Bridgeworld College

"Be Transformed to Transform the World"

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The Journey of Faith in Mission Field

The African society demands excellent leaders according to the rapid change of society, and even the churches in Africa demand a well-trained leaders and pastors. It is ten years since we started this ministry with the name of Africa Center for the Great Commission (ACGC).

ACGC started with a vision to extend the kingdom of God in this land, especially in the African context in 2002. In 2010, we completed the building, *Africa Mission Center,* which became a permanent transformation resource center for our students.

Ever since we started this ministry, over 100 pastors have been produced from our college. Several African missionaries also have been sent to the mission fields such as southern Sudan, Samburu tribe, Mbere tribe and Digo tribe among others.

The first class of Intercultural Ministry training program had 12 students in May, 2003. In September 2003, pastoral ministry program was added by request from local church leaders. In 2008 affiliations with foreign universities like Kumi in Uganda and Northwest University in South Africa was effected. In 2012 we changed the name from Nairobi College of Intercultural Studies and Theology into Bridgeworld College by requirement of the government.

Since the ground breaking ceremony was held in October 2008, we have been blessed through the construction in inexpressible ways. The building is a living testimony of our faith and a visible token of how God has worked wonder fully among us and through us. After the first building was completed, we managed to build a second building which is used to host the boarding students with the capacity of 60 students. That was an expansion for the services to God's people. This campus will be the center of raising more influential kingdom servants for this continent. All glory and praise be to God.

We are called to be transformed first to transform the world for the sake of the Gospel. Bridgeworld College offers tools that enable trainees to succeed in the area of their ministry and calling. Some of such tools include the faith documents of the history of the church. Confessions and catechisms are not just documents for references. They are summaries of biblical truths which contribute to shaping of the faith of believers. The eternal word of God is the only constant in an ever changing world.

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Theology ought to be pitched to serve his kingdom effectively from beginning to end. Otherwise, it will only be exploited for the means of getting better jobs or higher rankings in the churches.

Worldview serves as the lens through which people perceive and interpret the world. So Christians who are not equipped with a biblical worldview will not be able to look and understand the world in a biblical perspective. The Christian leaders should be equipped with legitimate theology with which they can transform the society.

Bridgeworld College exists to equip students with a solid knowledge of the Bible to effectively transform the society. It also prepares its students to understand their society and culture in order to integrate their life experiences into academic theories through reflections that result in effective personal development and ministry.

To meet the needs of society, Bridgeworld College makes effort to upgrade its educational quality in many ways: building partnerships, recruiting best lecturers, forming accreditation, studying in a serene environment and unsurpassed curriculum.

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

RECONCILIATION, THE KEY TO CULTURAL AND GLOBAL HARMONISATION (2 COR. 5:11-21, EPH. 2:11-21)

I consider it a great privilege to speak on this occasion of dedicating Africa Mission Centre of Bridge World International for the sake of the ministry of His Kingdom.Dr. Lee deserves to be congratulated for his initiative in starting this great Centre for training Christian workers who need theological training to carry out the Great Commission in Matt 28:18-20,the Great Commission of Reconciliation 2 Cor 5:11-21. Our world is in turbulence having seen what has been happening in countries like Libya, Syria, Yemen and in our own country Kenya during the post-election violence of 2007/2008 which has affected us politically, economically and sociologically:

I. Reconciliation with God

The Bible pictures sin as an impenetrable barrier to personal relationships. It has destroyed our harmony with God making us hostile to the one who has to be our judge. Objectively and psychologically we are placed at enmity with the one who desires to express love towards us. In pagan religion human beings might bring offerings de-signed to win the affection of some wounded deity, only in Christian faith, however does God take the initiative to win, at a terrible cost through the death of His only son Jesus Christ.

II.Reconciliation between human beings

Mankind is now divided by race, shuttered by hostilities that are precipitated by such distinctions as colour, social status and cultural back grounds.

St. Paul points that Jews and Gentiles who were separated by diverse outlooks are now joined together

The important thing is love. In Jesus' response to the lawyer He says: The most important one is this, Hear O Israel, the Lord is one, Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

The second thing is: Love your neighbor as you love yourself. There is no greater commandment than this. Therefore if you are offering your gifts at the altar and you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift and be reconciled then come back and offer your gift (Matt 5:23-24).

