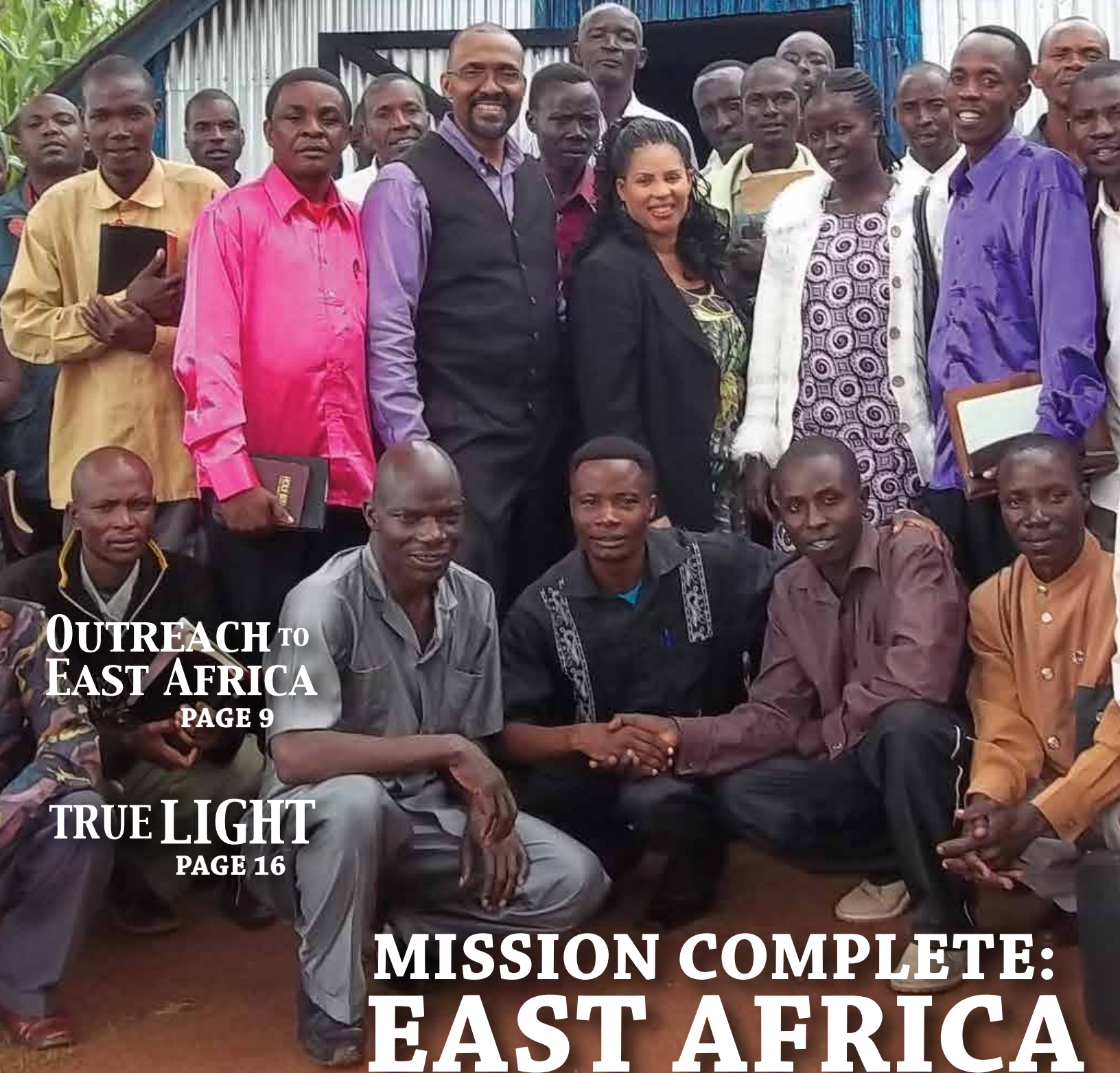


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Lady Yvette E. McDuffie is pictured in traditional Kenyan attire with the “little seeds” of Seed of Abraham Christian Centre-Kenya.

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*\*Cover Photo: Bishop William J. McDuffie and Lady Yvette E. McDuffie are pictured with the overseers of Seed of Abraham Christian Centre-Kenya.*

# LAW VERSUS TEACHING

by William J. McDuffie

The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. **Psalm 19:7 NASB**

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. **Romans 12:2 NASB**

The word often translated into English as law is the Hebrew word "Torah". But, the best translation of Torah is the English word "teaching". The word translated as restore in verse 7 of Psalm 19 means to revive, reverse, or to bring back. It is consistent with the New Testament concept of renewing something. In the Bible, particularly in the New Testament the words soul and mind are used interchangeably.

With this in mind, we can express Psalm 19:7 this way: The teaching of the LORD is perfect, restoring or renewing the soul, which is the human mind. In other words, the teaching laid out in the Word of

God is the perfect source and standard for renewing the mind to the perfection which is in each of us in Christ. The Bible unequivocally states that as believers we are perfect. Therein we read, "and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority" (**Colossians 2:10 NASB**). Complete is another way of saying perfect or mature. Now, don't try to apply perfection to the tripartite aspects of your soul or body. They are not perfect, but one day will be. Your spirit, which is the essence of your being, on the other hand, is absolutely perfect.

When we use God's Word as the basis for our lives, we line our thinking up with the spiritual perfection in us through Christ Jesus. We restore or renew our souls to the original condition God intended; one in which the principles of God are fully accepted and never disobeyed.

