



# 2022

# Report







23rd December 2022



# Season's Greetings

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

The holidays are here and the year is coming to an end. My hope and prayer is that you have grown in every area of your life.

Our 2022 theme has been "Becoming Disciples: Rooted and Fruitful" drawn from *John 15:5*; "I 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. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. You 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."

Would you say you've been rooted in Christ? Who is the basis of our fruitfulness?

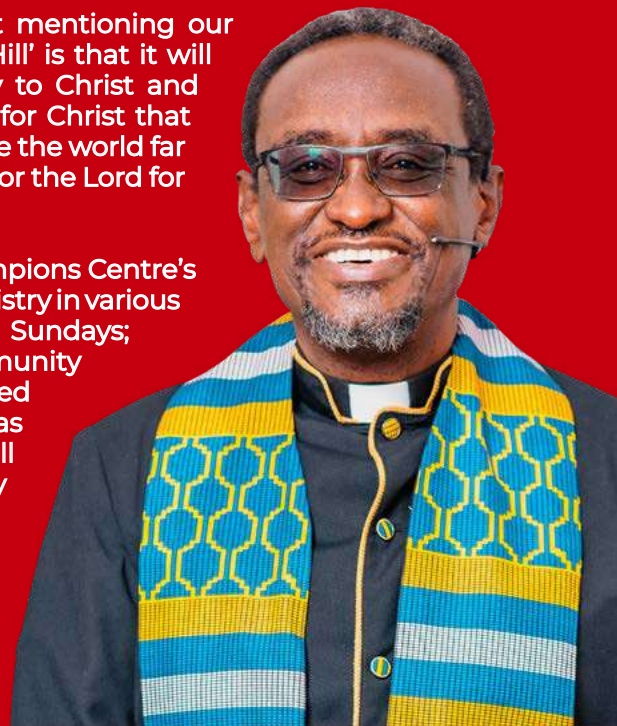
I hope that by the help of the Holy Spirit, we have in one way or another: 1) Developed a life-style of worship; 2) Connected and engaged in fellowship; 3) Were equipped for service; 4) Engaged and bore fruit in whatever area God called us to serve in the year.

The annual spiritual emphasis campaigns are designed to help us, as a church family, to grow spiritually. We started the year off with the 'Redefining Success According to Jesus Christ' campaign. I hope that your definition of success has since changed and that this has affected your focus for life in a way that reflects the eternal purposes of God—it is in Him that true success is found.

We recently had the '40 Days of Prayer' campaign and my prayer is that your communion with God has taken an upward trajectory and will continue growing in the years to come.

As a family, we can't talk of 'fruitfulness and growth' without mentioning our Worship and Community Centre. Our vision for the 'City on a Hill' is that it will be a Centre for the surrounding community, drawing many to Christ and Christ likeness, a place of healing, hope and growth, a beacon for Christ that will mobilize a passionate and equipped people who shall engage the world far beyond our region and to the uttermost parts – a veritable army for the Lord for the Glory of God.

We have made significant strides this year with the Kisima Champions Centre's completion and dedication that has allowed the expansion of ministry in various ways. We now have the capacity to host over 1,200 Children on Sundays; We have been able to host events that have enhanced community such as weddings and graduation parties; We have developed partnerships that promote spiritual maturity of believers such as with Bible Study Fellowship. We can only imagine what God will do through us upon completion of the Worship and Community Centre in the areas of worship, fellowship, service and growth.



As we have engaged in various ministry opportunities, your support and involvement has enabled us to reach thousands of people from our neighborhood. Tumaini Scholarship and mentorship program, for instance, has supported and mentored more than 100 students in the year. The Children Outreach, ministry to schools, High School ministry, Uzima, KYSA, Prisons and Rehabs ministry have touched the lives of thousands of people in the course of the year. Our very own Karura Voices have continued to grow and recently recorded their 3rd album! Praise God! This team received recognition in the year for the role they have played in the Kenyan music industry.

Through our church planting, we have continued to expand with Faith Missional Church communities being established in Sondu, Taita, and Marsabit in addition to the Muchatha and Githogoro communities that were established last year. We give God all the glory! Please keep praying for these fledgling churches, that God would establish them as centers of faith and discipleship. Pray that God would continue to bless us in all our campuses with fruitfulness in discipleship and in ministry within our wider communities as we continue "Becoming Christ-like disciples, engaging the World."

We are reminded in 1 Corinthians 12: 12, 14 *"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ... For the body does not consist of one member but of many"*. I would like to thank each one of you for the role you have played in spreading the gospel of Christ; as the hands, feet, mouth, eye, ear...! May God truly bless each one of us.

As you are maybe aware, my tenure as your Senior Pastor is coming to an end. It has been a joy and a privilege serving God alongside and among you. Seeing God at work, starting from the small group of believers that were called to start way back in 1996, to what is now a large faith community that has birthed many others has been an absolute privilege. Seeing individuals come to faith and grow as Christians, become transformational leaders both in the church and in the marketplace. Observing year after year as God called us to minister in times of crisis to people in crisis—and this church always stood up and engaged so that many people in need have found assistance through you and I. We have been a vessel for bringing churches together to serve, in answer to Jesus' prayer in John 17:20-23. God has opened doors to minister, raising up champions among us impacting primary schools, secondary schools, prisons and more; as well as continuing to build His ministry here at Karura. God is here!

I truly thank God that He has allowed me the privilege of working with Rev. George Shiramba for the last six years—this man loves God and loves you, and he is truly called as a leader of God's church. I am looking forward to the years ahead, with George serving as Senior Pastor, confident that God will continue to be present and bless and bless and bless! As I change roles to be more involved in oversight of the community of churches God has birthed through us, I plan to stay connected in the ways He will enable—after all, I too am a member of this congregation!