III. The ministry of reconciliation

St. Paul declared that God has committed to us the message of reconciliation. Although this ministry no doubt has application to non-believers, in context the appeal for a reconciliatory ministry is directed to believers, like you and me. Through Jesus who carried our sins, believers become the righteous of God.

Let us ask ourselves, what is the greatest need in our society? The single and greatest need of every man and woman is to be reconciled to God. What is amazing is that, we the weak and ordinary 'jars of clay' have a task of proclaiming this message to men and women that through faith in Jesus Christ they can be reconciled back to God and live at peace. Christians have a duty thus Bridgeworld College is a very vital institution to meet the challenge. Let us preach, live and teach it until Christ's return, Amen.

Rev Dr.George E. Wanjau
(Rt. Moderator, General Assembly PCEA)

Counting and Drawing from the Blessings of God

You and I are very important to God. We should be walking in everything that God has made available to us through the sacrifices that Jesus made. Am convinced that the blessing of God to us is God's solution to all the chaos, stress and the adversity that is all around us today. It's one thing to know that the blessing is available, that it's on your life, but it's something else to see it manifested in and on your life. I have learnt that we should draw from the blessings of God everyday of our life. Drawing causing to flow. Scripture says that, "the Lord will command the blessings upon your life." (Deuteronomy 28:8).It's very sad because many of us, Gods people do not know how to 'tap' into the blessings. We do not know how to 'draw' from it causing the blessings to flow in our life.

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To draw we must realize and acknowledge the blessings in our life right now. It's not "out there somewhere" and we are trying to get it. As children of God it's already in our life. It has to take obedience on our part to walk in it and see it manifested continually. The blessing was given when we accepted Jesus as Lord and savior of our souls. Almighty God conferred it to us and we should accept it now.

We will never fully understand what God's blessing can do to us, but we know that it is in empowerment. The blessings is God's power on your life to succeed, to prosper and to overcome. (Genesis 12:2 and 13:2.)

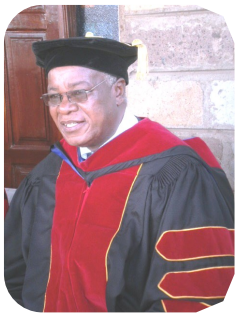
We from Bridge World International need to thank God for the very many blessings that we have received for the last ten years, now and have faith for many more God has kept for us. The blessings are not for us to hoard for ourselves. We are blessed to be a blessing. He desires to bless those who are generous and look for ways to finance His kingdom purpose. And God who provides the seed for the sower and bread for eating will also provide and multiply your resources, sowing and increasing the fruits of righteousness which manifests itself in active goodness, kindness and charity. We cannot out give God.

In partnership with you, our ministry will be blessed and be generous when it comes to spreading, propagating, performing the gospel and proclaiming **the way, truth and life**. *I am because you are and you are because I am.*

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

The Distinctiveness of Bridgeworld College

Congratulations!!



Regardless of how far you may have come in your spiritual journey, there was that one time when you began your journey of faith. We believe that God has a distinct plan for each one of us in our lives. This journey of faith begins when we come into a relationship with the Lord. It is revealed to us as we walk with the Lord and as God walks with us in life's peaks and valleys in many circumstances as we journey to our final destination.

We have been called for a mission of sharing the gospel with the lost world. Jesus commanded the disciples to share the gospel message of resurrection (Matt. 28:19-20). This great commission applies to all Christians. It should not be seen as burden but rather obedience to His call that should bring joy into our lives and our mission to reach others with the gospel. Christian should fulfill their mission not out of duty but of love of the lost so that they may come to know Christ.

The love of Christ should control us and engineer us. Jesus died for us all that we should no longer live for ourselves, but for Him who died and rose on our behalf. Jesus gave us the mission of reconciliation. He works in us and through us, calling sinners to turn to Christ in repentance and faith. The mission of sharing and obeying the gospel does not end with sinner's salvation. Jesus' commission was not only referring to countries of the world but also to those small communities, people groups, those ethnic cultures without a Gospel witness. This mission involves not only evangelism but also making of disciples.