Spend time in God's Word today and everyday. Perfection will eventually show up in your mind and body.



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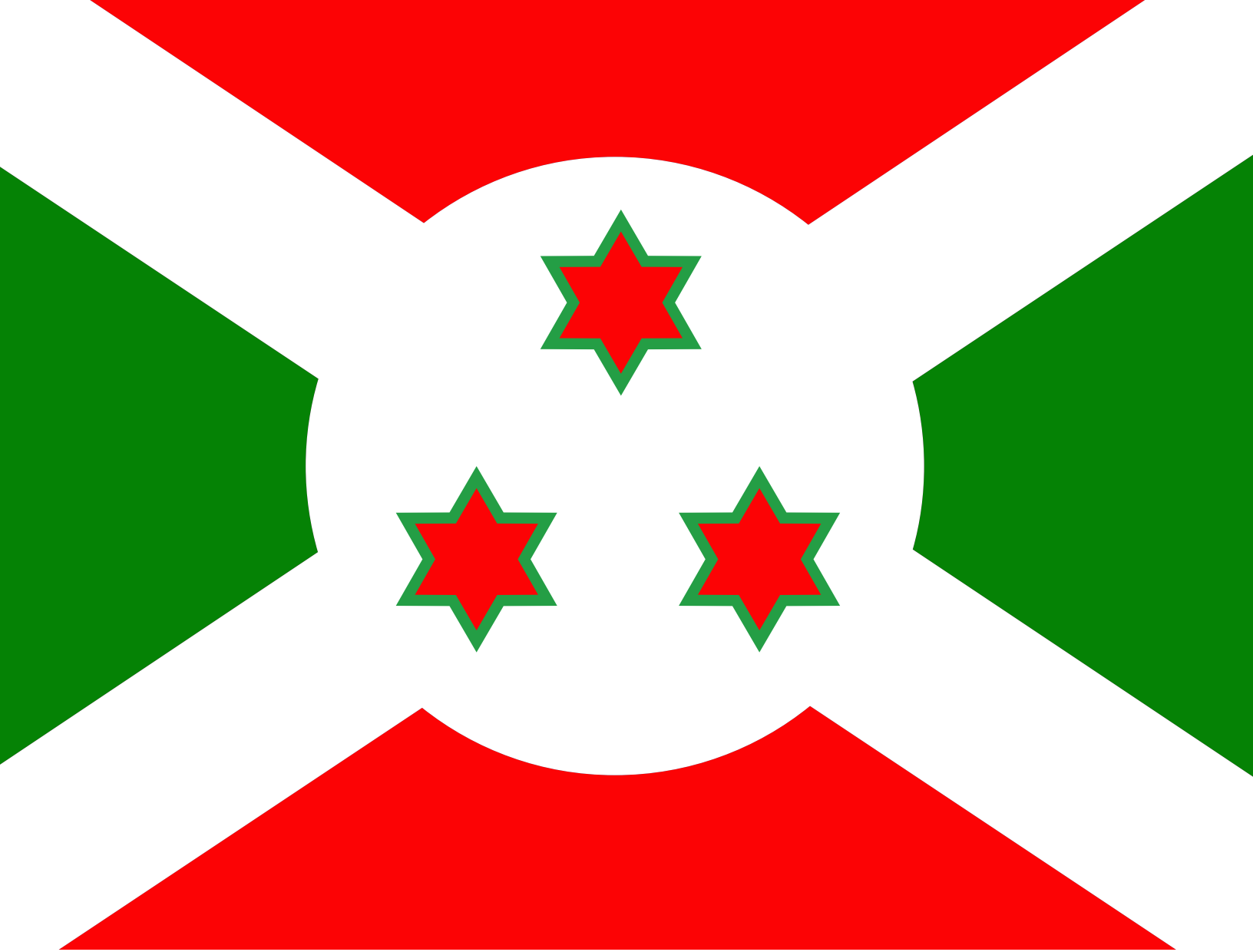
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# A Growing Connection: Welcome to Burundi

by Elmire Q. Kidd

By the grace of God, we have once again reached beyond the rich borders of North America all the way into the eastern parts of Africa to share the Gospel. On January 13th, 2012, Seed of Abraham Christian Center International united with a multitude of families through a new bond with Burundi, Africa. SACCI signed a certificate of redesignation with Pastor Reuben James Mwambola in honor of the new connection. Pastor Mwambola presides as the General Overseer in Burundi where he oversees a total of 30 churches. In Burundi, there are 27 churches, 1 in Rwanda, and 2 in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Through his ministry, he has brought into

covenant over 5,000 members. The Gospel is reaching and spreading rapidly throughout the entire country changing lives as it goes.

In its history, Burundi has suffered much discord amongst the people due to tribal differences. And as a result of political unrest, multiple civil wars have broken out in the dense population resulting in genocides, massacres, and territorial isolation instead of oneness. Establishments that had once been developed in an attempt to build the country have repeatedly been torn down. And in the mix of confusion and rage, poverty has dug its claws deeper

into the land despite its great potential for growth. With little to no means to get education or healthcare, or to cultivate the land, HIV and the AIDS virus plagues the inhabitants and over 56% of children under the age of five are suffering with great malnutrition and many have even been

orphaned. According to the CIA Factbook, Burundi is listed as one of the five poorest countries in the world with the lowest GDP of any nation. But, herein is the Gospel being preached to make way for change!