I pray for you, and will continue to do so, that God will lead and bless each one of you, and bless us together as His community. That His presence will be with you in all your activities during this season that we remember that He came and lived among us. Emmanuel!

Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!



**Rev. Ngari Kariithi**  
**Senior Pastor**





# Worship

## PEOPLE GROWING IN WORSHIP AS A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

### SERVICES:

- An average of **861 adults physically attended the Sunday Services each week in the first 9 months of the year** (Physical attendance during the same period in 2021 averaged at 430 persons).

**Online, the church reached an average of 11,867 people on YouTube from Jan - Sept** (8% decline from last year, similar period); 54000 via Facebook(69% decline compared to same period last year); **81700 on Instagram** (17% increase compared to last year). There is a general decline in online viewership, probably owing to the fact that people are back to physical meetings.

It was noted that 5 top most viewed videos, on YouTube, remain to be the concerts from previous years. Going forward, there is need to capitalize on concerts.

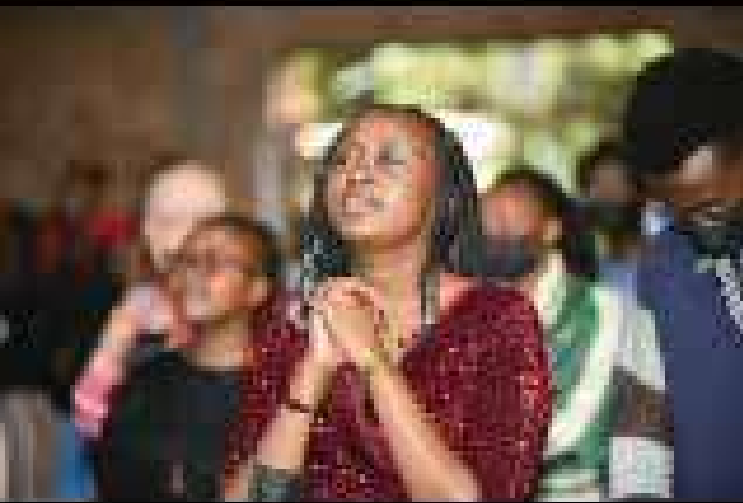
It was also noted that a majority of KaruraCC online viewers do so via Mobile phones(57%), followed by TV (24%), and that most of them were drawn from Kenya (32,846) followed by US (473). People of ages 25-34 years still form a majority of the online viewers (57%) followed by 35-44 years at 26%.

- The **Wednesday midweek services attendance has grown from 76 persons in Qtr 1, to 93 persons in Qtr 3**. On average, it has attracted 83 people weekly (physically). **Online, the service has grown since Qtr 1 from an average of 292 views per week to an average of 303 views per week in the 3rd Qtr**. The growth indicates a shift in the prayer culture of KaruraCC with more people being open to a prayer service.
- The Karibu Ministry serves our first time visitors, welcoming them and introducing them to a network of love and friendship. **In the last 10 months the ministry welcomed a total of 232 visitors**.
- **The Revolution concert brought together more than 1,000 people** from all over Nariobi for an afternoon of praise and worship. The concert also gave a platform for the Karura Voices team to record their 3rd album which is set to be released early in 2023.
- There have been **\*22 new converts coming to Christ** (through the services).



## YOUTH:

- The Youth church attendance has grown over the last 9 months, from an average of 78 people (1st Quarter) to 206 people (in the 3rd quarter). (Physical attendance during the same period in 2021 averaged at 113 persons)
- The Youth Sunday Worship Experience in July was a huge success. Through this, young people were able to invite some of their friends registering 12 first-time guests.
- The participation by the young people in the Adults' Church during Youth Sunday was very impressive. This 'jump-started' some young people into actively serving in the different ministries.



## CHILDREN:

The average number of children reached monthly through the Kisima physical services was 468, with a further 183 being reached on average, through our online platforms. This has led to spiritual growth in the children being discipled who are now able to pray and read the bible on their own. (Physical attendance during the same period in 2021 averaged at 190 children).





## OUTREACH:

- The KaruraCC prisons ministry seeks to reach those in prisons, to share not only physical but spiritual food with them. **There has been an increase in the number of prisoners reached through the Bi-weekly Sunday services with Qtr 1 recording 2,000 persons; Qtr 2 recording 3,233 persons; and Qtr 3 10,666 persons.** Some of the prisons reached were Thika, Yatta, Maranjau and Naivasha prisons. There was also an Integration of 8 Individuals directly and 11 indirectly (2 in our community). The re-integration and transformation of people in the prisons has been easier for people who have gone through the KaruraCC discipleship programs.
- **An average of 100 people are currently being disciplined weekly through the missional communities (Githogoro and Mucatha).** There has been growth being witnessed in the communities, as more people took up leadership roles. The congregants in these missional communities now support each other when in need as opposed to relying on the mother church(KaruraCC). As a result of going through campaigns e.g 40 days of prayer, spiritual growth has been witnessed and they are now looking forward to formation of CLGs.
- **To grow the ministry volunteers in worship, the Tumaini Ministry has held quarterly prayer sessions for the Tumaini parents and mentors; An average of 37 people have attended the session, with the 3rd Qtr recording the lowest attendance of 14 persons down from 69 in the 1st Qtr.** The aim of the prayer sessions have been mainly for fellowship where parents get to know one another. They also take the opportunity to offer prayers of thanksgiving to God.







## CHURCH FAMILY LIFE:

As a public demonstration of their faith, 42 people have been baptized since January, with 7 of them being Children.(compared to the 19 baptized last year)



## TESTIMONY

"In October, I prayed and asked God for more provision. I had looked at my bills verses my income and I always seemed to have a shortfall. I cut back on many things to cut expenses and started pushing side hustles I had. In February I saw a job on one of the internet job profiles and I looked at it wondering if I qualified for the job.