The foundation of any mission journey is always mobilizing and making mature followers of our Lord who will be able to plan, carry out their work follow up and be able to be a witness and help people to established relationships and live them out. This will offer guidance and perseverance and help them to grow. Since the college began it started a journey of faith in its mission which it has endeavored to do

The students, who have gone through this college, have been part of a dynamic endeavor and have shown growth that the college has experienced. It has taken all of us to make this journey of faith/ mission to be what is today to have the number of pastors serving the body of Christ for the kingdom of God and who have touched others with the reality of Jesus Christ. The college has trained leaders full of the spirit and wisdom who have been called faithfully to carry out its mission to the world, while others are community developers who have impacted the societies they belong to. Communities have been transformed by understanding and applying God's word in their lives.

We are celebrating a journey of faith that began ten years ago when God has walked among us as Bridgeworld College community. This journey was realized in the person who is the founder /principal and owner whom God immeasurably used when he conceived an idea that developed into a vision that has produced what we have today. We are not celebrating the person but the gifts and talents given him in terms of resources that God has enabled him to use.

The college has sought to send the Christian message among the people in East Africa; horn of African countries and to the rest of the world. This will help people to receive Jesus Christ as their savior and as their personal savior. This vision which we see as a journey of faith has provided outreach services, missions, and evangelism through the college training many pastors from many mushrooming churches and ministries.

Men and women who did not have enough theological training have been trained, sharpened, equipped and prepared for ministry. They have been commissioned to other areas to help share the word and bring others to know Jesus Christ. It started in a small area but now is reaching out to other areas of Kenya and beyond and across borders.

I'm grateful to God for according me with that opportunity of being part of this noble enterprise of mission and training by this far. The founder that God used to find me in my busy schedules of service as a pastor of one of the largest congregation in the heart of Nairobi. This has been a God given opportunity to share my wealth of experience that I have gathered and treasured over those thirty years of ministry. Praise is to God!

Rev. Dr. Geoffrey N. Gathairu, Adjunct Lecturer
(Moderator, Presbyterian church, Kinoo, Nairobi, Kenya)

~The Lecturers Desk~

An Institution of choice: Place to desire for training

A ride into the Kenyan city of Nairobi, Karen area and a few meters from World Vision centre, one sees an institution standing in a quite beautiful setting. This is "Bridgeworld College." As the name implies, the institution stands in the gap between diverse cultures as a bridge in facilitating transformation of individuals hence society through the teaching of God's Word. It brings together those with a sense of God's call to the ministry from such diverse cultures for the purpose of training for effective service in the Lord's Vineyard. Since its inception in …., the institution has remained true to its vision as the "powerful agent impacting society through leaders transformed by a Biblical worldview."

Its community (students and staff) is currently comprised of individuals from within the continent of Africa and beyond. The countries include: Egypt, Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, and South Korea, just to mention a few. The community is joined together by faith in Christ through which a common goal of being part of the eternal kingdom of God is envisaged. It is through such a goal that the institution has sought to remain true to its vision as a power agent of transformation of leaders and society for the better.

Programs offered attest to the same as they serve as vehicles through which facilitation of the realization of the vision is seen. The programs include: Theology, Community Development and Information technology. While "theology" focuses primarily on training leaders for transformation through the preaching of God's world, Community Development primarily focuses on capacity building. That is, enabling individuals grow skills from within themselves useful for change in the society for the better. On the other hand, Information Technology enhances access and sharing of information from a Global perspective. In short, the programs offered facilitate the development of the mind in terms of knowledge acquisition, development of Godly character, and the development of skills useful in the ministry.

Life in "Bridgeworld College" is one that is characterized by spiritual growth moment by moment. Regular worship services, Bible studies and fellowships are the visible magnets through which members of the community are knit and bonded together as a family. The bond creates a natural home for the Holy Spirit which effects and transforms individuals to spiritual maturity. As a result, the Alumni of the institution are noticeable wherever they are as individuals demonstrating high standards of maturity and discipline in the service of the Lord.

