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# THE BLESSING

EMPOWERING FAMILIES AND NATIONS WORLDWIDE WITH THE GOSPEL

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FAITH

BUILDING  
YOUR  
FAITH

ONE SUPPORT BEAM AT A TIME

IN A LAND WITH  
NO FISH OR BREAD

THE NEXT  
LEVEL  
ASCENDANCY  
TO THE EPISCOPACY



## DECEMBER

Seed of Abraham-Tanzania grew from 2 churches to over 20 after Pastor Vincent Mbarikiwa's visit in November.

## NOVEMBER

Consecrated our first bishop and designated three others to the episcopal order.



## OCTOBER

Responded with more than \$5000 in emergency humanitarian aid to feed hundreds of refugees during civil unrest in Samburu, Kenya.

## SEPTEMBER

Built a temporary worship facility that should last 15 years or more for Bishop-Designate Onkoba's congregation in Kenya.



## AUGUST

Responded with additional aid due to drought in Northern Kenya.

## JULY

Seed of Abraham-Uganda grew from 20 churches to over 70.



## JUNE

Seed of Abraham-Kenya added congregations from Kisii, Kerecho, and Samburu.

## MARCH

Purchased a tent for worship services for our Headquarters church in Kenya because they were turned outdoors.

# A YEAR IN REVIEW



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# Meet Our Pastors

## Bishop-Designate Vincent Mbarikiwa

Overseer of Seed of Abraham Christian Centre Tanzania

Vincent Mbarikiwa was born in 1966 to Israel Mbarikiwa and Margreth Jonathan in the city of Singida. After attending school in

he worked as an Assistant Pastor before being ordained as a Senior Pastor. In 2003, Bishop Mbarikiwa again entered into school, this

time for seven years, completing his Pastoral/Evangelism degree in Seoul, South Korea. Afterwards he served as Pastor/Evangelist of The Mission International Evangelistic Assemblies Church in Tanzania.

On July 1, 2011 Bishop Mbarikiwa

submitted himself and his church to Bishop William J. McDuffie, International Presiding Bishop & Founder of Seed of Abraham

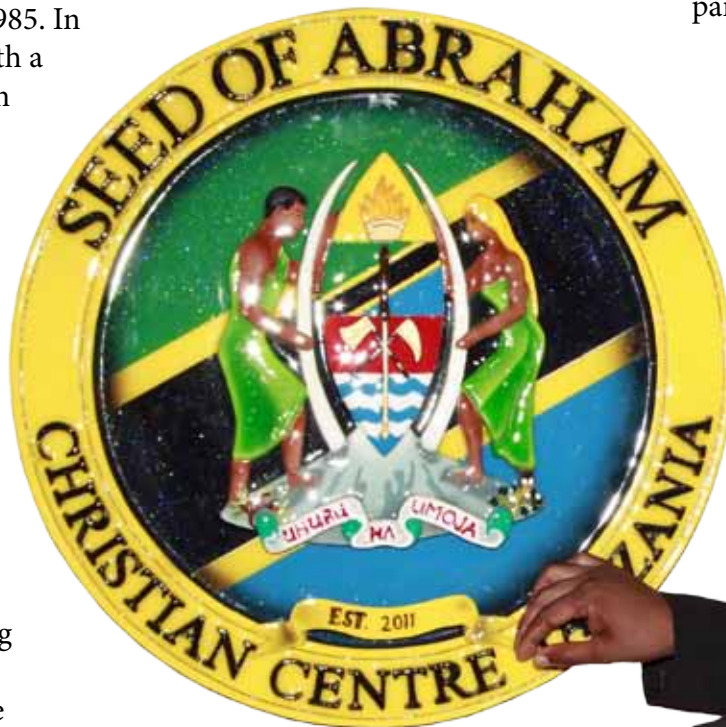
Christian Center International, Inc. & William McDuffie Ministries, Inc. The Mission International Evangelistic Assemblies Church in Tanzania was re-designated Seed of Abraham Christian Center Tanzania. Bishop Mbarikiwa continues to serve as Overseer and Pastor of the churches in Tanzania today.

### Special Note:

On Sunday, January 29th, 2012 Bishop Vincent Mbarikiwa was married to Mary Joseph. We celebrate with them as they partner together in ministry!