On July 1, 1962, Burundi claimed its independence from Belgium and joined the United Nations. Even after this great achievement, tribal differences continued full throttle preventing any unity. But, glory to God, successful peace agreements began around the year 2000 with the input of influential figures like President Nelson Mandela and President

Thabo Mbeki from South Africa, President Bill Clinton from the US, and the former president of Tanzania, Julius Nyerere, who started mediations as early as 1995.

The current president of Burundi is Pierre Nkurunziza, who has continued to strive for peace in his nation.

There is much more to be said about Burundi and

why we are so excited about this new connection, seeing their great need and knowing that nothing is too hard for God. But instead, we say to Burundi: All of creation is waiting eagerly for the Sons of God to manifest but you don't have to wait any longer Burundi. Here we are! Welcome aboard!

*Elmire Q. Kidd is a member at Seed of Abraham Christian Center International. She serves as a teacher for children's church, on the intercessory prayer team, and is also a member of the dance team.*

## **On July 1, 1962, Burundi claimed its independence from Belgium and joined the United Nations.**



Pastor Reuben James Mwambola (left) is pictured with his praise team during a revival in Burundi.

# Meet Our Pastors

## Bishop-Designate Christopher Nyangoto Onkoba Overseer of Seed of Abraham Christian Centre-Kenya

Christopher Nyangoto Onkoba was born in 1976 to John Onkoba Onderi and Yosabia Kemuto in Kisii, Kenya. He completed his primary level education in 1993. After Bishop Chris accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior, he was called to ministry in 1998. He later joined Redeemer Bible College in June of 2010. The following year he received his certificate in Biblical Ministry on June 11, 2011.

Bishop Chris is married to Everline Magoma and they have three children: Faith, who is 11 years old, Shalom, 6 years old, and Eslas, 3 years old. Before he accepted his call to ministry, he worked as a private security guard and was self-employed. On March 30, 2011, Bishop-Designate Chris 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 House of Praise Nyamria church was redesignated as Seed of Abraham Christian Centre-Kenya. Bishop Chris continues to serve as Overseer and Pastor of the churches in Kenya today.



Bishop William J. McDuffie (left) stands with Lady Everline Nyangoto (Middle) and Bishop Chris Nyangoto (Right) in front of Seed of Abraham Christian Centre-Kenya.

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# KENYA

## ECONOMY

**Currency:**  
Kenya Shiling (KES)  
**US Exchange Rate:**  
\$1 USD = 82.7 KES  
**Average Annual Income:**  
\$1800 USD

## HEALTH

**Infant Mortality Rate:**  
43 per 1000 live births  
**Avg. Life Expectancy:**  
63 years  
**About 1.5 million are**  
**living with HIV/AIDS.**



BISHOP CHRIS NYANGOTO AND LADY  
EVERLINE MAGOMA

## LANGUAGE

**Official Language:**  
Swahili/English  
  
"Walk In The Blessing"  
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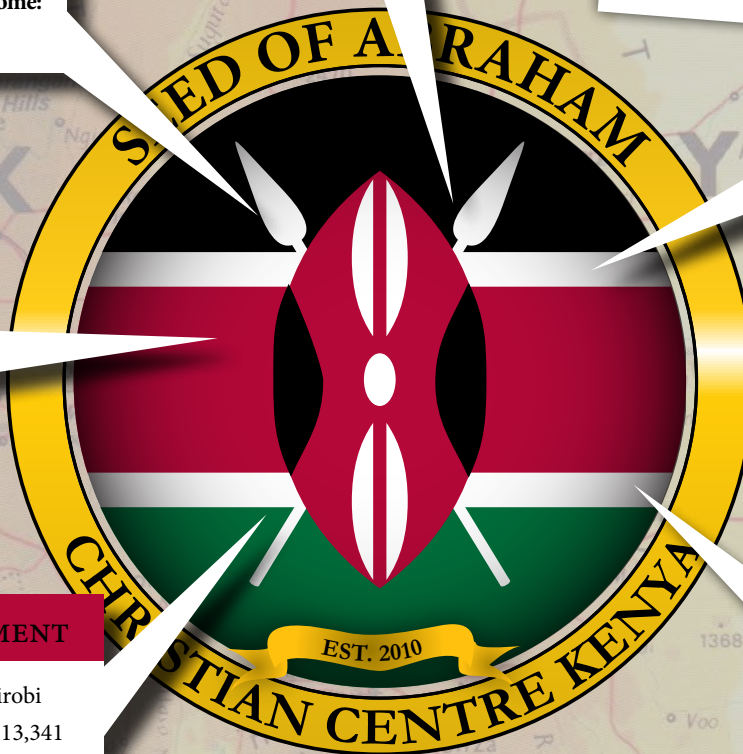
About 85% of Kenyan children attend free primary school. Only 24% of children attend secondary school and only 2% attend college.

## GOVERNMENT

**Capital:** Nairobi  
**Est. Pop.:** 43,013,341  
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## RELIGION

45% Protestant  
33% Roman Catholic  
10% Indigenous  
Beliefs  
2% Other



**CURRENT MEMBERSHIP THROUGHOUT SACC-K: 9,044**

**MADE UP OF 2,260 MEN; 3,298 WOMEN; AND 3,186 CHILDREN.**



# LIVING IN THE SUPERNATURAL EVERYDAY

BY JASON R. RAINS

What a privilege it was for Seed of Abraham Christian Center International to host Elder Ricardo “Rick” Piña of Victory Christian Ministries International in early March 2012. Being of the same spiritual lineage as Bishop McDuffie, and both having extensive military careers, it was quite refreshing to see Elder Piña flow in the same anointing with an uncanny resemblance in delivery style as our beloved Senior Pastor. The Word he released regarding “Living in the Supernatural Everyday” was, as to be expected, a Rhema Word from God and was tremendously received by the local SACCI body of believers.

