

# Master's Men Africa

**MARCH 2023 UPDATES** 



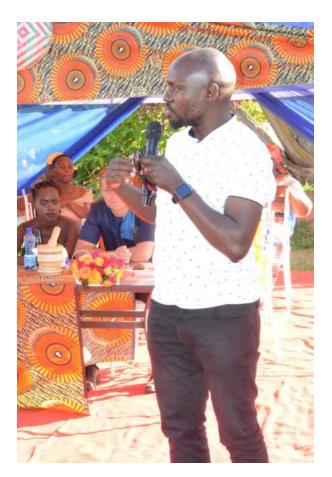
#### From the Director

God is actively looking for a man to stand in the gap for our generation. Many others made similar commitments in their times to serve God despite the opposition they faced from within and without. The list is expounded in Hebrews 11. But I can vividly remember Joshua making a public resolve to serve The Lord (Joshua 24:15), Paul committed his life to Christ whether free or in prison (Acts 26:29). And the search continues for changemakers from across the world, in small villages, business circles, amongst athletes, in the military, in government and in our homes.

Ezekiel 22:30: And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none.

I am greatly encouraged by the commitment to growth by the men that are increasingly getting connected to Christ and Master's Men Africa fellowship. There can be no better time to serve God than in our generation. Yet we are not free from battles and tribulations of many kinds. Even so, the evidence of God's working in our lives can easily be seen in how guys go out of their way to express love to fellow brothers and in reaching out to other men outside of the faith.

My heart is filled with joy to see the return of brothers who had deserted the fellowship for a while. I am equally elated to see Kericho, Ongata Rongai, Bomet and Kiamaiko back to strength as they serve our Saviour. Let's put off all weight that so easily entangles us so that we may run and win the race before us (Hebrews 12:1). Our God is waiting on the other side and longs to receive us. In the meantime, we are the influencers of our families, businesses, workplaces and nations. We are all God got in our time. Will you stand and be counted? Take your cross, let's go.



#### **Transition into Marriage**

### **Markson Abura and Christine Imalany**



Markson Abura is the Master's Men Africa (MMA) Regional Coordinator for Uganda. He oversees the fellowship in Lorengechora, Napak District. In a colourful ceremony attended by Leonard Chumo and Christopher Opondo from Nairobi, Markson and his bride Ms. Christine Imalany, decorated the small northern Uganda town of Lorengechora almost bringing business to a standstill. The whole-day wedding ceremony took place at Ebenezer Baptist Church and was attended by the area Member of Parliament among other invited guests. During the wedding, Master's Men Africa was appreciated for the significant contribution to the success of the wedding and for shepherding Mr. Abura in ministry. We all wish Markson and Christine a happy marriage that will glorify God while they set a good example for many young couples in their region.



Men who attended the MMA fellowship while Leonard and Christopher were at Napak, Uganda

#### Henry Mwangi and Teresia Njoki



Henry was among the earliest guys to embrace Master's Men Africa discipleship program and participated in Korogocho fellowship. He later changed careers and moved out of Korogocho and ceased attending MMA fellowship until early this year when he returned and started participating in the Central Business District fellowship, Kayole fellowship and online every Thursday. The two exchanged their vows on the 11th of March 2023 and we wish them a blessed marriage. Henry is called to be a pastor and plans to set up base in Kavole once he settles in after their marriage.

#### In waiting

We are delighted to announce the wedding plan for Joel and Mary to take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 at Paradise Gardens, Kiambu. Joel has been part of MMA for close to a year now and considers MMA his family away from home. MMA is involved in Mary and Joel's wedding plans and were part of the traditional dowry payment negotiation that took place in January. We thank God for this union in the making.