Mbeya, he attended the University of Dar-es-Salaam in 1985. In 1987, he graduated with a Bachelors of Education in Management and Administration, becoming a teacher. It was in that same year that he was born again, baptized with water, and filled with the Holy Spirit. Shortly after that, the Lord called Bishop-Designate Vincent Mbarikiwa into ministry. Pursuing his calling, Bishop Mbarikiwa spent three years at Evangelism Bible College receiving a diploma of Evangelism. From 1995-1996



## ECONOMY

### Currency:

Tanzania Shiling (TSh)

### US Exchange Rate:

\$1 USD = 600 TSh

### Average Annual Income:

\$280 USD

## HEALTH

### Infant Mortality Rate:

50 per 1000 live births

### Avg. Life Expectancy:

46 years

About 2 million are living with HIV/AIDS.



BISHOP-DESIGNATE VINCENT  
MBARIKIWA & MARY JOSEPH

## LANGUAGE

### Official Language:

English / Swahili

### "Walk In The Blessing"

Kutembea katika Baraka

## EDUCATION

The Tanzanian government recently revealed that by 2020 schools will lose more than 27,000 teachers to HIV/AIDS.

## GOVERNMENT

### Capital: Dodoma

Est. Pop.: 43,188,000

### Type:

Federal Presidential

Constitutional

Republic



## RELIGION

60% *Christian*

36% *Muslim*

2% *Traditional African Religions*

2% *Other*

## Seed of Abraham Christian Centre Tanzania Pastors

Alison Sembele  
Edward Wilson  
Charless Yohana  
Isaka Sitembela  
Timoth Benard  
Immanuel Muyila  
Lugano Mwamajuja

Mbombefiki Mwakampya  
Veryborn Mwasumbi  
Peter Emmanuel  
Abel Joseph  
Anthony Haule  
Zakaria Kenony  
Edward Mkulo

Simon Mbagu  
Andrew Kalinga  
Mulungu Amenye  
Samweli George  
Amoni Shonyela  
Asajile Mwanjala  
Anangisye Malila





# BUILDING FAITH

## ONE SUPPORT BEAM AT A TIME

**64 pieces of lumber. 200 iron sheets. 1 1/2 months. 7 committee members. Holding their first church service in a brand new structure: PRICELESS.**

After being turned out by their land-lord, the members of Bishop-Designate Christopher Onkoba's church had no place to conduct services. There was no shelter from the elements for them when they met. If it rained, they were wet. If the dust blew, it covered them in a red sheen. In March of 2011, Seed of Abraham Christian Center International purchased a meeting tent as a temporary solution. Shortly thereafter, we began the process of building

them a new meeting structure by purchasing land. Taking on a building project in your own country is trying enough, let alone taking on one almost 10,000 miles away! It took a committee of 7 chairpeople with a Deacon as the chairman to accomplish this incredible project. October of 2011 marked the first service held in their new building! As people came through the door, they were greeted with a roof over their heads, seats, and a sheltered place to receive the Word to God.

Seed of Abraham Christian Center International was honored to build the first of many-to-come churches in East Africa. We are in fervent expectancy to hear the testimonies of those that receive Jesus as their Lord because of the obedient work we have done!