The self-professed “Dominican kid from Brooklyn”, Elder Rick Piña has become a leader of leaders in the Army, achieving the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 5 - the highest achievable rank in the Warrant Officer Corps. He is currently the most senior technical advisor in the Army, working directly for the Army G6, influencing Army policies and decisions at the highest level. In spite of this success, if he were asked, he would likely say that the title he most cherishes is servant of the Most High God.

While ministering at SACCI, Elder Piña shared some powerful but simple truths from the scriptures about how to live in the supernatural every day of our lives. The first step he taught was to identify our created purpose (Eph 2:10) which he punctuated by saying: “we must find it, we must follow it, and we must finish



Elder Piña ministers a Rhema Word at Seed of Abraham Christian Center International.

it!” Secondly, he taught that once we had identified our purpose, a significant key to success is to only say and confess the same thing that God says regarding our lives and our purpose. This was the simple truth by which Jesus operated when he said, “For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should speak.” (John 12:49 NKJV) The final key to living in the supernatural every day that Elder Piña taught was to align our actions with the Word of God. Jesus said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.” (John 5:19 NKJV) Simply put ... if these truths were key to Jesus operating in the supernatural, and we are the body of Christ, and Jesus never changes (Hebrews 13:8), then these same

truths are applicable to us today! *(Other key passages referenced during his teaching were: Mt 3:16; Mt 4:1; Jn 5:30; Jn 6:38; Jn 8:23,28-29; Jn 14:10).*

## **WHAT A TREMENDOUS EXAMPLE OF FAITH HE, HIS BEAUTIFUL FAMILY, AND HIS MINISTRY ARE TO THE BODY OF CHRIST!**

Elder Piña shared some SUPERNATURAL examples from his own life which served as an awesome reminder that this life is available to anyone who can believe. First, he shared how he and his lovely wife Isabella stood in faith believing God for the birth of Joshua Benjamin, their first child together. And secondly, how he simply believed God to become the Senior Technical Advisor to the Army G6, a

position which previously did not exist in the Army until it was created specifically for him. What a tremendous example of faith he, his beautiful family, and his ministry are to the body of Christ!

Elder Piña believes that he has been called by God to pastor a multi-racial, non-denominational ministry (Living Faith Christian Life Center) in Tampa, Florida. He has established Rick Piña Ministries (RPM) to support his itinerant ministry while he still serves in the military and upon the culmination of his military career he will enter full time ministry. As evidence of God’s hand on his life and ministry, Elder Piña started the devotional ministry “Today’s Word” in December of 1997 with 8 of his friends and today the ministry has grown to over 2,200 - encouraging, strengthening, and impacting people literally around the globe!

Rick Piña Ministries is associated with Richard B. Peoples (RBP) Ministries and Faith Outreach Christian Life Center (FOCLC) in Hephzibah, Georgia.

*To learn more about Rick Piña please visit Rick Piña Ministries at [www.rickpina.org](http://www.rickpina.org)*



Elder Rick Piña uses (left to right) Robert Glenna, Matthew Dorman, and Elder Dustin Cloos to illustrate a tripartite being, consisting of spirit and soul and body.

*Jason R. Rains is the praise and worship leader at Seed of Abraham Christian Center International and a member of the Elders Council. He is a senior civilian executive with the U.S. Army. He is married to Samantha Rains and has 4 lovely children.*





Lady Yvette E. McDuffie (left) and Bishop William J. McDuffie (right) lay hands on the children of Western Uganda.

# OUTREACH<sup>TO</sup> EAST AFRICA

BY YVETTE E. MCDUFFIE

**O**n May 29, 2012, I had the awesome privilege of traveling with my husband, Bishop William J. McDuffie, to the continent of Africa. In 2010, the Lord had given a mandate to Bill to provide spiritual covering to God's people in East Africa. He obeyed the voice of God and shared the vision with me. We began to pray and seek God's face for the clarity, direction, revelation and the resources for the assignment.

When Bill first shared that the Lord was sending us to Africa in 2012, I was blessed that God had entrusted us with this assignment. Like Father Abraham, Jesus made my husband "A Father to Many Nations" and this trip was the manifestation of that word. For the previous two years, William McDuffie Ministries, Seed of Abraham Christian Center International and our faithful partners had been faithfully sending financial support to East

African Pastors, Overseers, their families and their churches monthly.

From the beginning I knew that God had given Bill specific instructions on what to say because we had sought Divine guidance. God was sending William and Yvette McDuffie to speak life to His people and to declare the BLESSING over them.

Our trip was both laborious and rewarding. We flew into Nairobi, Kenya where we were warmly greeted by Bishop Charles Muyu and his dear wife Dr. Akiiki Muyu, the Founders and Pastors of Gospel Tabernacle Churches.



Lady Yvette McDuffie (Left) stands with Ketty Ococo in front of the Gracious Hotel, Lira, Uganda.