# **New Fellowship**

#### **Kayole**

Our newest fellowship at Kayole has filled everyone with joy especially many who have been trusting God for outreach in this part of Nairobi. With about 10 in attendance every Friday from 5:30 to 7pm, Kayole Chapter is seeing new and unreached men draw closer to God. Kayole, located approximately 11 kilometres east of Nairobi's central business district, is generally a low-income, high-density, mixed-use neighborhood located in Nairobi's Eastlands area. It borders neighbourhoods such as Donholm, Njiru, Obama, Buruburu, Tena, Saika and Umoja and encompasses other smaller neighborhoods such as Sabasaba and Kayole-Soweto.



Kayole chapter in session

The chapter is led by Stephen Waweru (Steve) assisted by Nyabuto Marube and Henry Mwangi. It has enjoyed consistent visit by other MMA members notably John Kimanzi and James Wanjiru.





#### Revival

It is with gratitude to God that we have seen three of our fellowship come back to full strength after temporary closures following the advent of Covid-19 or for other reasons. These Chapters include:

#### Kiamaiko

Kiamaiko fellowship, led by John Kimanzi, had stopped meeting mid of 2022 but are thankfully back to full swing and reaching out to more men within Mathare. This fellowship meets every Wednesday at Nairobi. Johnsaga, Mathare area in Kiamaiko chapter has also been encouraging more of its members to join the online fellowship every Thursday so as to enjoy fellowship with the extended MMA family.





Elijah serves tea during the fellowship in Kericho.

Kericho MMA closed down after the declaration of Covid-19 as a national pandemic. The chapter leaders i.e., Elijah Koskey and Peter Kirui have reconvened, and the fellowship is once again meeting. We thank God for this team even as they trust God for discipleship programs to strengthen the men in Christ across Kericho area.

#### **Ongata Rongai**

Ongata Rongai is another yet exciting revival in 2023. Our team leaders in Ongata Rongai are Hillary Amena and Joel Resch. The two, in consultation with MMA Director, trusted God to bring back guys to consistently meet and that is exactly what God did. Now our fellowship in Ongata Rongai is meeting every Wednesday at Nazarene Bible College, next to Masai Mall stage.



MMA Rongai in session

#### **Bomet Fellowship**



Bomet fellowship was started by Patrick Kibet who was introduced to MMA while at the Nairobi Great Commission School (NGCS). While studying, he participated in the MMA online fellowship, attended the CBD from time to time and was an active member of the NGCS fellowship. Before completing his studies, he launched MMA Bomet and upon his graduation last year, he has been keen to provide support and leadership for the growth of the Chapter. The team meets every Sunday afternoon at Chebinyin town, Sotik town, Bomet

# From the Gallery





















# **Prayer Corner**

We are delighted to see God at work in many areas of our lives and we are eager to witness what He is up to. While we have a full tray of thanksgiving, we have needs in our midst. Please remember to pray for our new fellowships that they will make Christ known by setting exemplary lives at display. We have financial need to cover mission travel, expenses for meeting venues, one-off needs that come up and setting up new fellowships. We covet prayers for Joel and Mary's upcoming wedding that it will be a unique opportunity to introduce some to Christ while laying a lasting foundation for a happy marriage for couple. We also pray for journey mercies for family traveling from the US.



CBD fellowship in session.



Past online fellowship in session

We want to particularly thank International Leadership University, Master's Men US, New Beginnings Orphanages International, Valley Coffee Restaurant, Nazarene Bible College, Ebenezer Baptist Church in Uganda, Nairobi Great Commission School among others for their partnership, support and prayers. Other individuals we are indebted to include Dr. Gene Getz, Pastor Soup Campbell, Jon Byler, Tim Chastain, Pastor Walter Johnson, Pastor Wayne Mitchel etc. We continue to experience God because you have extended a hand of partnership in diverse ways.



Youth Online Fellowship Every Saturday 6:30pm Nairobi time (GMT +3) Meeting ID: 862 3024 6408 Passcode: MMAYOUTH MMA Weekly Online Fellowship every Thursday 5pm Nairobi time (GMT +3) Meeting ID: 989 4186 2135 Passcode: TheMaster

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