After looking at it for about 3 different days, I heard a clear voice (Holy Spirit; God) say very audibly: "apply for the job" and I went ahead and did.

A few weeks later I got a call and we set up an interview with the hiring manager. A week or so later, I had an interview with stakeholders to the role and finally in May, with the manager's manager. The final interview was about 45 minutes long and we discussed the role, a novel I'd read which this lady had recently read and the challenges of the upcoming role. At the end of the interview, the lady asked me about my notice period and informed me HR would call. Within 1 hour, HR reached out and within another hour the background check process also began. Within 10 days of reviewing the background I had an offer. When I reviewed it I cried to God with thanksgiving- God had answered my prayer! If you are waiting on God - imagine he answers. I can testify that He answers. He is God! He comes at the right time."

Wanjiru Macharia

# *Fellowship*

## A PEOPLE ENGAGED AS A FAMILY; GROWING, CARING AND SERVING ONE ANOTHER AND TOGETHER





# YOUTH:

- Since January, the Youth Church has engaged 39 young people for after service fellowship hangouts at various places including ball point and bowling place both at the Village Market for fun, games and conversations.. We thank God for opportunities such as these, to build fellowship and friendships amongst the youth.
- The youth church had a successful Young Adults' Camp, with an attendance of 78 young people at Oloideni Naivasha in May. Main aim was for them to bond even as they discussed various issues affecting them. As a result, a young professionals mentorship group was formed, with one of the parents offering to act as a bridge to connect the young adults to work opportunities.







## CHILDREN:

- **The children ministry attended to 32 of their volunteers/parents/children who were in need of pastoral care.** This has led to volunteers/parents feeling appreciated and recognized further leading to an improved relationship with the church (and some of them reconnecting in cases where they had disconnected from the church).
- **22 full-time Kisima Champion volunteers were hosted for lunch in July** with an aim of enhancing teamwork.
- The development of the 40 days of prayer curriculum (for children) by the KaruraCC children ministry workers (from all church plants) based on the Rick Warren book has been a major highlight. As a result, this has brought about unity and teamwork as well as capacity building for the church plant teams.





## CHURCH FAMILY LIFE:

- **An average of 20 women continued to attend and engage in monthly women ministry fellowship and weekly prayer meetings, including a walk at Tigoni which attracted 45 ladies.** Additionally, more than 80 ladies gathered for Mother's day luncheon at KaruraCC. As a result of these fellowships, ladies have formed relations and prayer partnerships, and are more excited to serve in church. The ladies have also grown in the area of prayer due to their weekly prayer sessions.
- **In November, the women conference brought together more than 300 ladies for an evening of worship,** followed by a whole day of seminars.
- The goal of the couples' ministry is to disciple people in the area of marriage and spiritual life. **10 couples consistently attended the bi monthly meetings.** This has led to the couples growing as individuals and in their marriages as they have interacted with the various speakers and content.
- **The PMCC program which seeks to set the couples on a higher ground as they prepare for marriage, discipled 14 couples during the first 9 months of the year.** The ministry's reach has widened with 50% of couples coming from other churches. The support groups formed at the end of the program have also been of immense help to the couples way after the program is over. The program has also served as a discipleship tool which has equipped participants for a closer walk with Christ.
- The single's ministry serves as a platform for singles (25 yrs and above) to interact and grow together through the word of God and in sharing life experiences. **The singles hangout held in September attracted 33 people.**
- **Between January and June, the church saw 53 people registering as church members.** To enable close and personal fellowship amongst CLG Leaders & Zonal Deacons, 19 leaders and deacons met in the first half of the year.
- **From Jan - Sept, 421 people were connected to Community Life Groups and 14 New groups created.** This is quite an increase compared to the 78 persons connected to CLGs during a similar period in 2021.









## EQUIPPING & TRAINING:

The Equipping & Training ministry extended **pastoral care to 9 interns and trainees which has led them to experience the love of a church community** and a sense of belonging as they have gone through leadership development program.

## HR AND ADMIN:

- In a bid to motivate staff to work together, develop their strength and address their weakness, the KaruraCC leadership organized a much needed team building/retreat for the pastors in the 1st quarter. In September, a staff team building was held with up to 90% attendance. This has led to a stronger bond amongst the staff, with improved trust and communication. We thank God for enabling such opportunities.
- In June, the admin team hosted the wider non-staff team (security, cleaners and casuals) for a review lunch meeting/hangout whose goal was to communicate expectations from both parties. The people communicated that as a result, they felt appreciated and heard. It has improved the partnership the church has with its non-staff. More than 30 people were present.



## TESTIMONY

"We have been praying for extra hands in the ministry. In the 2nd quarter, we have received 3 interns from colleges who were referred to us by their friends. This has eased our work and there is less burn out. We thank God for this answered prayer."

Communications Team





# *Discipleship/ Training*

**A PEOPLE MOBILIZED  
AND EQUIPPED FOR SERVICE OF CHRIST  
IN ALL ASPECTS OF THEIR LIVES**



## SERVICES:

- The services ministry **engaged, trained and deployed an average of 17 volunteers in the first 9 months of the year.** This led to an increase in labour force, representing all demographics. This has reduced fatigue and burnout among the volunteers.
- The ushering ministry had a hiking experience conquering Mt. Kilimambogo, an experience aimed at building and strengthening their bond. **10 volunteers participated. 7 volunteers received care from the ministry.** The ushers have consistently met weekly for prayers. This has enhanced their teamwork.
- The services ministry also trained 20 people to lead services and 15 people to serve in ushering ministry increasing the pool of congregants serving in ministry reducing burnout and fatigue.