Also present was Minister David Nsubuga, the Muyu's spiritual son who accompanied us throughout our travel in Kenya. We were also greeted by our spiritual son, Bishop-Designate Christopher Nyangoto Onkoba, the General Overseer of Seed of Abraham Christian Centre-Kenya. It touched my heart to witness Bishop Chris' admiration and gratitude as he hugged Bill and said, "My Father, My Spiritual Father!" As excited as I was on the inside

about our arrival in Kenya, Bishop Chris' face was showing it on the outside as he was smiling and grinning from ear to ear. One could not help but to notice his excitement about finally meeting his spiritual father. For the previous two years, I witnessed the many early morning telephone conversations while Bill imparted and poured God's Word into this man and the other pastors that had come under his covering. And now in Nairobi, Kenya they finally met in person.

As we made our way out of Jomo Kenyatta Airport, the night air was warm and humid. I looked up

to the sky and remember quietly saying to myself, "Wow, we are in Africa! God, You are so good!" There we were, two people who grew up on Long Island, New York,

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on the mission field together in Nairobi, Kenya as ambassadors for Christ doing God's work. The next morning we awoke to the

noise of the hustle and bustle of Nairobi. As we looked out of the window, we were fascinated by all of the sights and sounds. We stood out on the balcony and just took in all that we saw. The next day, we left our hotel in Nairobi to travel to Kisii where we had the pleasure of meeting the overseers, pastors, and leaders of Seed of Abraham Christian Centre-Kenya.

As we traveled, we saw some of the most beautiful rolling hills and landscapes in the country. I couldn't believe how fertile the soil appeared. The land was plenteous with corn fields, banana trees, and all types of produce. The drive from Nairobi to Kisii Town was about six hours. Upon arrival, we checked into our hotel at the Ufanisi Resort (Ufanisi means prosperous), and headed to the church where Bishop Chris and the Kenyan church family were waiting for us. We were so honored to see that the people were in anticipation. There were adults and children standing everywhere on the



outside all around the building. Upon entry, the congregation erupted into cheers, applause, and praised God. We were humbled and blessed by the reception. On the last day of the conference,

they presented us with gifts and after service we were invited to Bishop Chris' house where his beautiful wife, Eveline, served us dinner. We were blessed by their generosity and hospitality.

On June 6, we flew from Nairobi to Entebbe,

Uganda where we were warmly greeted by Pastor Loyo Paul Geoffrey of Seed of Abraham Christian Centre-Uganda. We headed to Lira in northern Uganda where we met with the overseers and pastors of Seed of Abraham Christian Centre-Uganda. When we arrived in the city, we checked into the Gracious Hotel which is owned and operated by Christians. Pastor Ray Abila, the interim General Overseer, and Pastor Patrick Ococo welcomed us.

During those two weeks of

services, I witnessed my husband pour out himself as he imparted the Word of God. Each conference was culminated with all of us taking communion together to seal the

covenant that we had made. Bill and I then laid hands on every person in each congregation and decreed the BLESSING over each life. Both conferences were powerful and anointed. We were blessed to see God's transforming power manifesting

as the leaders came to the services daily to receive the Word. The people were so hungry that many sat intently on the edges of their seats to listen to the teachings. I saw the expressions on their faces and could hear some of them talking and saying "Ah" as the Word went forth. The Lord did great and miraculous things for His people while we were there. I believe everything thing He wanted for the people was accomplished during those three weeks.

Since our trip, we have received many reports of lives and circumstances that have been changed. The Lord has given us a heart for the East African people and I understand why He loves them- they love God. That is why He touches the hearts of many around the world to reach out to the African people. One can see the genuine desire to serve God. When visiting our church in Entebbe, we saw two women faithfully sweeping the dirt floors of the sanctuary while they sang and praised God; that blessed me so. Just as the Father has a heart for Africa, so do we. We found our brothers and sisters to be loving people; they love to hug, praise God, and dance. Their desire to give when they have so little really ministered to me. At one service as I greeted the people, several women took jewelry off to give to me. I received these gifts and decreed the blessing on them for their generosity.

Bishop McDuffie and I had many experiences, which we will treasure for a lifetime. We will never forget the humility, faithfulness, love, generosity, hospitality, determination, and the zeal of our beloved African brothers and sisters. This trip made us realize how truly blessed we are and stirred up a desire in us to believe God for greater resources to do more in Africa.



Lady Everline Nyangato (Left) assists Lady Yvette McDuffie (Right) in donning traditional Kenyan garments.



From left to right: Bishop Charles Muyu, Bishop (D) Vincent I. Mbarikiwa, Bishop (D) Christopher Nyangoto Onkoba, Bishop William J. McDuffie, Lady Yvette E. McDuffie, Dr. Akiiki Muyu, John Onkoba Onderi (Bishop Nyangoto's biological father)

# MISSION COMPLETE: EAST AFRICA

BY WILLIAM J. MCDUFFIE

Our recent trip to East Africa was the culmination of almost two years of praying, fasting, and planning. The mission was a tremendous success and a mark was made on us that will never be erased. For the first time, we were able to personally meet men and women with whom we had been in constant communications with for quite some time.



Our travels took us to Kenya and Uganda. The Lord had given us specific instructions as to what Word we were to release over His people. He also directed us to lay hands on every man, woman, and child present before leaving each nation. We spoke the BLESSING over each and every life. We commanded each person to be fruitful, to multiply, to replenish their respective countries, and to subdue everything that the Father had put in their hands and under their feet. The power of God was definitely manifested in both countries.

