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Bridgeworld College

"Be Transformed to Transform the World"

Extending God's Kingdom in partnership with local churches

Principal's Message for the 7th Graduation Ceremony

Honorable Bishop Tuimising, honorable guests, fellow lecturers, graduating students, and family members, I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. As the principal of this college, I'd like to appreciate all of you who are here to celebrate our graduating students, for your prayers and support for us. We are standing as witnesses in the presence of our Almighty God for the celebration of our graduating students, encouraging them to run a good race as they serve the Lord in the world.

First of all, I thank God who has provided this beautiful campus for us. This campus includes well-compacted facilities, such as lecture rooms, chapel, computer room, library, cafeteria, a meeting room, a guest room, and many offices. By the grace of God, a good hostel which can house more than 60 students is under construction. Bridgeworld College began with the name, "Africa Centre for the Great Commission" in 2002. It was originally established to train African national missionaries as a non-formal institution. The first class started with 12 students in 2003. It has produced more than 100 graduates since then. Several missionaries produced are currently working among Samburu, Digo, and Mbeere. Others are serving God's Kingdom in various countries such as Uganda, South Sudan, Zambia as well as Kenya. In the meantime, according to the needs of African society, to embrace the bigger dream, it came to adopt Nairobi College of Intercultural Studies and Theology, a formal theological institution. From this year, the name has changed to Bridgeworld College by the recommendation of the ministry of higher education, science and technology in the course of its registration.

It is said that the future of a nation is determined by a sound and healthy education today. The African society demands higher quality of leaders according to the rapid change of the society, and even the churches in Africa demand well-trained leaders and pastors. To meet such needs of the society, Bridgeworld College makes effort to upgrade its educational quality in many ways. First, it developed a collaborative partnership with Northwest University, South Africa, and Kumi University in Uganda several years ago. Moreover, we make great efforts to invite the best lecturers from many different countries, e.g. England, Singapore, South Korea, Scotland, U.S.A., etc., who have shown distinguished achievements in their professional areas.

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Thankfully, we received a good recognition from the Technical Accreditation & Quality assurance (TAQA) review team from the ministry of higher education, that we are more than qualified according to the requirements of the government. Also I proudly announce that a new program launches from this year: that is, the Social Work and Community Development. Its intake is now in progress. In a few years, another program will be implemented: Guidance and Counseling course. The three departments will consist of the academic triangle of the college.

This generation calls for the transformed quality leaders. We cannot dream the change of society without transformed leaders. We have to be transformed first to transform the world for the sake of our Lord. I hope this college will be a center, the cradle of producing more balanced, transformative spiritual leaders through the quality education. You could experience it through this institution. In order for us to achieve the goal cooperatively, we need your prayers and supports. Please stand beside us and pray for us for the sake of finishing the noble task together.

Principal, James Jongdo Lee, Ph.D

Restoration History

The power of Christ was a clearly evident in the whole story of incarnation: In His miraculous birth, resurrection, ascension, sitting at the right hand of the Father, in addition to all miracles and the power of His words and their effect. They dared Him during crucifixion to come down from the cross (Matthew 27:40-42), but His resurrection from the dead was more powerful than coming down from the cross. If He would have spoken, He would have convinced His accusers and oppressors. He previously convinced them many times: He had silenced the Sadducees (Matthew 22:34), He dumbfounded the Jewish elders with regards to the Sabbath (Matthew 22:15-22) and "no one was able to answer Him a word." (Matthew 22:46).

While in His tomb, He was not a prisoner, His spirit was able to descend into lower parts of the earth (Ephesians 4:9), to preach to the fallen asleep in hope, to transfer their spirits to praise and to receive with them the spirit of the thief who confessed His Lordship and kingdom when He was with Him on the cross (Luke 23:43).

With regards to His resurrection, it was a powerful resurrection which the elders of the Jews fought in all ways. They fought it by placing a large stone on the door of the tomb and sealed it with seals and placed soldiers before the tomb armed with weapons. After the resurrection was fulfilled, they fought it with lies, rumors and bribery. They fought it by capturing the disciples of Christ; scourging, imprisoning and threatening them because they preached His resurrection.