As the scripture commands, " Therefore go and make disciples of all nations , baptizing them in the name of the father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit , and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you, And surely I will be with you always to the very end" Matt. 28: 19-20. "Bridgeworld" stands in the gap as a bridge for the realization of the command across diverse cultures of the world. It is therefore the institution of choice and the place to desire for training of the Lord's ministers.

Prof. Jack U. Kamiruka, Adjunct Lecturer.
D.V.C. The Great Lakes Universty

My experience at Bridgeworld College

My experience at Bridgeworld College has been wonderful. Since the time I started teaching in this College, I have experienced a lot of satisfaction. I really thank the Lord for the great opportunity that He gave to me in order to impact the lives of His people. My philosophy has always been "equip one to impact many." This has been realized through my work in this College. This is because each of my students has a congregation that he/she ministers to. The fulfillment I have gained through teaching at Bridgeworld College is great enough not ever to be erased from my life.

The working environment is conducive to this. From the supporting staff to the lecturers I have found very friendly people. This unique team makes the hard work of teaching look easy. Their cooperation has encouraged me a great deal. As a result, my first semester in this school was not an uphill task. My orientation was smooth and marvelous due to the friendliness of everybody. I always find working among these brethren a wonderful thing.

In addition, the class experiences have been very encouraging. I have always found students enthusiastic in learning. Their maturity, welcoming attitude and the willingness to learn has challenged me every time I get in a class to teach. Their experience in the ministry field has also served as a recipe for learning.

As a lecturer, I have remained a happy person in class due to the kind of students I have. Despite the difficult subjects that I have taught including the Hebrew language, the learning mood has been excellent. It is my hope that I will continue growing in different aspects in my teaching experience at Bridgeworld College.

Mr. Daniel Kioko Mutia,
Lecturer, in Theology

Exciting and wonderful experience

I remember the first day at work vividly and how excited I was to have a new job but also wondered how I would cope with working with many foreigners of different cultures. I must admit that I have not only coped but enjoyed working with foreigners and Kenyans of different backgrounds and cultures.

Working with Bridgeworld College has been an exciting and wonderful experience for me. The most interesting part being the people that I have met along the way who have had a great impact on my life among them being the director and his wife who have been more than employers to me.They have played a parental and mentorship role.

I have met quite a number of missionaries who have challenged my life greatly in terms of faith and whom I admire to this day.

Among them are missionaries Edward Lodiong, Joseph Sula, Peter Wani who came from war torn country of Southern Sudan at that time and had such a great passion to serve the Lord. I also met a great missionary Nelly Songa who is working among the Samburu community and who has become one of my very good friends. I admired their zeal and character and wanted the same passion. Not forgetting the great personalities I met for instance Dr. Tewoldemedhin Habtu who is one of the commentators of the African Bible Commentary, a great scholar yet so humble and Dr. James Kombo the vice chancellor of Daystar University just to mention a few. These personalities have been part of the great lecturing team that offers quality training to students at Bridgeworld College. This interaction with my work mates and other people at the work place has had a positive impact on me and I have grown professionally, socially, and spiritually.

The college has had its ups and downs over the years but we always thank our Lord Jesus Christ who has brought us this far. I am convinced that there is much more growth that Bridgeworld College will experience and we will all be a part of it. All to the Glory of God and to the extension of His Kingdom!

Vera Nyauncho,
Administration officer, Bridgeworld College

The power behind the scene

Words are not enough to express our gratitude to both the local and international supporters of this ministry since its inception. It has been long and costly but has been worth their sacrifice. A board headed by elder Chung visited the college on March 20th, 2012.In his sermon in one of the Wednesday's chapel service, Mr. Chung expressed the love and concern of the board and Korean people to the people of Kenya especially the Bridgeworld College. Through this practical love and support, much has been accomplished; the construction of both the administration and boarding facilities. Special appreciation also goes to Rev.Enoch Song from United Kingdom, pastor and coordinator of Jesus Disciple Movement (JDM) who has been supporting the visiting lecturers coming to lecture on the block courses. We also appreciate Mr. Andrew Gullet from Africa Christian Textbooks (ACTs), Dr. and Mrs. Song from Baiksuk Arts University, South Korea and Rev. John W. Keddie from Free Church Continuing Seminary-Inverness, Scotland who have donated books to our library. These and many others not mentioned have contributed towards the growth and development of Bridgeworld College. The management and the entire community of Bridgeworld College wish to thank all these without forgetting one of the church deacons in Korea who supported the institution with furniture. In all these, we can confidently say... '*We are because they are and they are because we are'*. God bless His devoted servant.