# YOUTH:

- To engage and prepare Youth Ministry Leaders on the Vision and Direction of the Youth Ministry, **the Youth Ministry organized a 2 day leadership retreat during the 1st Qtr which had 13 leaders in attendance.** Having an understanding of the direction of the church has led to great ownership of the church activities by the youth ministry leaders.
- **10 Young adults from KaruraCC received training aimed at preparing them to facilitate the Vuka class that started in May 2022.** This training increased the confidence the Youth church parents had in the church workers/volunteers to handle their children. The training was on basic first aid, how to do a de-brief, basic teaching skills, journey of life; role of transition, Camps etc. Additionally, 52 Vuka parents consistently attended monthly sessions aimed at training them on how to walk with their 13- year old children during their transition to teenage. Since most of these children came from single parent families, the training gave the parents a proper perspective on how to handle their teens. The teens also feel well understood by the parents and all this has improved the family dynamics.
- **25 Vuka students were engaged in a 2 week long Experiential Camp, in Oloideni campsite.** The students were taught the importance of respecting authority. They got to bond with their parents and to put into practice the lessons they had learnt during the year, e.g. journaling, scripture reading, spending time in prayer among other disciplines.
- In March, **40 teenagers were engaged in a week long Teens camp themed "Fully Known" in Diani.** The participants were reminded of how they are known by God and had time to do personal devotions, team building activities and enjoy themselves.
- 'Emerge' is a Youth program that seeks to equip post-high schoolers with life skills, helping them prepare for College life. **25 emergers have gone through the program in 2022.** Most of the key volunteers and leaders currently serving in the youth church are the products of this program.
- In April, around **25 teens met for a day to discuss various topics affecting them including relationships, bullying in schools etc.** They also took time to pray as well as watch a movie. This forum creates an atmosphere where they can support one another as they receive spiritual guidance and mentorship from older mentors and pastors.
- **12 young people from the Youth church were visited for pastoral care.** This has increased their sense of belonging. It has also led to more young people being open to such visits by the church, and further connecting the church with their parents.
- **Through the 'Jenga na Punch' initiative, the youth church raised more than KES 31,000 towards the CSC.**
- **MEND (The Youth Men ministry) has been consistent in their monthly meetings with an average of 15 men in attendance.** The fellowship sessions have led to building of friendships amongst the young men even as they have received mentorship from the elders. This has also given them a sense of belonging.









## CHILDREN MINISTRY:

- In a bid to engage parents in the discipleship of their 12 years olds during their transition to Youth church, the children ministry sought to equip them in preparation for this step. **A total of 61 parents have been taken through the training (following the junction curriculum) since January 2022.**
- The Children ministry seeks to train and equip parents/guardians on raising their children in a Godly way. One of the ways this is done is through the pre-dedication classes where parents are taught on Biblical foundation, parenting, discipline, psychological perspective of children/parents etc. **Since January, 111 parents have been trained and consequently, their children dedicated.**
- **The children ministry engaged (training, equipping & enabling) an average of 21 volunteers in the ministry activities.** As a result, there have been more laborers serving in the ministry. The volunteers have also grown spiritually and in their personal skills (E.g public speaking) boosting their self confidence.
- **In April the children ministry organized a 10 Day VBS that helped a total of 115 children go through the book of Acts.** This was to help them know how they can stand strong in Jesus Christ. The lessons were taught through crafts, dance, music, Bible stories and games and will continue to help the next generation become Rooted in God's word and fruitful at home and in school.
- **110 Children gathered at KaruraCC in July for bible trivia, memory verses, crafts and lots of fun during the annual Bible Olympics event** which aims at equipping the children helping them grow and know the word.





## CHURCH FAMILY LIFE:

- Our community life groups offer an opportunity for closer fellowship; we say this is where church happens. **To equip our CLG leaders, an average of 55 CLG and 4 Youth Group leaders have been trained on how to facilitate group discussions with a goal of empowering them in their leadership capacities.** 50 CLGs were visited by our pastors, offering that much needed pastoral support. Further to this, the church organized an appreciation ceremony to celebrate /reward and appreciate CLG leaders. 126 people participated. This has resulted in more committed and motivated CLG leaders.
- **75 CLGs participated in studies recommended by the church (Church and Politics and the Spiritual emphasis campaigns)**
- Plug-In is a discipleship program that seeks to address various christian topics such as serving and worship, preparing the participants for ministry and growing their walk with Christ. **Since January, 48 people have graduated from Plug-In.** Through the program, more people have been integrated into the church and are now serving in various ministries.





## EQUIPPING & TRAINING:

- **In the month of January, the equipping and training ministry on-boarded 8 enthusiastic interns.** They will be attending theology and leadership classes weekly, throughout the year garnering skills and getting ministry exposure. The interns have grown in various ways e.g. Individually, some have grown in confidence and able to make presentations, grown in relationships with people- how to relate with different levels of leadership, grown in skills e.g. preaching, presentations, demonstrated change in their attitude towards God and people among other things. The interns have been able to improve themselves and they have received practical ministry experiences, mentorship and demonstrated growth in leadership.
- **In January an average of 100 people gathered online for prayer and fellowship at the close of the 21 days of prayer and fasting.** It was a great God-given opportunity to start the year seeking God as a church family. Through that season, testimonies of people's faith in God increasing, hearts being transformed, gifts being utilized in terms of prayer, intercession, teaching and many other great testimonies of God at work were received. The discipline of prayer and fasting has stirred growth in the church to truly rely on God to accomplish his will. I would say there is an increased desire to commune with God and seek God concerning the families, nation, community and the church. This has also enabled growth as a church to develop structures that allow people to seek God in prayer.
- **The church also went through a spiritual emphasis campaign (SEC), as part of discipleship (Redefining Success According to Jesus) and the 40 Days of Prayer.** The 40 Days of Prayer Spiritual Emphasis Campaign has driven God's agenda to disciple people how to pray, understand why we pray and to give practical guidance on biblical understanding of who God is and how to seek him during crisis, trusting him for breakthroughs and also awareness on how God answers prayers. SEC as a partnership with church plants, church branches, rehabs, missional communities has brought unity to Karura enabling us to collaborate, learn and support each other in discipling the church. It has also allowed people to step up, start new CLGs, truly share with those in need e.g. donate books to those in need, enabled people to exercise their giftings e.g. preaching, intercessory, leading, witnessing God at work through testimonies of healing, opening up of opportunities, salvation among others.





