lectures conducted by very qualified lecturers and the library equipped with needed books that enable effective learning.

The social gatherings like cultural days, family days, sports days, retreats among others have helped me learn how to mingle and bond with other students while the morning devotion sessions and Wednesday chapel services helped me have fellowship with brethren encouraging and building my spiritual life.

I have really benefitted a lot from this wonderful college and I have every reason and with so much faith to call on and encourage any person who has hunger and thirst of growing holistically to come join and be part of this amazing community. God bless Bridgeworld College.

Elizabeth Maina,
Community Dev. & Social work Program Student

Mission Field

Transforming the new generation

Q: What is your name and where do you do your mission work?

A: Am James Musyimi a missionary serving in Ukunda

Q: Is this your home area?

A: No. I come from the Eastern part of Kenya; Ukambani.

Q: Why Ukunda?

A: In response to the great commission "…..make disciples of all nations…."

Q: What are the challenges of this area?

A: There is poverty; the community is destitute and helpless. Children have dropped out of schools and families have split in search of survival. Also the people of this land have unbiblical belief and are committed to traditional folk belief.

Q: What are you doing in regards to this?

A: In seeing that the vulnerable children are getting a standardized level of education just like any other child in Kenya, we offer holistic education opportunity to the vulnerable children through Bright Angels Academy.

Q: What is your objective?

A: The main objective is to transform the society through Christian values gained at Bridgeworld College. Thankfully our ministry has become a source of inspiration to this community.

Q: How unique is your ministry?

A: We have endeavored to give a structured formal education to children coming from poverty stricken families. This has been made possible through the help from our Bridgeworld International family. Our education program is conducted through maintenance of Christian values and self-devoted attitude.

Q: How has it been?

A: It is unbelievable to see how God has been taking us from one level of growth to another. Having begun from a humble beginning in 2008, we can say this is all by God's grace. Transforming pupils through sharing the word of God has been taking place day by day.

I thank God for this year of 2015, and I am optimistic that our God will do it again for He (God) has been the only hope and encouragement.

Pst. James Musyimi,
Director of Bright Angels Academy

Impacting Isiolo

I was born in a Muslim family and grew up in a Muslim dominated area where ninety nine percent of the people are Muslims. I attended Madrassa (Quran study) for some years and later I went to primary school. I finished my primary school while I was a Muslim and later went to Secondary school where I met with the savior of my life.

From that time the Lord gave me the burden to start a home fellowship where people could meet and pray together as a family. This fellowship grew and we joined the Catholic Church which was the only Church in the area at that time.

For ten years we were under the Catholic Church but later the relationship with the area priest and our fellowship members broke due to the unbiblical doctrine that he was forcing us to obey. He went to the nearest Police station and accused us of developing a new doctrine in the Church. The Police came for me and some of my fellow believers. Glory to Jesus we were released within three hours due to the intervention of some of our friends.

From this incidence, a strong passion and zeal to know more about Jesus and do exploits for Him and His kingdom grew in me. I started seeking for an opportunity for theological studies and at one time a certain pastor friend introduced me to Bridgeworld College in the year 2012 where with open arms I was welcomed and awarded a scholarship.

My study here has really helped me to be deeply rooted in the word of God; equipping me for ministry in my locality; Isiolo. While in School, I got an opportunity to interact with people from different cultures. Through the interactions, I learnt how to conduct missionary works cross-culturally.

Despite the challenges the deeply rooted Islam, high percentage of illiteracy, poverty, insecurity lack of transportation, religious favourism and persecution, we are keeping the fire burning with one aim of countering Islam, opening up the community's mind and expanding God's kingdom through preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ standing on His promises in Jeremiah 29:11.I thank Almighty God for choosing me as His vessel and enabling me go through Bridgeworld College.

Samuel Salad Dabasso,
Theology Program student

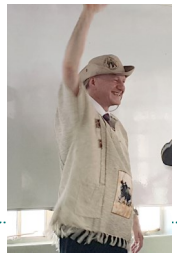
Bloc Courses

Parallel to the normal class sessions of two hours courses, we conduct bloc courses which are run on a short race style for a week for each course to help our students finish their units of study in a short time possible and also give them more exposure to knowledge delivered by different lecturers from other areas, institutions and countries.
These were the courses for our first semester 2015 year:

26th~30th January, 2015
Dr. Joshua Jong, a professor in Psychological Studies from Boston University in Massachusetts, U.S.A, took our students through Pastoral Psychotherapy to help them effectively provide therapeutical services by integrating both Psychological (social life) and Religious (faith) values.

