

December 23, 2021

Season's Greetings



Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

The past two years have disrupted everything we knew and were familiar with. We have been forced to adapt to a “new normal which seems quite unsettling. However, our hope and faith in God as a church community, has remained steadfast. As we stand at the threshold of a new year, no one knows what we will find and what new experiences or changes will come our way. One thing we know for certain is that God has said, *“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”* (Hebrews 13:6).

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Highlights 2021

Despite the COVID 19 challenges we have all had to grapple with, this year we witnessed growth in ways we never imagined possible.



A people growing in WORSHIP as a relationship with God

Karura CC continued its Online worship expansion in 2021, with an aim to engage and influence the world. All our services and events including our annual concerts, Annual General Meeting, Special General Meeting, outreach activities and the Spiritual Emphasis Campaign (where the whole Church studies a book together) were broadcasted online.

Sung worship continues to be an important instrument of sharing the gospel. The focus of Karura Voices - our Church Wide Music team - has been to influence the music space by creating content that glorifies the Lord. In 2021, they were awarded 'Band of The Year' Award from Impact Gospel Awards 2021.

In the year, we held 2 online conferences - Momentum Concert & Women Conference - which have since attracted an online viewership of more than 13,000 and 2,100+ respectively.

Even with the resumption of the physical gathering for the Children Ministry, the online services still continued, reaching out to more Children locally and globally; we had an average of 210 views weekly during Sunday services. Children's materials have been continuously developed and availed (including a weekly parents' letter) and parents have been able to access them as they continue to take a central role in discipling their children.

2 online conferences
13,000 and 2,100+ Viewership



210



**Average weekly viewership
for Children's Service**





A people engaged as a family; growing caring for and serving one another and together. (Fellowship)

This year, we saw a shift in how CLG leadership is being done, with CLGs now being led through Zonal Deacons. Real church happens in our Community Life Groups (CLGs), which allow people to connect at much deeper levels, study the word of God, share in their celebrations and pains, struggles and wins and basically to do life and walk together, ensuring 'Nobody walks alone'. We have had more than 70 CLGs in the year, with most of them meeting online.

This year, we saw the CLGs actively serving in Church during our Spiritual Emphasis Campaign. They have also been actively involved in our December Fundraiser and other outreach activities e.g. Visit of Children homes, street evangelism, partnering with the Care team to offer support, during bereavements and other life celebrations including weddings, child dedication etc.



70+

Active CLGs

A people deployed as ambassadors, serving and influencing the world for Christ. (Outreach - Engaging the World)

5,366

persons ministered to in Prisons

409

persons in prison who went through OMBI & MIZIZI programmes.

227

persons supported by the Dorcas Ministry weekly

80

high school students supported by Tumaini Scholarship & Mentorship Programme

4,100

children reached through the PPI Classes

221

children born again.

120

children in attendance for the Africa Children prayer day.

3,568

average of high school students ministered to.

1,741

high school student born again

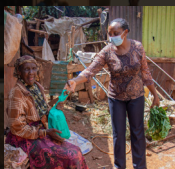
Through the Prisons & Rehabs ministry, we reached out to Jorgs Ark and The Retreat rehabilitation centers, in addition to AA meetings held at KaruraCC, and Githogoro. The prisons we partnered with in the year were: Yatta, Kiambu, Kamiti, Nakuru, Naivasha, Nairobi West, Athi River, Kenol. Through this partnerships, 350 prisoners (Naivasha prison) went through Ombi program and 59 (Kamiti prison) went through Mizizi program. 5,366 people were ministered to, through Sunday and other Weekly services

The Dorcas program that reaches out to the needy in our neighborhood, has consistently, supported 227 people on a weekly basis by providing food packs.

Through the Tumaini sponsorship and mentorship program, 80 students are currently being supported through High School.

The Children ministry has continued to reach out, far and wide, to share the gospel with the children in their respective schools. More than 4100 primary school children have been reached through PPI classes in schools (Wisdom Eagles, Chantilly school, Pathway Academy, Kibathi Primary School, Huruma Nursery, St. Stephen School, Cheleta Primary School, Red Apple School, Winners School & Compass Preparatory). 221 children have so far been led to Christ. Further to this, the Africa children Prayer day was held in October, attracting 120 children.

The High School Ministry has proved critical this year as we witnessed so many cases of arson in schools. We managed to reach and disciple an average of 3,568 students, drawn from Kanunga Girls, Hospital Hill, Muthurwa, Mukuyu School, New Dawn, Karuri High School. 1,741 Decisions for Christ were recorded (January to October 2021)



A people mobilized and equipped for service of Christ in all aspects of their lives (Discipleship/Training)

One of our goals as a church is to mobilize, train and equip members of the congregation to effectively engage in the marketplace as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. As a church, we got to celebrate one of us, Lady Justice Martha Koome when she was appointed as the country's first lady Chief Justice. Thereafter, the over 45s group (Hekima) arranged a seminar on the important topic of succession, with the CJ as the keynote speaker, and facilitated by legal practitioners from the congregation. This attracted 80 attendees (physical) and has so far received close to 2,000 unique views on Youtube.

As we sought to disciple our congregants in the area of prayer, we had 38 people (including 14 Elders) go through Ombi school of prayer program

To prepare our congregants for marriage, 15 couples went through and graduated from the Premarital Counseling program.