We began our Pastors' Conferences in Kisii, Kenya with Bishop-Designate Christopher Nyangoto Onkoba, the General Overseer of Seed of Abraham Christian Centre-Kenya. Thirty pastors travelled from all over Kenya to be in attendance. Some travelled from as far as Mombassa, Samburu, and Turkana. All of which take two days or more of travel on rugged, unimproved African roads to get to Kisii. We were thoroughly impressed and honored by their sacrifice to be with us. Everyone came hungry and eager to hear God's Word. They welcomed us with great hospitality. We were blessed to have Bishop-Designate Vincent I. Mbarikiwa, our interim Regional Overseer and General Overseer of Tanzania, present as well.

Upon our return to Nairobi and after a day's rest, we flew to



Bishop McDuffie teaches on "sonship" to his spiritual children during the pastors' conference in Lira, Uganda.

Entebbe, Uganda where we were met by Pastor Loyo Paul Geoffrey of Seed of Abraham Christian Centre in Western Uganda. Pastor Loyo accompanied Bishop Charles Muyu, his wife Akiiki, Yvette, and me on a five-hour drive to Lira in Northern Uganda (the Muyus also travelled with us to Kisii, Kenya). Once in Lira, Pastor Ray Abila, who served in the dual-hatted role as SACCI's missionary to South Sudan and the interim General Overseer of Uganda, and Pastor Patrick Ococo (pronounced Ochocho) welcomed us. More than sixty pastors and five District Overseers attended the Seed of Abraham Christian Centre-Uganda Pastors' Conference. The power of God was present with us and during

the conference Pastor Ococo was elected and subsequently installed as the new General Overseer of SACC-Uganda.

My general assignment to all of our East African brethren was to teach them from Romans 12:2, which says, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." I emphasized that by changing the way we think, we can change our lives and what we receive in life. I told them that John 3:16, coupled with Romans 10:9-10 were the most important scriptures for the unbeliever, but that Romans 12:2 was paramount for the Believer.



Bishop McDuffie (left) poses with Reverend Patrick Ococo (right), general overseer of Seed of Abraham Christian Centre-Uganda, in front of the Gracious Hotel, Lira, Uganda.

cancel the word of God in order to hand down your own tradition ....” (Mark 7:8, 13 NLT) From the King James translation, He says in verse 13, “Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered ....” Human beings can literally render the creative power of the Universe, the Word of God, completely and totally ineffective in our lives by simply holding to venerated but inappropriate traditions. All of Africa, but specifically East Africa, is steeped in ancient traditions going back thousands of years that are still in the psyche of the people. To prosper and be in good health as their souls prosper, they must be willing to reject any and all traditions that are not handed down from Heaven. The traditional tribal cultures must be replaced with the new Kingdom culture.

There’s a scripture in Proverbs that can be paraphrased to say “as a man thinks in his heart, so he is.” All human behavior comes from the way we think. How we perceive the Father and ourselves is predicated solely on our thinking. One can never see God as the Father of lights from whom every good and perfect gift comes as long as he holds to the view that God causes some to be sick and others to be poor. Once our minds are renewed to the fact that our Father God “satisfies our mouths with good things, so that our youth is renewed like the eagle’s”, we can truly appreciate and

fully receive Him. The problem has never been with God’s desire to give to us; it has always been our inability to properly receive from Him. By transforming our minds, we can transform our lives.

Another of my preaching assignments to East Africa was to challenge our brothers and sisters to resist tribal traditions passed down by their ancestors, specifically those that contradicted God’s plans, purposes, and principles for their lives. Jesus said, “For you ignore God’s law and substitute your own tradition...And so you

In addition to these general teaching assignments, I specifically focused on the Laws of Financial Increase in Kenya and Sonship in Uganda. Our Kenyan brothers and sisters, as with most of the earthbound church, were under the impression that all they had to do was pray for money and it would come. I challenged that belief. Africans tend to have a very robust prayer life. It is not uncommon for them to literally pray and fast for days at a time. That awesome practice notwithstanding, they are still



among the poorest people on the face of the earth.

Jesus taught us that men always ought to pray and not lose heart. (Luke 18:1 NKJV) But, nowhere in scripture are we instructed to petition God to meet our financial needs. According to 2 Corinthians 9:6 and Galatians 6:7, money is

the disciples as servants in the Gospels, but I submit that the New Testament did not begin until the Lord's precious blood was shed (See Hebrews 9:16-22). In John 15:15, Jesus gave the apostles a preview of the joys of sonship to come after Calvary. He said, "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is

Kenyan and Ugandan dishes, and enjoyed traveling through the lush and breathtaking landscape. The people were cordial and loving and we look forward to visiting again one day soon. Overall, our time in East Africa was labor intensive, but very rewarding. Our constant prayer was that God would be glorified through

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seed, and like any other seed, it must be sown abundantly into the appropriate ground to harvest an abundant crop. Once sown, we can pray over the seed, but prayer cannot replace seed anymore than it can replace the process of human procreation. A married couple can pray for a baby, but until seed is released into the appropriate ground, reproduction is impossible. The revelation of money as seed both challenged and inspired all in attendance.

While in Lira, I noticed that the Ugandans constantly used the phrase "servant of God" to identify and show respect to preachers of the Gospel. Although each and every New Testament believer is required to serve the Lord and humanity, nowhere in the New Testament does the Lord refer to us as "servants". Jesus referred to

doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you." In Galatians 4:7 and Galatians 3:26 respectively, the Apostle Paul said, "Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God" and "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus." As sons of God, and not mere servants, we are invited to take our place in Christ with our beloved Heavenly Father seated at His right hand as He shares His heart with us. He reveals and manifests Himself with those who take their rightful place at His side as His sons; this is the original plan of God.