Pauline Shamala,
Library Staff

~Testimony~

I joined Bridgeworld College at a time of transition in my spiritual development in the year 2004. I have studied with sponsorship and worked at some places and have witnessed ministries grow from one level of development to another. At the moment I am the public relations officer and the dean of students helping in creating networks both locally and internationally. To God be the glory !

I did my two years diploma in intercultural studies, one year advanced diploma in pastoral ministry and two years of bachelor degree in Theology at Bridgeworld College. During those days we received guests lecturers from Seoul Korea, U.S.A and Scotland that impacted us with their teachings and lifestyle. Those were remarkable days for Bridgeworld College.

As I serve the Lord in this institution I come to find that is a noble vocation that is worth supporting and living for.

I encourage our pastors and church leaders to come and experience a time of blessing. The world awaits for spiritual and intellectual giants which you can become with training from Bridgeworld College. God bless you as you consider joining us!

Pst. Philip Gichohi,
Dean of Student, An Alumni, Bridgeworld College

An inspiring visit to Kenya

MAURICE ROBERTS

On November 9th this year I set out with my wife and a ministerial colleague from Scotland, John Keddie, on a flight from Amsterdam to Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya. The invitation had come from a missionary-minded Korean friend, Enoch Song, to give teaching in New Testament studies and Church history to African students at Bridgeworld College, a theological seminary in the Karen area of Nairobi. It was for me an inspiring experience.

Bridge World International is a work which includes Bridgeworld College, Antioch Ministry (sending missionaries) and Pamoja (Together) Africa Community development which has started a primary school of 3 campuses in the Mombasa area. They are prayerfully considering several new avenues of service. Bridgeworld College first started with twelve students in 2003. Its principal is Dr. James Jong-Do Lee, who is of Korean background and spent some years studying in the United States.

Kenya is alive with young men and women who are keen to spread the gospel. In the past ten year more than a hundred students have passed through the college course and are working for Christ as missionaries in Kenya and other African countries such as Uganda, South Sudan and Zambia. In the providence of God Bridgeworld College has, through the generosity of an eighty-year old Korean and others, been able to erect a fine building on a suitable campus, with excellent facilities, including lecture rooms, chapel, library and offices. In addition a hostel is in the process of being constructed to house over forty students. The vision is to send out missionaries to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ to evangelise all people. Bridgeworld College would appreciate partnership and help in seeking to achieve their aim of giving sound systematic theological education to their missionaries to promote the gospel in Africa.

KENYA YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Kenya is a republic consisting of forty-seven counties bordered by Somalia to the East, Ethiopia and Sudan to the North, Uganda to the West and Tanzania with its famous Mt. Kilimanjaro to the South. Mt. Kenya straddles the equator and is snow-capped all the year. In 1844 missionaries came from the UK. In 1896 the first railway was constructed from Mombasa on the East coast to Kisumu. There are over forty tribes and languages in the country, some of which are still unreached with the gospel of Christ.

The tribes are about two hundred years old. Free primary education was only introduced as recently as 2003. The official language is English. The National language is Kiswahili, a mixture of Bantu and Arabic. Most people also speak a third language, that of their own tribal origin. Sadly HIV/AIDS has been rampant in the land. Every day, it is said, some five hundred people die from this disease in Kenya. Government policy now wisely requires couples who wish to marry to provide a certificate to show they are free from HIV/AIDS.

FULL CHURCHES

The Christian who visits the African continent is heartened to see how well attended the churches can be. The church buildings are sometimes no more than sheets of corrugated iron erected with wooden poles on an earth floor. But what matters most is that there is a healthy number of men, women and children gathered to praise God. The average age of Kenyan church-goers is strikingly young by European standards. This reflects the overall average age of the national population. Out of the forty million people who live in Kenya roughly seventeen million are under the age of fifteen.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

The greatest need of Kenyan pastors and evangelists is for a clearer knowledge of systematic theology. Happily, Christian leaders show considerable acquaintance with the text of the Bible. But typically they do not have the advantage of knowing the doctrines of God's word in a systematic and coherent way. However, if my own experience recently reflects the wider picture, Kenyan Christian welcome a fuller knowledge of doctrine and are open to have the doctrines of grace explained to them as they are expounded in the Westminster standards and similar confessions of faith.