- **2 volunteer professional counselors continued to give their services pro-bono to help congregants deal with life issues, thus improving their well-being.**
- **A training targeting entrepreneurs was held in May with an aim of helping entrepreneurs grow their skills on managing their businesses.** 25 entrepreneurs participated in the 1 day training. The training led to entrepreneurs having a mindset shift on entrepreneurship and understanding of how to do business with kingdom agenda.
- **During the lent season, 38 KaruraCC & MembleyCC members went on a 5 Day prayer and fasting season, dubbed 'Journey to the Cross', with the participants faithfully meeting every evening for prayer for the entire period.** The week culminated in a concert held at MembleyCC as people ushered in the Easter week and this brought the community of faith together in prayer and communion.
- **9 people (7 interns and 1 pastor and 1 deacon) graduated from the preaching class facilitated by the senior pastor Rev Ngari Kariithi.** The goal of this class is to equip ministers with preaching skills, to enable them to share the word of God effectively. Through this class, we have observed growth among the participants who are keen to fully prepare sermons and recognize when people misquote scripture and help in correction, improvement in physical representation e.g dressing, growth in confidence to teach/share the word.
- **To help them grow in the critical discipline of prayer, 39 people went through and graduated from the Ombi School of Prayer programme.** This program has helped people grow in their walk with God especially in the area of prayer. Ombi has enabled growth of disciple makers and those who were once students have joined the Prayer ministry serving in the prayer tent and others being mentored to teach Ombi.
- **In July we trained 15 Prayer counselors to equip them on skills and envision them on how to go about prayer counseling.** Our goal was to equip people for the work ahead in praying and attending to congregants in the prayer tents and when called upon to offer prayers to those in need.
- **In August, we engaged the aspiring MCAs in Karura, Ndenderu and Kihara wards to give people an opportunity to know and make informed choices on the type of leader to elect.** In this conversation, the bigger goal was for us as a church to provide a platform where we engage our community to elect leaders of integrity and those driven by an agenda to serve people and not to serve their selfish interests. We attracted 30 people physically and so far 530 views on our social media platforms. As a church we are called to be the light and the salt of the earth and we cannot be quiet on matters that affect the welfare of people.
- **In June 2022, 13 people (paid and non-paid staff) were sponsored to attend The Fearless Summit at Mavuno Church,** with an aim of encouraging networking and personal development.