Bishop-Designate  
Christopher Onkoba



# ANNUAL FAITH *Conference*



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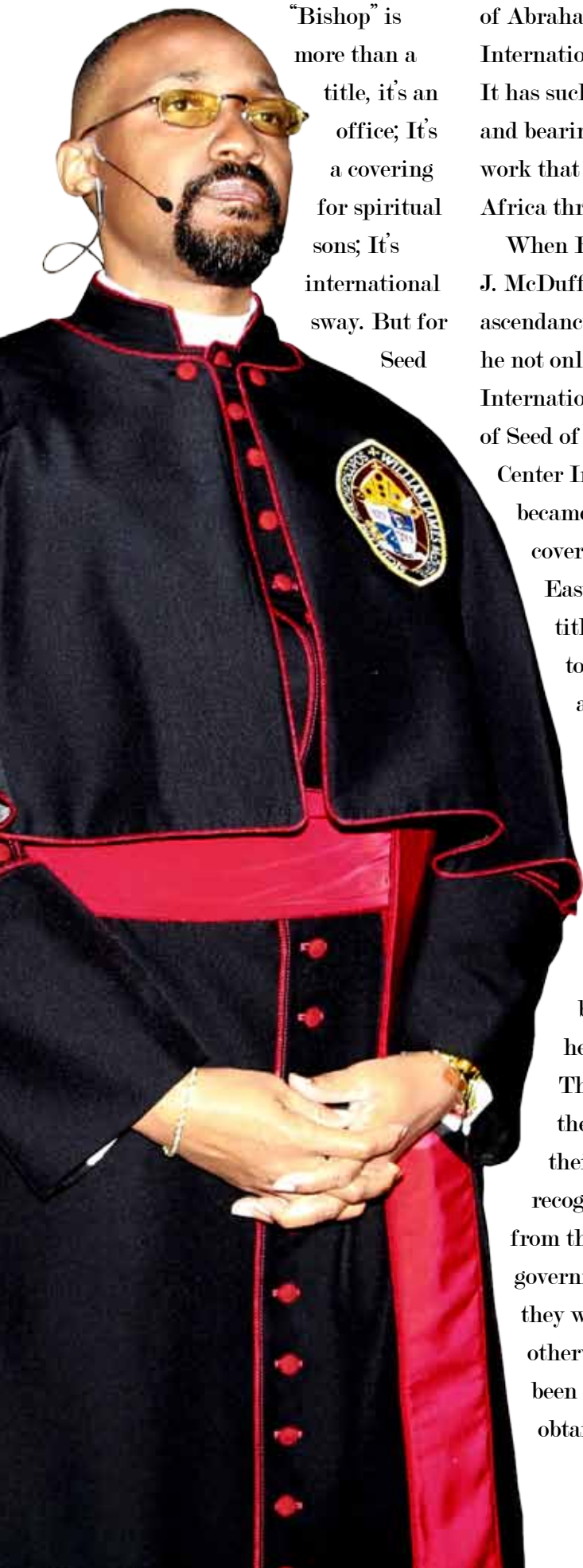
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“Bishop” is more than a title, it’s an office; It’s a covering for spiritual sons; It’s international sway. But for Seed

of Abraham Christian Center International, it is even more. It has such great significance and bearing in regards to the work that we are doing in East Africa through the Lord.

When Bishop William J. McDuffie accepted the ascendancy to the episcopacy, he not only became the International Presiding Bishop of Seed of Abraham Christian Center International, but became a new type of covering to our pastors in East Africa. Holding the title of “Bishop” helps to legitimize our church and each overseer with their church in East Africa with the local government. Bishop McDuffie is now able to designate the East African pastors as bishops as he sees fit. This gives them and their churches recognition from the government that they would have otherwise not been able to obtain.

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## Role of a Bishop:

A Bishop is one who is not only called to preach, teach, and evangelize the world, but care and tend for other pastors and preachers. In this world, many who do the work of the Gospel have no one to look to, seek guidance from or submit to.

### THE TIPPET



The Tippet is worn to demonstrate that the Bishop is a fellow-yokesman with Jesus Christ.

### THE RING



The Ring is a token of covenant between the candidate and God; it is a primary symbol of the Office of the Episcopacy.



# EXT VEL DANCY ISCOPACY

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Having a Bishop as their overseer gives them a spiritual covering they would not have otherwise had. We believe Psalm 2:8. The nations have been given to us as our inheritance, our personal property, and Seed of Abraham Christian Center International has chosen to claim

their inheritance! In 2011 we grew from 13 churches to over 172 churches in East Africa. We have strategic churches in Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania, each of them being re-designated as Seed of Abraham Christian Center-Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania, respectively.

This is the year of growth and increase for Seed of Abraham Christian Center International. We serve a God who does the greater and we know that this year our claim on the nations for Christ will only expand!

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For the 2011 Faith Conference where William J. McDuffie was consecrated as a bishop, Pastor Vincent Mbarikiwa from Seed of Abraham Christian Center-Tanzania was able to be present. Each of our 3 overseers in East Africa were invited



Called to ministry at a young age, William J. McDuffie was licensed in 1985, and subsequently ordained as a minister of the Gospel in the Church of God in Christ in 1988 under the auspices of Pastor Joseph W. Usry.