PUBLIC WORSHIP

The zeal, favour and excitement for the worship of God which our beloved Kenyan brothers and sisters display, when they gather for fellowship, have much to teach those of us from the West. However they would in the present writer's judgment be much benefited by a study of the principles of worship which our Puritan forefathers in Europe and America worked out from their deep knowledge of God's word. To worship God in spirit and truth is all important for the child of God to understand.

Zeal must be tempered by knowledge. It may be that elements in Africa worship are influenced too much by television evangelism. I write this with deep respect for their evident delight when they gather to worship God.

THE BANNER OF TRUTH TRUST BOOK FUND

The above fund is in process of sending a quantity of books to Bridgeworld College including Berkhof's Systematic Theology, Hendrickson's commentary on John's Gospel, Haldane on Romans and Boston's Fourfold State. This wonderful fund is supported by Banner of Truth readers and friends from across the world.

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

My experience of lecturing on John's Gospel was encouraging. The class consisted of some fifty students who were diligent in making notes, and also in asking relevant questions. Perhaps the subject which evoked most enquiries from the class was that of the sovereignty of God. It seemed to satisfy the students when I explained that Judas Iscariot by his wicked betrayal of Christ did the secret will of God (Deut 29:29). For this disobedience he lost his soul. Our duty is to obey the revealed will of God and leave the secret things to God. This subject was perhaps unfamiliar to some of these dear friends. But I feel that our discussion on this doctrine, and our shared thoughts about TULIP, was beneficial to them.

FAREWELL

The students and their teachers arranged an unexpected farewell for us, and most kindly ended the Block Course, as it is called, with a touching expression of their good will and Christian affection. My wife and I flew home (Mr. Keddie having left earlier) on Friday, November 23rd, with emotions of gratitude and with the prayer that God would bless and prosper His glorious gospel among them all.

Rev. Maurice & Mrs. Sandra Roberts, Free Church of Scotland, former editor, Banner of Truth Journal, Adjunct Lecturer

~ Karibu (Welcome) ~

New Missionary Families

(Rev. Sungho Lee, Esther, Joyce & Caleb)

It feels as though it was yesterday when we wrote our first letter for prayer and financial support for Kenya mission on the new year day of 2012. We spent the whole last year to fully search for the sending church, supporting churches and supporters. The reality seemed very uncertain with many ups and downs. We were not sure if we could really step on the land of Kenya by the end of 2012. Meanwhile, God has shown unexpected things, connecting us to several supporters, partner churches, and finally The Lord Jesus Church in Virginia as the sending church. We could have a sending ceremony service in His blessing right before leaving USA. Over all, we could witness God had been working in the midst of the process. At last, we are here getting settled in Kenya a year later ever since then and our new ministries have already started at Bridgeworld College for the Kenyan pastors and leaders to widespread the kingdom of God to Africa. Through this big transition, we could practically experience God's caring hands on His children. We really have a thankful heart to God who is in control of our every single step. Praise His marvelous name!

We, **Won** and **Youn Kim** got here in Nairobi less than a month from San Jose, California to join in Bridgeworld College as a missionary to take part in community development. especially in water and health. We thank you all supporters and donors and prayer partners for without your help, we couldn't do our mission work effectively.

Please, keep continue pray for us, so that we can train the villagers about water and health until they are fully trained and to take good care of their needs in water and health by themselves. We thank God for giving us this wonderful opportunity, and we wants to be a God's Kingdom instrument.

~The Great Commission Report~

A mission is not as simple as pronouncing the name. It contains critical details and concerns that are to be dealt with in the same or a measure that is above it. It requires witnessing cross culturally and that means encountering a wide range of challenges that need self-sacrifice, faithfulness, determination and knowledge. It means one fully deciding to leave the comfort zone to venture into a daring one.