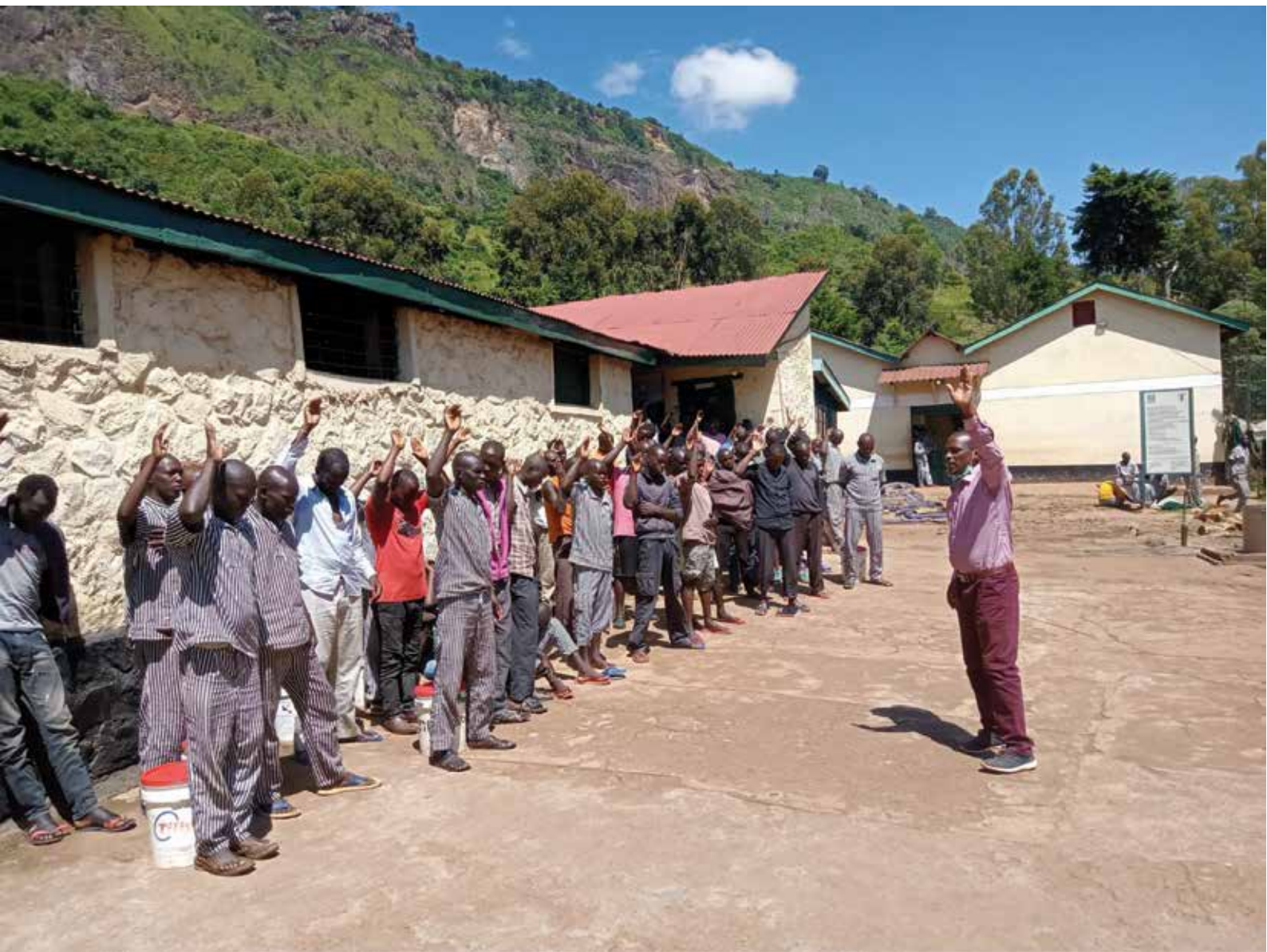




## OUTREACH:

- **The ministry also engaged an average of 20 volunteers and donors and 8 counsellors/ caregivers in supporting the ministry work both at prisons and rehabs.** An average of 27 inmates and wardens from the prisons were engaged in ministering to fellow inmates and wardens. An average of 11 inmates were taken through leadership training to equip them to facilitate discipleship programs within the prisons. This has led to multiplication of the disciples serving in the prisons.
- **An average of 15 people from Naivasha prison were taken through a ToT on how to serve the body of Christ.**
- **78 Pastors and leaders drawn from church plants were trained on Multiplication of churches and small groups.** This was done in partnership with New Thing and Nairobi Chapel. This opened their eyes to see opportunities for ministry and led to a mindset shift on how ministry is done especially on discipleship and church planting.
- **An average of 69 pastors from different churches within Nairobi are currently receiving biblical counseling training, organized by KaruraCC in partnership with Agape school of ministry.** The program concluded in November 2022.
- **A team of 4 people has been doing weekly street evangelism in Ruaka. 18 people have been reached so far, and 2 decisions for Christ recorded.** Further, ministry opportunities have been identified including reaching out to the dog sellers at the Ruaka roundabout.
- **11 Tumaini mentors have been trained to equip them to effectively serve using the Tumaini mentorship curriculum that entails the Key areas of mentorship, how to have an effective mentor- mentee relationship and some tips on mentorship.** This equipping has led to them having more fruitful sessions with their mentees and increasing effectiveness in their ministry.
- **The Micro-Enterprise Development program supports small businesses, building their capacity and in some cases giving them start up/boost capital, to enable them earn a living and to support their families.** Since January, 4 start ups operating from Githogoro , Kawaida & Mucatha were supported financially and in-kind with 20 people receiving MED training (business skills) in Mucatha. As a result, some of them have been able to start and run small businesses, ensuring they fend for their family. One particular group joined the Karura Community Sacco, enabling them to take loans.
- **Freedom In Christ Ministry, fully ran by volunteers, finalized its 11th season.** It has had an in-house volunteer facilitators pool of over 58 volunteers. 13 people graduated from the last season. As a result of this program, participants experienced a change in their mindset especially concerning grace and salvation and awareness of who they are in Christ, leading to them being set free from past baggage.



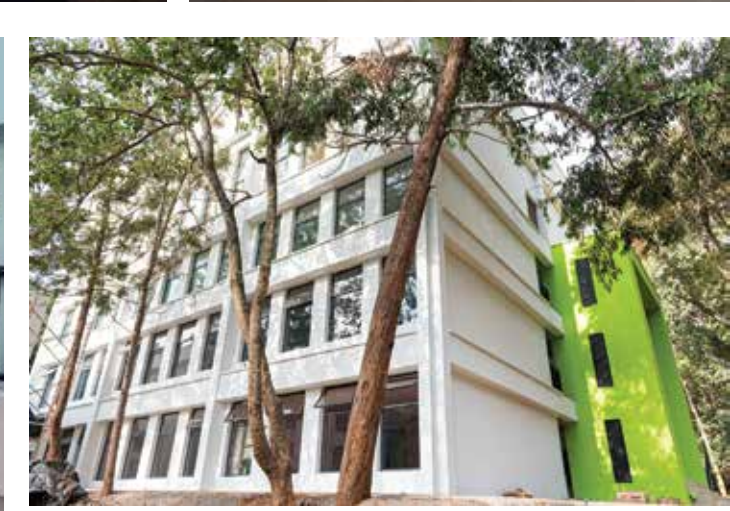
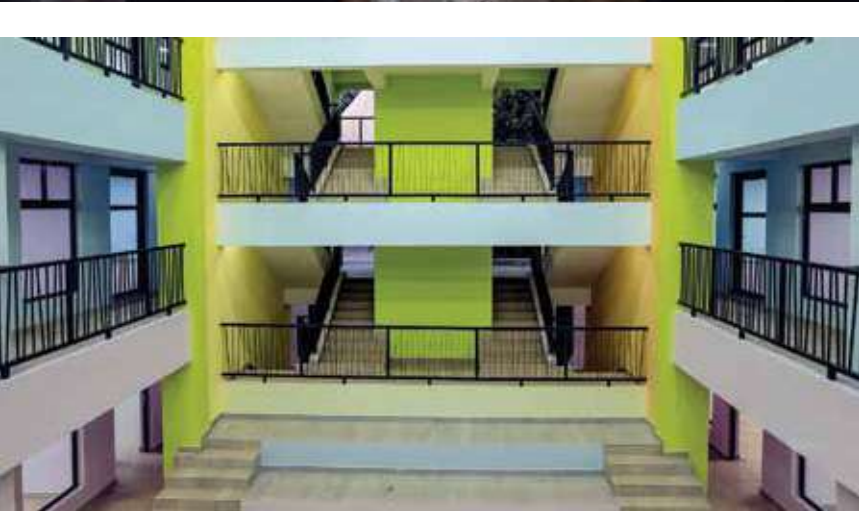




