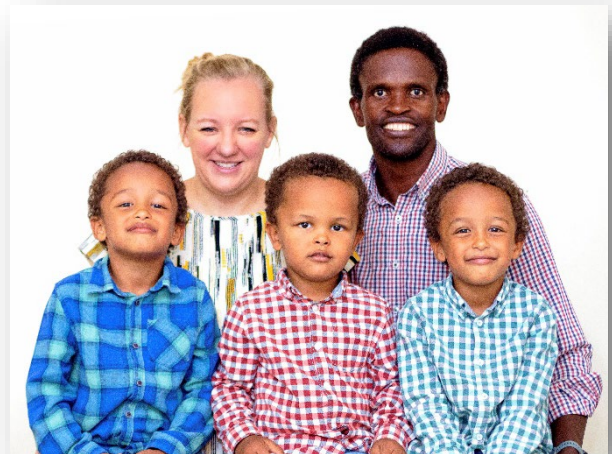




'What does the Old Testament have to do with the New Testament? Surely, believers of Jesus are people of the New Testament!' This is a prevalent statement we hear people say here in some Christian circles. We think people say it for two reasons; one, they find some of the Old Testament stories boring; and two, they do not know what to do when faced with ideas like sacrifices, war, and bloodshed, what would appear like 'favouritism' of some over others among other issues that sounds strange to our modern world. As a result, some have opted to embrace the New Testament which appears to be more palatable to them.

Our training focuses on equipping and training church workers to teach other people faithfully and part of our vision is to see Bible teachers teach more faithfully and clearly to their hearers. The early part of our training is a bit lighter, but we have now reached a stage where we are upping our gears. Part of that entails training on topics like how to preach from the Old Testament. During the last training with the team from Marsabit we focused on preaching Jesus from the book of Leviticus. The book of Leviticus is full of issues that many people in our world today would rather not want to be involved in like, sacrifices, blood and other rituals that the modern man would rather stay away from. Yet, for a better clarity of what Jesus ultimately achieves at the cross we must understand the meaning of Leviticus. Therefore, to clearly understand this book makes the reading of the gospels all the clearer.

To our amazement, the book of Leviticus was not a big problem to our last group of participants – in this region most people keep animals as a livelihood. They come from communities who are traditionalists in their worldview and would be involved in animal

sacrifices for healing, restorations of broken relationships, praying for the rains, peace and other issues that affect humanity. However, it's worth mentioning that they would have a very different view of God. But the book of Leviticus is a perfect platform for exploring the only One and True God and we hope our participants now are better equipped to read the stories in Leviticus as a pointer to who Jesus is.

This team is coming to the end of their first year of training, and we are in conversation with their sending churches to see if we can keep some of



them into the second year while we recruit a new team from the same areas. The idea is that they would form an advanced class but also be mentors to the new participants who would generally come from the same areas as them.

We also held our second training session for the team from Makueni Diocese and it is wonderful to hear what God is doing in the lives of many.

As part of our plan to help the wider church appreciate faithful Bible training, we hope to start an apprenticeship programme where we train, equip and purposefully send some young people to serve and work under Anglican Church of Kenya ministers, in the hope that they will see firsthand the benefits of attending the training and send more people in future.



As we have communicated with many of you already, Louise has a new role. Since January, Louise has been helping out a little bit in the children's school doing mentoring and coaching of teachers. Now she will be doing that four days per week with the job title 'Head of Academics' in exchange for the boys to attend the school. Fees for international schools in Nairobi are high and this is a small primary school that focuses on wellbeing and community, which is a lovely place for the children to attend and Louise to work in.

The old plan was that after the boys attended school for 'early years' Louise would homeschool them to enable us to travel more. With the ministry house in Ngong we have discovered there isn't really the need to travel outside the school holidays as it is working well for the youth workers to travel to Nairobi. We will still be able to travel to Marsabit (and potentially other places) in the school holidays to deliver a few days of training to larger groups.

Prayer points:

- Praise God for Stanley and Festus from Diocese of Makueni, who, after coming to our training, felt God's call to pursue pastoral training and are currently in college.
- Praise God for the financial support from our partners which continues to enable additional participants to come for our training.
- Thank God for our good health, Louise's job working at the school and for Jeremiah, Daniel and James enjoying their new classes.
- Please pray for two upcoming training sessions in November and December that our participants will continue to grow in knowledge and their love for Jesus.
- Pray for Gerald as he prepares and delivers most of the trainings.
- Pray for our next hope and ambition for the programme in 2025 – to start a church apprenticeship scheme where participants are each connected to and working for a specific church. Pray that God will lead us the way he would like us to go and for an additional worker to work alongside Gerald.

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