With missiology and to that effect practical missiology, students have not only sat in class for theories but after graduation have moved to various parts of the world; Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, South Sudan in accordance to the Great Commission given in Matthew 28:19-20.Some of them have touching stories of how they went to places totally away from their comfort zones like Nelly Songa who from Kakamega went up to Samburu a conservative area and has been able to plant two churches, James Musyimi from Ukambani to Ukunda, Mombasa a Islam dominated area while others went back to their (Jerusalem) home town like Josphat Njeru in Meru, Geoffrey Muvumbo in Zambia,Peter Wani in South Sudan amongst others.

The diversity of this is that they not only focused directly on pulpit preaching and church planting but indirectly through running of school like Musyimi who runs a chain of academies, Njeru who runs a parallel certificate theology class and Jackson Muia who coordinates orality movement; a movement that helps ministers in verbal communication where literacy technology is not familiar to most people.

We have testified of the growth and expansion of these mission fields through people receiving Christ, being discipled, churches being planted and the leaders and members of congregations rising up to various leaderships in various ministries and we give God all the glory.

Bridgeworld College Editors

~International Student~

International Christian Fellowship Expanding the body of Christ

We as the international community of students in Bridgeworld College have experienced a lot through the good relationship cultivated between the college and ourselves. Bridgeworld is a multinational, multicultural community made up of students from Sudan, Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Kenya itself with the Principal from South Korea.

We have come to this wonderful school to learn to relate with each of the born again Christians from different churches from different areas to influence the non-believers to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour through evangelical efforts as a mark of the gospel and love of Christ spread across the continent of Africa.

Jesus as reported in the gospel according to Matthew 28:17-20 gave a great commission to His disciples to go to the whole world spreading the good news starting with Jerusalem and going to the other ends of the world (across Africa as the cradle land of man and to the other continents not forgetting the islands). All are different parts making up a complete figure of the body of Christ the head of the church.

Our longer and shorter stay here has built us up a great deal as we have experienced a diversity of culture, cultivated fellowship and unity as an effective practical part of Intercultural communication. The different lecturers from South Korea, Canada and United Kingdom have continued to encourage us that we are not alone in this course.

Transformation in the international church of Christ is very vital in such an area of cooperating congregations from different parts into ministry to improve and promote the best operative conditions, sense of belonging and freedom of speech) in worship, we ought to be thankful for the diversity of congregations and appreciating them in ways of having International Christian Fellowship (ICF) ministry.

We therefore challenge the nationals, other Africans and others from other continents to leave their comfort zones, live beyond their weaknesses, failures, and roadblocks and go out there in spreading the love of Christ and so expanding the body of Christ.

Pst. Joseph Sula,
3rd Yr. Student, Bridgeworld College

Bonding devotion

As the saying goes, hard work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, we say study and no play makes pastor a dull reverend. On last year, the entire staff had its retreat at Dimese Sisters hostel in Karen to unwind themselves and to have a time of reflection and reconnection to both God and to the ministry. On September last year, the staff and students body had a picnic in City Park playing games, a perfect time of bonding in devotion.

From Bridgeworld a land of transformation to Praxis outworking in the Parish

It all began in 2009 with faith, faith that I would study theology for four years, started with nothing but that faith in Christ which is sometimes defines as "ultimate concern" concern to do things in a different way, in my case proper "Biblical preaching".

For each one of us there is a kind of center of gravity around which our existence revolves, which drives it and provides it with meaning. For everyone there is something which we value above all else, something with which we are ultimately concerned.

My concern was to study theology and I found more than that, I can say without doubt that if you are looking for a place to learn and be a mission minded person, Bridgeworld is the place. However others choose to use the word "faith" but though everyone had faith in this sense, most people's faith, or ultimate concern is centered in something finite- money, power, fame, pleasure, ideology, or the likes.

How do I move from theology to outworking in my calling? Yes I have a degree in my hand but that cannot change the world, I need to see the world with another worldview. I have to remove worldly lens and put on the Biblical lens to see God's big picture for His mission to humanity and become one with Him.