In addition to our impartations, we had some time to fellowship with one another and to take in some East African culture. We, of course, sampled traditional

us. Since returning, several have asked us whether we had fun or were changed by the experience. Yvette and I have been consistent and resolute in our answer. We did not go to Africa on a vacation; we went to teach our spiritual sons and daughters the living and enduring Word of God and to be examples of holiness and faith. We did not go to experience change, but to bring change to the lives of those entrusted to us. Our beloved brothers and sisters live in abject poverty and that is not God's will for their lives. We will not be satisfied until each of them is released from the bonds of the curses of sickness, disease, lack, and poverty. We declared the BLESSING over their lives and taught them that as the seed of Abraham, they are BLESSED to be a BLESSING in their respective nations and the entire earth.

# TRUE LIGHT

AN INTERVIEW WITH BISHOP CHARLES MUYU  
BY ANGEL WILLIS

## TOTAL DARKNESS.

In a spiritual sense, we use this phrase to describe someone who has not asked Jesus to be Lord and Savior of their lives. But, when Bishop Muyu uses it, he describes both a spiritual and a *physical* condition.



*In February of this year, Seed of Abraham Christian Center International had the privilege of hosting Bishop Charles Muyu of Charles Muyu Ministries for the second time. Bishop Muyu hails from Kenya, but travels to the United States every year with a very full speaking schedule. He graciously took the time to sit with us and recount some very personal aspects from his life.*

Bishop Charles Muyu's father, Mzee Paul Muyu, was the first person to ever bring a lantern to his rural town of Ukanbani, Kenya. He was the first to ever wear a pair of trousers there. And he was the first to bring Christianity in his native tongue. In a place where, as Bishop Muyu stated, "there was a people (sic) who didn't know anything about civilization", his father truly brought the light.

After traveling to Mombasa, Kenya, where he met missionaries and his life was forever changed, Mzee Paul Muyu became a Christian and brought the Gospel to Ukanbani. Bishop Muyu was, as a result, raised in a Christian home with a father who was a minister of the Gospel and whose mother was the first female to ever attend school in the local area. Despite his father being the first to bring Christianity to the area, this was not what ultimately influenced Charles to become a minister of the Gospel himself. As a young boy, Charles Muyu's father sent him to a Christian school. There were only 2 types of schools in those days, government and Christian. After a time at the Christian school, his father felt a government school would be better for him and transferred him. It was through this change from a Christian school to a government school that Charles lost his Christianity. The teachers there taught that Jesus was not the Savior and other students laughed at him for reading his bible; he soon

dropped Christianity and went to the ways of the world. Even though he continued to attend church, which he attributes to his mother being a woman of prayer and strength, it had nothing to do with his salvation.

once again to the voice of the Lord. God called him back and he got to know Jesus as his personal Savior. Upon being saved, Charles joined the Seventh Day Adventist Church. He was looking for truth, but, "didn't know better ...." After quite some time at the



Bishop Charles Muyu speaks on "Faith is the Common Denominator" at Seed of Abraham Christian Center International on February 26, 2012.

When Charles was 18, his brother left Kenya and traveled to Uganda for a job. There were many jobs that could not be taken by Africans due to colonization by the British, but there was one in Uganda his brother found and promptly took. After some time in Uganda, Charles' brother invited him to come and attend school with him. It was during his time there that he hearkened

Seventh Day Adventist Church, a friend of Charles invited him to come hear a missionary speak. He couldn't believe it when his friend told him the missionary was praying for the people to be healed, so he quickly went to see for himself. Charles said this was the first time he had ever heard the true Gospel accompanied by the infilling of the Holy Spirit - he liked it and knew he wanted to

be filled with the Holy Spirit. But he had reservations. The Seventh Day Adventists attend church on Saturdays as the Holy Sabbath and Pentecostals attended church on Sundays. After much prayer, he spoke with the missionary about it who directed him to attend both the Sabbath service on Saturday and the Pentecostal church on Sunday. In the midst of going back and forth, Charles was filled with the Holy Spirit. His life and the lives of countless others would never be the same!

For a brief time, he continued to work his office job for a company in Uganda, but could not stay long. The calling God had placed on his life to enter ministry was too strong. Charles emulated the missionary who had shared the Gospel with him and started holding open air meetings. It was at this time that he stepped into full-time ministry, began attending a bible institute, and from there, came to the United States.

During his time in the US, life was difficult. Charles' wife shared with him that he, "must seek the face of the Lord ..." With this counsel, he fasted and prayed for a great length of time. The Lord spoke to him and called him into the evangelistic ministry. From that time on, Bishop Muyu started traveling to evangelize the world for Christ. In 1975, he incorporated Charles Muyu Ministries in the United States. Following the incorporation of Charles Muyu Ministries in the US, God called Bishop Muyu

to begin to evangelize his native country of Kenya in addition to the ministry he was doing in the United States. The North-America based Charles Muyu Ministries sent him to Kenya with a tent, a vehicle, and other provisions for ministry. The first meeting held received and overwhelming response and hundreds came to Jesus! Through this, many churches were started, all of which now fall under Gospel Tabernacle Churches of Kenya. These churches now reach beyond the borders of Kenya into Tanzania, Congo, and Uganda.