In 2001, under a mandate from the Lord, the Bishop established William McDuffie Ministries (WMM), Inc. which consists of several anointed ministries to include Seed of Abraham Christian Center International (SACCI) of Sierra Vista, Arizona. The mission of WMM and SACCI is to teach the Body of Christ how to submit to and effectively apply the Word of God (Truth), so that each member will experience success in every aspect of the abundant life.

Bishop McDuffie is married to the bride of his youth, Lady Yvette of Huntington, New York, who faithfully serves with him in ministry as Co-founder and Deputy Chief Overseer of WMM and SACCI. An adamant believer in covenant relationships, Bishop McDuffie is, at the same time, a spiritual son of the Most Reverend Doctor Richard B. Peoples.

Bishop McDuffie is a graduate of numerous highly technical courses and several military leadership schools to include the United States Army Sergeants Major Course and the United States Army First Sergeants Course. He holds an Associates of Applied Science degree in Electronic Technology from Cochise College of Sierra Vista, AZ, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Touro University International of Cypress, CA. In 2008, Bishop McDuffie graduated summa cum laude from Trident University (formerly Touro University) with a Masters of Science in Business Administration (MBA).

In August 2011, Bishop McDuffie accepted the ascendancy to the episcopal order and was consecrated as a Bishop in the Lord's Church by a College of Bishops on November 12, 2011. He was simultaneously installed as the International Presiding Bishop and Chief Overseer of Seed of Abraham Christian Center International, Incorporated.

## THE CINCTURE



The Cincture is a symbol of the towel which Jesus used to wash the disciples' feet. A Bishop must remain humble just as Jesus did.

## THE PECTORAL CROSS



The Pectoral Cross is a symbol of Jesus' cross and the wearer must be willing to "suffer affliction for the Gospel's sake".

## THE CROZIER



The Crozier represents authority and strength. It reminds us how the Bishop is Pastor to Pastors, a Shepherd of Shepherds.



**From Right to Left:** Lady Yvette E. McDuffie, Pastor Vincent I. Mbarikiwa, Bishop William J. McDuffie

to be present-with all provisions made for them-but only Pastor Mbarikiwa was able to obtain a visa. Prior to becoming a spiritual son of Bishop McDuffie, God spoke to Pastor Mbarikiwa and told him that he would be going to America. Before he was even invited to attend our annual Faith Conference, God instructed him when to go get his visa; he was approved immediately at the Embassy and upon receiving our invitation, was prepared to come! That is the revelational knowledge of God at work!

Many indelible events took place for Pastor Mbarikiwa while he was here, the first of which is so notable that it must be given a few lines here to recount. Because the financial support that we send to our East African pastors is increase for them, they have always been encouraged to sow off of it. During the Sunday session of the Faith

Conference, Pastor Mbarikiwa was able to put a new type of action into his faith and sow a seed from his increase directly into Bishop McDuffie's hand. Hebrews 13:7 instructs us to imitate the faith of those who have led us. Pastor Mbarikiwa chose to imitate the faith of his spiritual father and he can get nothing less than the same results!

Throughout his time here, Pastor Mbarikiwa was able to fellowship with two of our elders and have afternoons of impartation from them. He was also gifted a brand new giant print NKJV bible, *The Power of Your Words* (E.W. Kenyon), and many audio teaching series. He will be able to take all of these materials back to Tanzania to continue his good work of ministering the Gospel. After attending our annual Faith Conference, seeing the wealth of our nation and ministry, Pastor Mbarikiwa's vision for his nation expanded. He believes that it will one day be so in Tanzania.





# Driving Faith

As Bishop-Designate Robert Achwera drives down the dusty roads from town to town, village to village, visiting each of the churches under his covering, people stop and stare.

They're curious. They take note. Why is a minister of the Gospel driving a car? How was he able to purchase one? All the ministers they've ever known have been too poor to own something so rare in East Africa...

This is a picture painted of what it may be like now that Bishop Achwera, our Jurisdictional Bishop of Uganda, owns a vehicle. Only 2% of the people living in the East African country of Uganda own a car; many children have

poorest, owning one, is quite foreign. Yet with the provisions

never even seen one until they make the journey from their villages to the city. The thought of a preacher, who is generally among the

of such staggering proportions is simply a part of life. The distance from Phoenix to Santa Fe is close to the distance between all of the districts in Uganda where Bishop Achwera has churches.