2nd~6th February, 2015
Dr. Mwaya wa Kitavi
the Director of Christian Reformed World Missions-Eastern & Southern Africa took our students through the keys to effective Biblical Preaching both in the Old and New Testaments.

23rd~27th March, 2015
Rev. William Macleod
Principal of Free Church Seminary and Minister at Knights wood Free Church in Glasgow, Scotland lectured on Redemption accomplished and applied, exploring the biblical passages dealing with the necessity, nature, perfection, and extent of the atonement and presentation of how the redemption accomplished by Christ is applied progressively to the life of the redeemed.



Appreciating our gifting

Intellectual aspects of personality are solely accomplished by classroom, while aesthetic development, character building, spiritual growth, physical growth, moral values, creativity, etc. are supported by co-curricular activities.
In regards to this, Bridgeworld college organizes retreats, family, prayer and sports days to give opportunity to our students to have fun, develop friendships, team practice and healthy competitions and have emotional support and nurturing; appreciating different gifting disposed by God to each individual.

Fruits of labour

In February 2015, we held our colourful 8th graduation ceremony for our students who had finished their studies in various programmes; a landmark and symbolic event to represents all of the hard work and accomplishments that students have partaken.

A Mark of Difference

Philosophy:
Committed to help leaners encounter truth and experience transformation by faith and learning through student-oriented education.

Vision:
To be a vigorous, Transformative learning community to impact the world for the Lord.

Mission statement:
Bridgeworld College exists to impact the world by equipping men and women in mind, character and stewardship through transformative education.

BRIDGEWORLD COLLEGE

B C Core values :

Stewardship
Integrative Learning
Great Commission Lifestyle
Kingdom Comradeship
Biblical Mind
Integrity
Servant hood

Our extension centers:

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Narok Extension Centre

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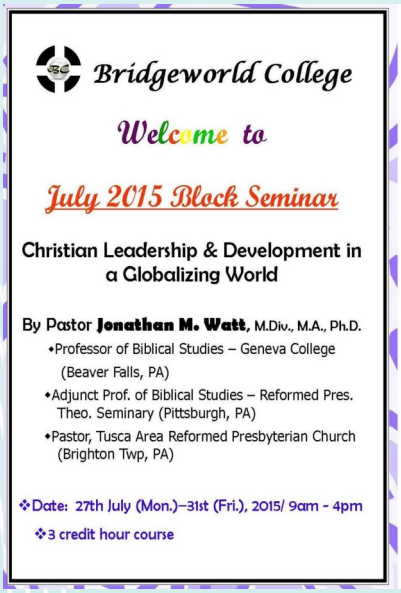
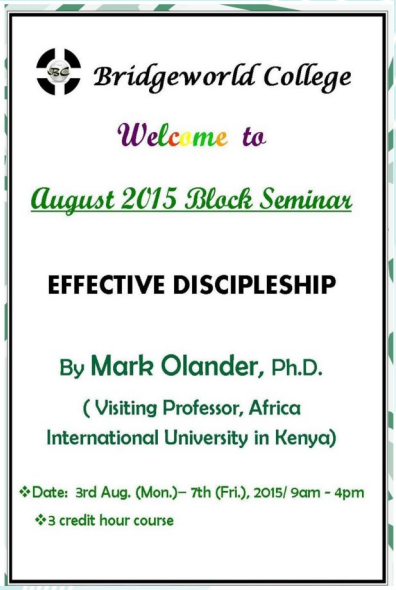
Up coming Bloc Courses





Bridgeworld College offers a variety of courses that are very unique and life transforming. We offer Diploma and Bachelor Degree in Theology, Diploma in Social work/Community Development (KNEC), Diploma in Business Management (KNEC) and Diploma in Counseling providing quality graduates who are purpose driven and productive in ministry, research, technology and innovation.

Academic schedule:
1st Semester: January ~ May
2nd Semester: July ~ November

"Share the Dream of Bridgeworld College, the Hope of Africa"