The world today needs a transformed person who is ready to learn and be used of God. In my Biblical study I have come to understand in the real sense, God's plan to redeem man back to Himself. He is on a mission in the whole Bible. My desire is to go on Him in His mission to the world. I want to be a powerful agent to impact society through transformation by the Biblical worldview.

I say like one evangelist, "The world is my parish, Go with me to the parish to make disciples of all Nations. On mission with God".

Francis Kimani,
4th Yr. Student, Bridgeworld College

Spreading branches-Mitunguu extension class

After my studies I went back to Jerusalem my home town to reach out to my own people. Having been born and grown up here, I saw and experienced how the society was degraded by alcohol, drug abuse and immorality especially amongst the younger generation. I started with a children's ministry but in August 2010, I shifted to a Theological class due to lack of theological knowledge among the pastors and their urge to study.

The students are engaged in a certificate program and have desired that we introduce the diploma program by extension. We have witnessed the work grow from a small number of two to a large group of students that are taught every Friday evening by qualified lecturers.

After the certificate training in Meru, the students are qualified to train in a one year diploma program at our Center in Karen, Nairobi and progress for further studies at Bachelor degree programs at the same center. I wish to convey my sincere gratitude on behalf of the students to the main campus and its leadership for helping us in kind service, moral support and prayer.

Pst. Josphat Njeru,
Coordinator of extension program

Expressing our faith in devotion and commitment

Holistic growth is one of the key elements of Bridgeworld College. We do not exist only to offer formal academic education but we are mindful of the spiritual needs of the Christian community. To that effect, we normally have morning services every school day, chapel and bible study every Wednesday where both the staff and students gather for worship. In the afternoon, the students gather in small Bible study groups with the help of the Navigators-Kenya teachers to share the word of God and life experiences, being equipped to be good ministers and initiators of spiritual development groups in their churches.

In the last chapel service of the 1st semester, Bridgeworld as a family and a community of believers gathered together to partake of the bread and wine, the body and blood of Jesus Christ administered by Reverend, Canon James Mwaura of the Anglican Church of Kenya. This was to mark our solidarity in the body of Christ which is His church on earth, expressing our faith in His death as a mark of our salvation and reconciliation with God the Father. The college also had one day of prayer and fasting for the college, individual needs and for the nation as we approach the general elections next year. This day was accompanied with testimonies.

~You are Invited~

To join our 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.

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Servanthood

Stewardship

Integrative Learning

Great Commission Lifestyle

Kingdom Comradeship

New Academic Programs

Bridgeworld College is one of the established training institutions that upgrade the welfare of society through holistic transformation of the leaders. Our training program is systemized in such a way that it gives maximum preparation in terms of skills, knowledge and attitude for both self-employment, employment in non-government organizations (NGOs), government agencies, corporate foundations, faith based organizations (FBOs) and others.

This year we have introduced a new program in theology (Diploma in Christian Ministries) to meet the needs of leaders who have been called to do ministry but have less academic ability to achieve diploma and Bachelor in theology. The program is a two year period for lay ministers who want to serve God alongside senior pastors and Bishops. Diploma in Christian Ministries is more of practical than theory.

Our diploma in theology is designed for equipping pastors and church leaders with the ability to deal with more theoretical aspects than practical. We recruit the Form four, college and university leavers for such a program. The program also serves as preparatory for further studies e.g. Bachelor degree for interested students.

Our Bachelor degree in theology is designed for pastors who have a call to study. The program takes three to four years for the interested students. Students from recognized institutions could have a credit transfer advantage. Also, we are having credit transfers for the students who have studied at Bridgeworld College making their study period relatively shorter.

Social work as a profession is geared towards bringing about the fullness of life against the reality of problems that affect the wellbeing of society. This is by promoting social welfare and the wellbeing of its clientele, advocacy for justice, provision of basic needs and promotion of food, income and social security for the clients.

Our journey in advertisement and recruitment has been one of its kind. We visited several institutions, churches and places simultaneously talking to people about our institution and sticking up posters. We covered areas like Eastlands, Kawangware, Kinoo, and Langata to mention but a few. We have gone through lots of challenges but are thankful for them as they acted as our stepping stone. We are currently recruiting prospective students for the January 2013 intake in the Department to undertake the above mentioned courses.

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