We were able to recruit 15 interns and pastoral trainees who were assigned to church ministries on rotational basis as part of their experiential learning.



Lady Justice Martha Koome
a Karura CC Member who was appointed Kenya's first lady Chief Justice

38 people who went through OMBI

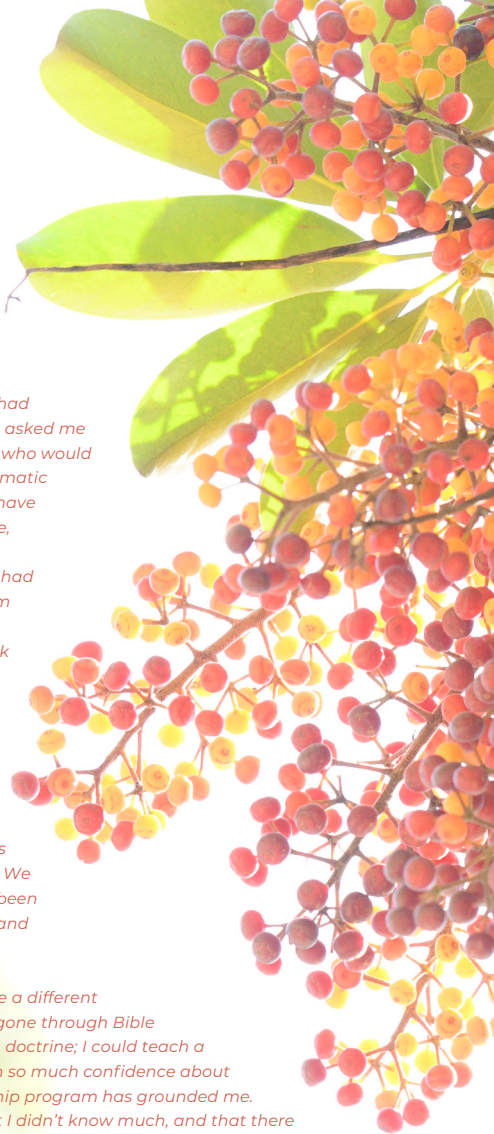
15 Interns & Pastoral trainees

Internship 2021 Testimony

**by Francis Mwendwa
Mutua**

My internship journey has been incredible to say the least. A friend of mine who had gone through the program, asked me whether I knew any person who would want to experience a “systematic ministry exposure”. I didn’t have anyone in mind at that time, but it happened I was at a crossroad myself. You see, I had taken a one-year break from a theological training I was involved in; I needed a break from Ministry and also I didn’t know what I wanted to do, yet God’s call on my life was so strong. I decided to take time to seek God and ask for direction then went on to apply for the program. Miraculously I was selected among ten others. We began in March and it has been a series of serious learning and ministry exposure.

The Internship has given me a different perspective on life. Having gone through Bible school, I understood church doctrine; I could teach a lot of theory and speak with so much confidence about who God is, but the internship program has grounded me. It has made me realize that I didn’t know much, and that there is always room for growth. It has made me realize that life is never about ourselves but about God and his agenda in the lives of people. That has humbled me! I now appreciate who God is and what ministry is all about. This has renewed my life’s purpose and I am so thankful for this program that God used to open the eyes of my heart. I want to serve him better as I serve other people. I’ll forever be grateful for the opportunity. God bless you



Growing Our Discipleship Facilities

We can't close the year without talking about the 'City on a Hill' Project, through which we have sought to raise funds for our Worship and Community Centre. Through your generous giving, we have raised a total of w in 2021. Our prayer is that we will have all our Kisima Champions



Ksh 48,049,503 raised



FOCUS 2022:

BECOMING DISCIPLES: ROOTED AND FRUITFUL

Theme Passage: John 15:1-20

⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁸This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name, the Father will give you.

THESE WILL BE THE KEY DRIVERS TO OUR FOCUS 2022:

1. Lifestyle of Worship.
2. Connected and engaged fellowship.
3. Equipped to serve.
4. Life on mission: Engaged and Bearing fruit

Key Issue 1: Establish Multiplication discipleship as a culture - Disciples Who Make Disciples.

Our aim is to make disciples who are growing in their love for God and love for their neighbor (Matthew 22:36-40) and are consciously helping others on the path towards Christ (Matt. 28:18-20).

Key Issue 2: Sanctuary and Facilities Development

- a. Fundraising, fund development: "Investing for long-term disciple-making." Our Goal for 2022 is Ksh. 120 Million.
- b. Construction of our:
 - i. Education Block (Kisima center)
 - ii. Main Sanctuary: Superstructure

THIS IS A PROMISE AND A CALL FROM GOD FOR KARURA COMMUNITY CHAPEL

Isaiah 42:5-7

This is what God the LORD says— he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

Matthew 16:18

Jesus said: "I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."





MERRY
Christmas
... & ...
HAPPY NEW YEAR

God
bless you.



Festive Services Schedule

**25TH
DEC**

Christmas Service

10:00 am - 11:30 am

One Service Only - Physical and Online

**26TH
DEC**

Sunday Service

10:00 am - 11:30 am

One Service Only - Physical and Online

**2ND
JAN**

Testimony Sunday

10:00 am - 11:30 am

One Service Only - Physical and Online

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