It was an evidence of His righteousness, for if He was condemned, it would not be possible for Him to rise after His death, His divinity, for He rose by Himself without anyone raising Him. Likewise, it shows that they falsely accused Him and misled the people to call for His crucifixion. For this; they said to His disciples who preached His resurrection, "you intend to bring this man's blood on us!" (Acts 5:28).It was therefore evident that He died willingly and not forcibly: the silence was His will and not His weakness.

Few have this strength, but their pride beat them and they defend themselves to confirm they are innocent, or that they are in the right or that they will be victorious if they speak. But the Lord Christ had the power that bears injustice in silence and bears false allegations and all the accusation and taunting. In all this "He opened not His mouth." (Isaiah 53:7)He personally went to the place in which He will be captured and He also went at the same time that the soldiers and Judas the betrayer would come in.

In all power, He stood before them and said "I am He." (John 18:5) "Now when He said to them, "I am He" they
drew back and fell to the ground." When the disciples desired to defend Him, He did not allow them. When Peter used the sword that was with Him, He said to Him, "put your sword into the sheath." (John 18:11; Matthew 26:52).

We all believe in the resurrection of Christ with power, as Saint Paul the apostle said, "that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection." (Philippians 3:10).We must not concern ourselves with outer strength, but to be concerned with strength that sacrifices itself for others. For it is as the Lord said, "Greater love has no one than **this,** than to lay down one's life for his friends." (John 15:13).Therefore sacrifice yourselves for the sake of your brethren, to help them enter the kingdom for "he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins." (James 5:20).

Rev.Canon.Dr. James Mwaura
(Hon. Provost, Bridgeworld College)

Bridgeworld College Staff Retreat

On the 3rd week of January, the staff of Bridgeworld College had a break away from the normal routine work into a time of practical reflection and reconnection not only to God but to the college as a ministry.
The staff went to Dimese hostels in Karen. On the first day, Dr.Lee shared from Hebrews 11:1-10 the chapter of faith and Psalms 33:13-22.He taught on the differences between faith and conviction; secular and biblical conviction which is a basis of our emotions, attitude, passion and zeal.
The following day, he casted a vision 2020 on staff self-academic and spiritual development, expansion of the campus, additional facilities, introduction of other courses departments and building support networks.

Telling our Story

We tell stories to transform ourselves; to learn about our history and tell our experiences to make a difference in our world.
When we look in the Bible, God sprinkled it with reminders of His interests in reference to Africa which has a long history than some might accrue. Going back to the days of Pharaoh and Moses. It is interesting to know that Jacob made his first trip to Egypt as if he had known that his father Abraham had previously come there to seek for refuge from famine. It is in Egypt where the posterity of Abraham multiplied to thousands of families, Jesus' parents took him to Egypt at birth, At death, His cross was carried by a man from Libya, Simon. Despite all these awesome references, Africa has been viewed as a Dark Continent dominated by demons, worship of spirits, poverty and devastation.
Many Christians suffer from historical amnesia. The memory of early Christian's fathers of faith vanished from the collective consciousness of humanity, forgotten by succeeding generations.
Allusions to many of them do not appear in the pages of texts available to us, nothing about their plight!
This volume then serves as a focus of Bridgeworld College's life and contributions to the society-theological reflection through training of transformed leaders to transform the world with seven core values. Bridgeworld College is bridging the gap and endeavors to spearhead the moments of transformation for Africa nationals and usher in a new revival wave which shall swipe the hearts of men and women worldwide. Come and be part of this great and holy task!

PARTNERING FOR THE VISION

The last week of February was a week of jubilation and mesmerizing for the Bridgeworld family and friends, God gave us an opportunity to hold our seventh graduation at the new campus in Karen. About ten students graduated and more than two hundred people attended the occasion. It was all joy.
Bridgeworld College is vigorously training pastors, church leaders, missionaries and future leaders. There are programs for the holistic human developments. We also have scholarship policies for various groups of students.
We are registered with the government and are introducing new programs to meet the demands of the community. We have hostels for students that come from far and we also provide meals for day students at a minimum rate. We have experienced lectures and qualified staff. We look forward to partnering with churches, non-governmental organizations and Christians institutions both locally and internationally in order to extend our networks and finish the task of reaching the uttermost part of the world before Jesus Christ returns to this world. Come and be part of us!