The vision God has given Bishop Muyu is spectacular. He knows that with God, nothing is impossible, and because of that, moves out on the Word God has given him. Gospel Tabernacle Churches of Kenya holds a weekly clinic in their "mother

church" to help the poor who would not otherwise receive care. They also hold countless crusades, host marriage conferences, and plant indigenous churches. A core belief of Charles Muyu Ministries is the unity of ministers. Believing that together they can do more, Charles Muyu Ministries has worked to bring together bishops, pastors, and apostles so the church of Christ can truly be one Body instead of fragmented.

Bishop Muyu gives all the glory to God for the work that has been done for the Kingdom, both in the United States and in East Africa. It is the burden removing, yoke destroying anointing from God on his life that has blessed him in ministry for the last 50 years. "I've traveled many places ... and I've found the anointing, it answers everything (sic). It leads people to the Kingdom."



Bishop Charles Muyu (left) and Bishop William J. McDuffie (right) seated together.

Recently, Seed of Abraham Christian Center International donated \$10,000 (USD) to dig a well in Kenya, Africa, supporting Bishop Charles Muyu's ministry there.



# A 10-MINUTE SIT DOWN WITH PASTOR VINCENT WANGA

by Angel Willis



## **PLEASE TELL US YOUR FULL NAME:**

Vincent M. Wanga. I am 30 years old and am married to Priscilla Nchichi. The Lord has blessed us with 2 daughters, Lorilee who is 2 years and 5 months and Judesther who is just 9 months.

## **WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE CHURCH YOU PASTOR?**

I pastor Arise and Shine Worship Centre. There are 300 members in attendance. I also oversee 12 additional churches within the country and across the border in Uganda and Burundi.

## **WHERE IS YOUR CHURCH LOCATED? WHAT TOWN/CITY?**

Our local church is in Samburu, Kenya.

## **CAN YOU TELL OUR READERS HOW FAR YOU TRAVELED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE IN KENYA?**

I travelled more than 1000 Kilometers (621mi) from Samburu to attend the conference in Kisii.

## **WHAT KEY SPIRITUAL PRINCIPAL DID YOU LEARN THAT YOU MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN BEFORE?**

The principal of financial breakthrough was the major lesson that I learned at this conference. I have turned around my life financially forever. I no longer see myself in lack but blessed to be a BLESSING.

## **HOW HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO APPLY THAT SPIRITUAL PRINCIPAL TO YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?**

I have personally committed to save little by little as the Lord gives to me; I have committed to be faithful in paying my tithe and have also taken initiative to train all my spiritual sons and daughters to do the same. Our church has been able to stand with the pastors in other countries through their giving and they are seeing great fruits. One of the personnel gave a testimony of God releasing finances that had been blocked.

## **WHAT WAS IT LIKE TO MEET YOUR SPIRITUAL FATHER FOR THE FIRST TIME FACE-TO-FACE?**

It was life-transforming meeting him face-to-face. After so much communication on the phone and via email, I found that there was a breakthrough in being together. The things God was putting on my heart to share with the brethren were the same things he was sharing. This really encouraged me a great deal!

## **PLEASE SHARE A TESTIMONY FROM YOUR TIME AT THE CONFERENCE:**

There has been a shift in the spiritual realm for my ministry, life, and family. There are things that that used to cause stress in my life but now I have learned that I use the resources I've received and trust God for provision to accomplish other things in ministry as He provides. I also learned that planning is a very essential part in fulfilling vision.

## **WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED ABOUT SONSHIP SINCE BECOMING THE SPIRITUAL SON OF BISHOP MCDUFFIE?**

A son always has to keep contact with his spiritual father, to pursue him with every move, to learn from him and build real relationships. This is a dynamic shift in my mindset.

## **WAS THERE ANY "CULTURE SHOCK" THAT YOU EXPERIENCED? SOMETHING ABOUT AMERICAN CULTURE THAT YOU WEREN'T EXPECTING THAT YOU LEARNED?**

We are all the same but what we have been taught by our culture often contradicts that fact. There is a need for us to take on Kingdom Culture and see ourselves as sons and daughters of the Kingdom, because the challenges we face are the same challenges that you face in America. We have the power to transform our families, our villages, and our cities when we understand our place in the Lord and declare it with our mouths, for the BLESSING of Abraham is upon us!

## **IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?**

It is a blessing being connected with Seed of Abraham in the service of the Lord. We see the Lord taking us fast and quickly. Our town is a witness of God doing things that seemed to be impossible with ordinary people.

# BACK 2 SCHOOL





# BASH



This July, SACCI hosted its 3rd annual Back to School Bash. Each year we see the event grow larger and minister to more people. We believe that everything starts small, and the latter end will greatly increase (Job 8:7). Because of this, we started small our first year, passing out just over 40 bags full of school supplies and offering games, food, and prizes to our local Body of Believers. The following year we passed out over 55 bags overflowing with school supplies to children in the church, and this year we were able to pass out over 100 bags with enough school supplies to last each child the majority of the school year! All glory be to God!



Along with giving away an abundance of school supplies, there were games, jumping castles, a tremendous prize booth, and plenty of food. This year in addition to ministering to our local Body of Believers, many community members attended and were blessed!



This amazing event could not have taken place without the overflow of volunteers we had! There were over 50 members who volunteered their time, talent, and treasure to make our Back to School Bash a success. Many members became experts on the game show “Minute to Win It” so that they could lead the multitude of games we hosted. Others came out in the early hours of the morning to set up tents, booths, tables, and chairs. We know that the seed they’ve sown into this event will produce 30, 60, and 100 times!

Before the 2012 Back to School Bash event was even over, we already began planning 2013’s event. Each year, we will reach more people and continue to minister the Gospel to our community members!

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