**Only 2% of the people living in the East African country of Uganda own a car.**



Approximately 788 km (or 489 miles) spans these districts. Fourteen days is the given estimate of how long it would take to cross this distance on foot. Now Bishop Achwera can drive it in a mere day or two.

As people look on, some will simply see a car and move on. For others, they will see a man, who should be poor, prospering and be drawn. Drawn to his faith. Drawn to his God-given ministry.

Drawn to salvation. And so, as Bishop Achwera drives down the dusty roads, he is doing much more than

simply driving a vehicle to get from one place to the next, he is driving faith.



Bishop-Designate  
Robert Achwera



made by Seed of Abraham Christian Center International, Bishop Achwera was able to purchase a vehicle for ministry. He can now

visit the churches under him more readily and stay in closer contact with his spiritual sons.

Imagine making the journey from Phoenix, Arizona to Santa Fe, New Mexico. It almost seems illogical to consider going on foot with the various means of transportation at our disposal. Yet for many in Uganda, a journey



# IT'S PAYBACK TIME!

BY WILLIAM J. McDUFFIE

If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord— and He will repay you!  
*Proverbs 19:17 (NIV)*

Take a moment and meditate on this verse. Notice what it doesn't say. It doesn't say, "If you lend to the poor, you are helping the Lord." Sometimes, I think that is what some people hear when they refer to this scripture. They don't mind giving to poor people as long as they can get their money back quickly. They always think in terms of loans and not out-and-out gifts when it comes to the indigent.

But, God gives us an immutable promise in regards to helping the impoverished. When we help them, He promises to repay us. Hebrews 6:10 states, "God is not unjust; He will not forget your

work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them."

"God is not unjust!" That means He will not only remember His promise to pay us back, but He will do so in a timely fashion. Therefore, there are absolutely no downsides to aiding the poor. Giving to those who are impoverished is the most sound investment of all because Heaven backs it! You can't lose! When we help any of God's people, scripture says that by doing so, we show our love for God and that He never forgets what we have done. Never!

When temporal and finite beings use the word "never", it's primarily as an exaggeration, but when One Who is eternal, having no beginning or end, uses the word, it carries great weight. When you help God's people, poor or otherwise, the Lord never forgets you or what you have done. Never! And the pay back is literally out of this world!

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# SPREADING FAITH IN KENYA

In 2011, Seed of Abraham Christian Center International supported its first crusade under the auspices of Pastor Vincent M. Wanga. Many were healed and many accepted Jesus as their Lord. Nearly 1500 people gathered to have praise and worship, lift up the name of the Lord, and pray for healing in the hearts of the people of Kenya.





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# IN A LAND WITH NO FISH OR BREAD

Drought has stricken this people before. It is no new thing to them. But this drought, it is different from the others. This drought has been called the worst in East Africa's living memory. Live stock are dying. People travel endless miles in search of water. Small children and the elderly are turned to skin and bones. Typically people seek assistance and relief from the government, but what should they do when the government has no relief to give? Where do they turn then?

## Turn to the Church

In late 2011, Seed of Abraham Christian Center International gave over \$5000 in humanitarian aid and relief to those in Samburu, along with additional aid to those in Northern Kenya. This financial support, provided by our faithful partners, members, and the blessing of the Lord that makes us rich, served over 500 families. It purchased rice, flour, beans, milk,

water, onions, salt, and many other staples; it fed people that otherwise would not have eaten. People from the surrounding villages sought refuge and provisions at Seed of Abraham Christian Centre-Kenya instead of the local government.

In the district of Turkana in Northern Kenya and in the Samburu district, a region barely touched by the Gospel, many accepted Jesus as their Lord! Because their physical needs were



met, they were able to receive spiritual food. Too many people from around the world look at the state of drought and civil unrest East Africa has been in and simply decided there was nothing they could do because they could not go. Everyday, the members of Seed of Abraham Christian Center International have gone to East Africa with their financial support and faithful giving. They have fed a starving mother with beans and rice, nourished a desperate baby with milk, and most of all, given life to their starving spirits.

“Grace to you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ... we have been able to serve more than 500 families from the food we had purchased. This was one of the wonderful works that took place in town. May the Lord almighty bless you all for your support.”

-Pastor Vincent Mudenyio Wanga, Samburu





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