From the Editorial Team

Vision Trip of Korean Board Members to Kenya

Bridgeworld College family had an exciting moment in Mar. 20th 2012 with vision trip teams from Korea. Its all blessing that the board of directors was moved by God to come and witness His doings in Africa. Elder Chung shared a message in our Wednesday chapel that Africa is dearly loved by God and that we are precious and a treasured possession before Him.

Much thanks goes back to God and to the team for the sacrificial giving towards the development of the campus in Karen.. It's through the team's support that Bridgeworld College family has realized tremendous developments. May the Lord shower his blessings upon his people in Korea!

~Testimony~

I feel excited to share briefly concerning my Christian life having been trained at BridgeWorld College. I took both missions and Biblical Studies. My interactions with lecturers were an eye opener. I grew deeper in the Biblical knowledge and was introduced to the Biblical approach to missions and how to be relevant in different cross-cultural contexts.

My personal Christian life was impacted; my pulpit ministry and my assignment among the unreached peoples groups began to bear fruits. It was a blessing to see visible worshipping communities gathered under trees and in temporal structures with a people having zeal to seek and serve God.

Am currently working as a Ministry Programs coordinator for Straight Path Resources (God's Story Project) Which is a Part of the Orality Movement, We are a resource Ministry, developing tools and strategies to engage oral learners in inductive Bible studies and also offer communications consultancy to organizations wanting to work amongst oral learners.

We train church workers on how to do Bible Story Telling and how to hunt for treasures in the Bible for we believe that the profound truths of God are found in the Simple stories of the Bible.

In life God sends Certain people to make their God given contribution to build and make one who he is and to enable the same fulfill God given vision in their life, thus I take this opportunity to register my sincere regards to Bridgeworld Family for their efforts in growing as mentoring me, The success I have witnessed in my journey as a missionary, a big part is because of your contribution,

May God Bless!

Pst. Jackson Muia
Regional consultant of Straight Path Recourses
Bridgeworld College Alum.

From the Dean of students' office

This year comes with great news for Bridgeworld family; having waited for almost ten years, we have a reason to thank God for enabling us to be accredited and registered with the government and listed among the provisionally accredited institutions on Kenya Ministry of Higher Education website.

Bridgeworld College was targeting to recruit twenty five students for theological training but thankfully we managed to get twenty, almost hitting the target…Hallelujah! We have students from northeastern Kenya and from other nationalities i.e. Egypt, Ethiopia and Eritrea. etc.

God has graced us to be among the leading institutions in Kenya offering theoretical and practical education in the field of theology and community development/social work starting from the certificate to degree level with integrative mode of education and constant Christian values.

Bridgeworld College exists to bring back the lost luster of the Christian gold (our faith) focusing on the word of God. We endeavor to spear head the moments of transformation for Africa nationals and usher in a new revival wave which shall swipe the hearts of men and women worldwide. Come and be part of this great vision.

Rev. Philip Gichohi,
PR Officer/Dean of students

Testimonies from Community Leaders

I came to learn about this college from Mr. Joshua Kodiaga, who was once working as Public Relations Officer. I felt blessed to find this college, a college after my heart where they emphasized on mission. I know there are many universities and colleges here in Kenya but this one is exceptionally excellent, one of its own kind.
The college has qualified lecturers and a serene environment for learning and thus it has equipped me in mighty way, I came here empty and void but I came out full of knowledge.
After a few weeks I started planting churches and now I have several of them and I was able to initiate a mission team in my parish.

Rev. Obadiah Obiki Mshene
Overseer, ACK, Isinya,
Bridgeworld College 7th Gradu.

In building the temple, only blocks dressed at the quarry were used and no hammer chisel or any other iron tool was heard at the temple site while it was being built (1kings 6:7)
Before joining Bridgeworld College, I was like an undressed stone waiting to fit in the building of the temple and so of course there was great commortion.I am now in a true quarry, being shaped so as to do a good and neat job.
The principal, Dr. Lee has done a tremendous job of impacting the need to be transformed so as to transform the world. May this mission be fulfilled to many servants of God in Kenya. Bridgeworld is a must be a place for true servants of God.