## ENABLING STRUCTURES:

- The admin team acts as the 'oil' that ensures that the ministries are running smoothly by providing the needed support. **In June, the admin team partnered with Optimus (A service provider) to train non-staff members on cleanliness and how to improve the standards of the services they are offering to the church. 15 people were trained.** There has been a significant change in the attitudes of the non-staff, leading to improvement in their work delivery and timeliness.
- **In the last 9 months, significant strides have been made in the development of the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan, and the process is nearing the end.** The strategic plan is to take effect from January 2023.
- **In Feb, the church held an All-leaders learning session where church leaders gave their feedback on the data collected through the Strategic Planning FDGs and generally on the direction of the church for the next 5 years. 105 leaders participated.**
- The communications ministry is in charge of creating internal and external awareness of what the church is doing and where the church is coming from and going. **2 volunteers from different church plants have been serving in the communications dept, with a goal of getting skills that will be transferred back to their churches (Kenol and Kabuku church plants).** They have been learning about videography, editing and broadcasting. **The communications department actively equipped and engaged 16 volunteers throughout the 9 months.**
- The church had a successful fundraiser on 5th of June 2022, towards the Worship and Community Centre. **KES 13,948,209 was raised.** In total, **Ksh. 29,509,652 has been raised since January.** In a similar period in 2021, Ksh. 33M had been raised, indicating a 10% decline.
- **The Kisima Champions centre was successfully completed and dedicated, Glory to God!** The centre, with a capacity of 1000+ has enabled different discipleship activities like baptism, women ministry meetings, Bible study fellowships, Community Life group meetings among many others.
- **The PRAYSE team was able to organize a showcasing event for Kisima Center with event planners and P.R Managers (17 companies were represented).** The team also organized a breakfast for all the people who had pledged in 2022 (86 people attended). Following this event, enquiries about the facilities have come in. Hopefully, this widened network will lead to increased interest in the facilities, generating income for the church.







## ALL:

A total of **62 volunteer leaders have been engaged in the last 9 months**. This represents 90% of the cumulative number (69) of leaders the departments had hoped to engage by the end of 2022. (Data from Outreach,CFL and Children missing)

## TESTIMONIES

"For me, the doctrine class has made me understand biblical topics in a very simple manner.As a teacher of the word , this has really helped me gain knowledge on God's word which I can confidently teach others. My love for the word of God has also grown tremendously.Thank you 🙏"

Rita Chebet Kiprono  
Intern 2022



"I have gained knowledge on things that I didn't even think about like the end time and what the different things Christians believe about it. I never even thought about it but now I know about it and that has changed my life"

Caleb Kyalo Mutua  
Intern 2022





*Outreach*  
**A PEOPLE DEPLOYED**  
**AS AMBASSADORS, SERVING AND INFLUENCING**  
**THE WORLD FOR CHRIST**





## SERVICES:

The Karura Voices (KaruraCC's praise and worship team) has continued to 'Engage The World' in ministry partnerships such as Beyond Elections Concert - Pinnacle Impact, Mangu High school missions, Mash Mwana and Eugene Blessing Concerts, Purpose centre, Mavuno church, Hope Church Lavington, Inuka concert among others. Karura Voices also received a Global Impact award as recognition of the role they have played in the industry.





## YOUTH:

- There was a successful Mission in Ruaka with **33 young people participating in 'Each One Reach One' outreach event. 24 people gave their lives to Christ and over 200 were reached.**
- The Youth Church also sought to create Mental Health Awareness through the 'STRETCHED' Sermon Series. The result was more young people have been able to reach out for professional help as well as benefit from peer support.
- **The Schools outreach ministry has seen an increase in Volunteers from 12 to 20 young people.** They managed to reach out to **6102 young people in high schools, recording 792 salvation stories with one discipleship program running in one high school.** A major highlight was a rally held at Mangu' High School Rally where **14 different schools met and the missions' team reached out to 4623 students.** The High school ministry has engaged **3 volunteer leaders** and is currently walking with them.
- **9 young people equipped for missions/camp facilitation at Word of Life** where they were taught on how to handle camp sessions for age group 7 yrs - 18 years.
- **140 people were reached with the gospel through Football tournaments organized by the youth ministry.** The Youth church adopted a team called GFC, which they accompany to all their matches, playing with them (forming the Church Team) and through which they have been able to share the gospel with the attending persons. The GFC team members have also grown in the area of mentorship, walking with other young men. **Through this, 32 decisions for Christ have been made since January.**





## CHILDREN:

- **The Children ministry, with an aim to train and equip children workers, partnered with 12 schools (Chantilly, Cheleta, Kibathi, Lily of the Valley, Foresight, Hope Huruma etc) and churches in the last 9 months of the year.** The training (around effective student's ministry, bible lessons preparation and presentation and creative teaching among other lessons) was aimed at equipping teachers and church workers to disciple children through God's words in schools and churches. **A total of 109 people have been trained so far.** This has enabled teachers to step in and disciple the pupils in cases where the church volunteers are unavailable, which is also a more sustainable approach to discipleship.
- **Through the Pastoral Programme of Instruction (PPI), the children outreach ministry team ministered to an average of 2,510 children drawn from Chantilly, Cheleta, Kibathi, Lily of the Valley, Foresight, Hope Huruma etc.** The ministry engaged a total of 22 volunteers. It has been observed that discipline has improved in schools where the PPI program is being conducted.
- **The Children ministry held training for 16 leaders, with an aim of mentoring them to walk with other Children ministers in KaruraCC and beyond.** This was held in KaruraCC and participants were drawn from our congregation. **There was also similar training in ACK Emmanuel Church where around 500 children-workers were trained by KaruraCC.** This has led to empowerment of such workers, developing their skills in children's discipleship.
- **The children ministry team led 30 children in planting 47 indigenous and fruit trees at the church compound.**
- **The Children ministry has formed partnerships with 2 Estate Bible Clubs in Guango and Jumbo court, which have seen 30 children being disciplined continuously since January.**