Pst. Purity Mutwiwa
Pastor, Sanctuary of love, Dandora
Student council leader, Bridgeworld College 2nd yr.

Every Semester, Bridgeworld College conducts block seminars with higher cross subject achievement to help students establish their focus longer and more on the subject matter:

~Block Seminars~

In February first week we conducted a seminar on Introduction to Theology; Evangelical Systematic Theology by *Dr.Juil Choi* from United Kingdom; a comprehensive study and coherent organization of what can be known, primarily from scripture which is theology's final and only ultimate authoritative source about God and His relation to the created universe in a manner that is understandable and applicable to God's people to be strengthened and satisfied in Him.

In second week of February, We had another one on Introduction to New Testament by *Rev.James Gracie* from Scotland . This course provides a historical study of the origins of Christianity by analyzing the literature of the earliest Christian movements in historical context, concentrating on the New Testament, the importance of the New Testament and other early Christian documents as ancient literature and as sources for historical study.

In February *Dr. Suraja Raman* took students through an intensive and practical study on Creative Bible Instruction/ teaching where students presented skits. This course equipped them with knowledge and skills on formulating views on Scripture and its message, preparing and present a creative Bible lesson using applicable elements of creative learning.

~The Lecturer Desk~

My wonderful experience

I have had a wonderful teaching experience in Bridgeworld College. From the word go, I enjoyed the warm reception I received from the staff that made me feel most welcomed and significant: the cup of tea I used to receive before and after class sessions ,the lecture room to prepare myself before classes and the heart to heart talks with the staff.

The students were very obedient, cooperative and diligent in and outside class.

They not only viewed me like any other lecturer but considered me a friend, a confidant and a mother as I appreciated the way they could approach me for counseling and sharing of their life and ministry experiences.

It has really been awesome working with Bridgeworld College and I look forward to being given another opportunity to come and teach. May God bless this wonderful community, expand and extend its borders to greater heights.

Mrs. Agnes Odero,
Lecturer: Biblical Counseling/Communication skills

You are invited

to join out theological education for the work. of building the Kingdom of God. Engage in a rigorous training program for intercultural and pastoral ministry. Partner with national and international leaders to mobilize your church. This will be an opportunity for you to reflect about biblical truth clearly and apply it to relevant problems in your ministry.

Act right now !!

Bridgeworld College offers rigorous practical Diploma and Degree program in Theology and Christian ministry in conjunction with Northwest University (South Africa) and Kumi University (Uganda).

1st Semester : Jan.~May
2nd Semester : Aug~Nov.

Upcoming Events:

May 2012 Block Seminars

✦Missional Theology by
Rev. Abe Cho (Asst. Pst. Redeemers Presbyterian church, NY, U. S.A)

✦Relationship Between Spirituality &Theology by Dr. Paul Lim
(Prof. Vanderbilt Univ., U.S.A)

Bridgeworld College Website is Coming Soon!!

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A CAREER WORTH SERVING OTHERS

Social work and Community development are essential courses in the contemporary society; apparently these are one of the great courses that are dedicated to the development of the society. Despite numerous myths and misconceptions about the career, many have recognized the value of the profession since it intersects other professions such as engineering, medical, among others.

Life in any highly organized society is complicated. Most people manage somehow, but some may need help to surmount difficulties. Our community faces problems that disrupt their lives – illness, bereavement, and financial loss, severe shock of some kind or just the accumulation of small troubles which may seem almost unbearable. These emanate from a number of factors ranging from political, social economic and cultural perspectives. To transform the society from these devastations we require social workers, community developers, counselors, community health officers, community mobilisers etc. In other words, social workers help people and their communities find ways to live with dignity in the face of hardship and triumph over adversity where ever they find it.

The social work profession promotes social change, problem solving in human relationships and the empowerment and liberation of people to enhance well-being. Utilizing theories of human behavior and social systems, social work intervenes at the points where people interact with their environments. Principles of human rights and social justice are fundamental to social work.

Bridgeworld College is recruiting students in the field of Social Work and Community Development the first module begins in May 21st, and the second module starts in Sep 2012.

It is a career worth pursuing and those interested in training for the course are highly welcome. Come and experience the difference, as we build for the future.

For more information contact or visit the institution.