## OUTREACH:

- The Dorcas Ministry seeks to serve the needy from our neighboring communities and show them the love of Christ. One of the ways we do this is through the monthly church wide community visitations. **In February, the visitations reached 14 families from Ndenderu and Kianjogu.** The highlight of this visitation was meeting 4 families that had been hosted by the church during the 2007/ 2008 Post election violence and now are adults with their own families. **A total of 148 families were reached between Jan - Sept.** Additionally, an average of 30 families were reached through the weekly Community Visitations.
- **In partnership with other KaruraCC church plants (Githogoro MC, Mucatha MC, Kenol, KRC, LTC Gachie), the Dorcas ministry also distributed relief food and clothes to an average of 216 families monthly** drawn from Muchatha, Huruma, Ruaka, Ndenderu, Banana, Githogoro & Kenol.
- **The church also cares for individuals and families in crisis through the Emergency relief program. Through this, 52 families/individuals have been supported in different ways such as medical expenses, payment of rent, relocation, provision of household items and school fees.**
- The Tumaini Scholarship and Mentorship ministry seeks to support needy but bright students from our neighborhood, by providing school fees and the much needed mentorship. To care for the people who make this ministry possible, in February, the Tumaini Secretariat visited and cared for 10 volunteers and partners drawn from the ministry. **In April, 52 students attended mentorship sessions and had a 3-day Teen's apprentice workshop where they learnt life skills such as managing stress & tough times, Healthy living, Drug abuse, internet addiction and peer pressure, time management, managing relationships, goal setting among others.** The Form 3 & 4 students also had an examiners forum, where they received guidance on how to answer questions in Kiswahili, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and humanities. Currently 65 students are being supported by the program.





- **Through the KYSA program, an average of 385 players drawn from neighboring schools and zones were involved in weekly KYSA matches through which they were disciple.** An average of 140 girls also received sanitary towels. Through the KYSA community outreach Tree planting exercise, 243 trees were planted. An average of 16 Certified multiplicative leaders (Line men, coaches, zone leaders) were engaged in KYSA activities. The activities has kept the players busy, helping them avoid crime. This has also served as an evangelism tool which has seen several of the players accept Christ.
- **The Uzima program, in a bid to offer sustainable support to people requiring medical care support paid NHIF fees for 3 people. 10 patients with emergency medical cases were also given hospital assistance.** In partnership with Aga Khan Hospital, the Uzima team was able to organize a blood donation that saw 30 pints of blood being donated.
- **The church has also continuously reached out to those recovering from substance abuse, through 3 rehabilitation centers: Jorgs Ark, The Retreat and the Retreat Annex. An average of 105 people receive discipleship and spiritual counseling every week, leading to their spiritual growth.** The ministry also helps the beneficiaries in their reintegration after release. 6 volunteer counselors have continued to offer their services to this cause. Those who have received Christ in the retreat centres have been engaged even after the program E.g one who has started a support group in Kisumu.
- **The opening Up of the Northern Frontier District - Marsabit Experience was also a big win. KaruraCC now has a missional community in Marsabit, led by Pst. Guyo.** KaruraCC has also partnered with FASAL (NGO) to explore further outreach opportunities.
- **Missional communities (Mucatha and Githogoro) each did a successful fundraiser to purchase musical instruments; A total of around 50,000/- was raised.** A good step towards sustainability of the MCs.
- **The church partnered with CMS (Church missionary society), in community engagement and training, and resource mobilization.** In the 1st quarter, Githogoro and Nyakach were the main target communities. The funds raised go to projects identified by the communities.
- **Nyakach/Sigowet-Soin(Kisumu-Kericho) Peace Building Process, mediated by KaruraCC team, was a huge success and it brought together different partners including CMS & Grass Root Impact, to reach more than 2000 people residing at the border, in preaching peace pre, during and post election.** The success of this initiative was evidenced by the peace witnessed in the area after the General Elections.





## TESTIMONIES

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank you and the Karura Chapel for standing with the Grassroot Centre in the efforts to build peace between the Kericho and Kisumu communities. Through your leadership, the Karura Chapel exemplified an example on the role of the church in addressing the ever increasing complex societal challenges especially among local vulnerable communities. Moving forward, I look forward to working together and specifically on the role of the Karura Chapel in strengthening interdenominational leadership in evangelism, peace, compassion ministry and girl child empowerment.

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Dr Jonah Atela (Coordinator GIC.)

Thank you to the church for taking me home, mediating between me and my father whom we have been enemies since I was seventeen years. I rebelled against him and got lost in the world and ended up in jail. Thank you, am better am reconciled to my family.

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Francis Waititu (a former inmate)

"I have prayed and thank God for everything that has (has fallen into place) followed each other. The theology course was God directed and Prompt. I am learning so much and am sure by the end of the course I will be a different person though it takes time. Otherwise I am just grateful for everything. I am ready to work out my schedule in order to serve the (Missional Community) on the free Sundays when i am available.

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George (Volunteer who currently is enrolled in a theological training program)

