

CITAM



CHRIST IS THE
ANSWER MINISTRIES
[CITAM]

TO KNOW GOD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN THROUGH EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP

October-December 2019

CITAM MOMBASA INAUGURATED

There was joyous celebration in the presence of God when CITAM Mombasa held its inaugural service on 17th November 2019 at Greenwood Event Point, Nyali.

Over 800 people led by Rev. Jotham Munene, attended the service, giving thanks to God for His doing. The Deputy Bishop, Rev. Dr. Karita Mbagara accompanied by other CITAM pastors, among them Rev. Patrick

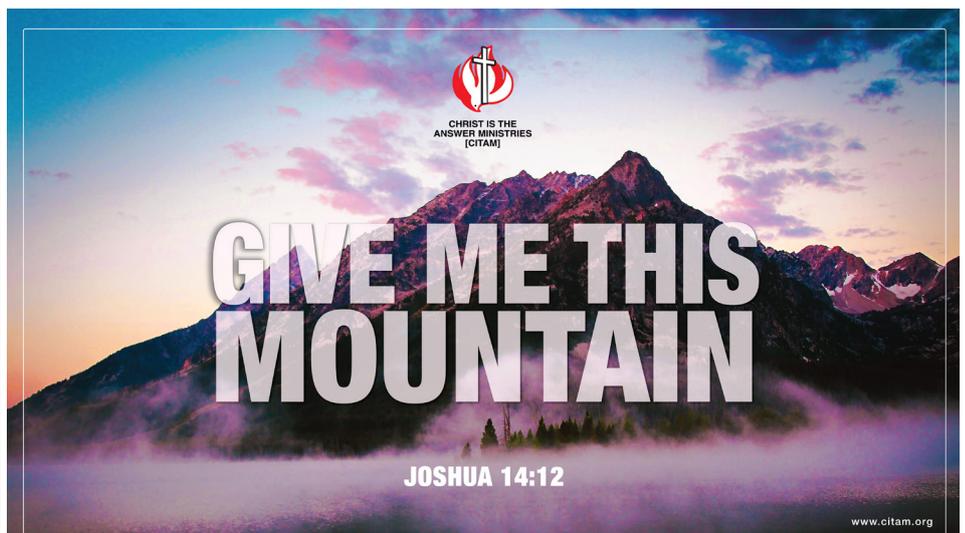
Kuchio, Head of CITAM Missions, attended the service.

This was culmination of weekly prayer meetings that began on Monday, 26th August 2019 at Colbert School, Nyali along Links Road.

We praise God for His faithfulness. Truly it is not by our might that we have achieved this, but by His Spirit.



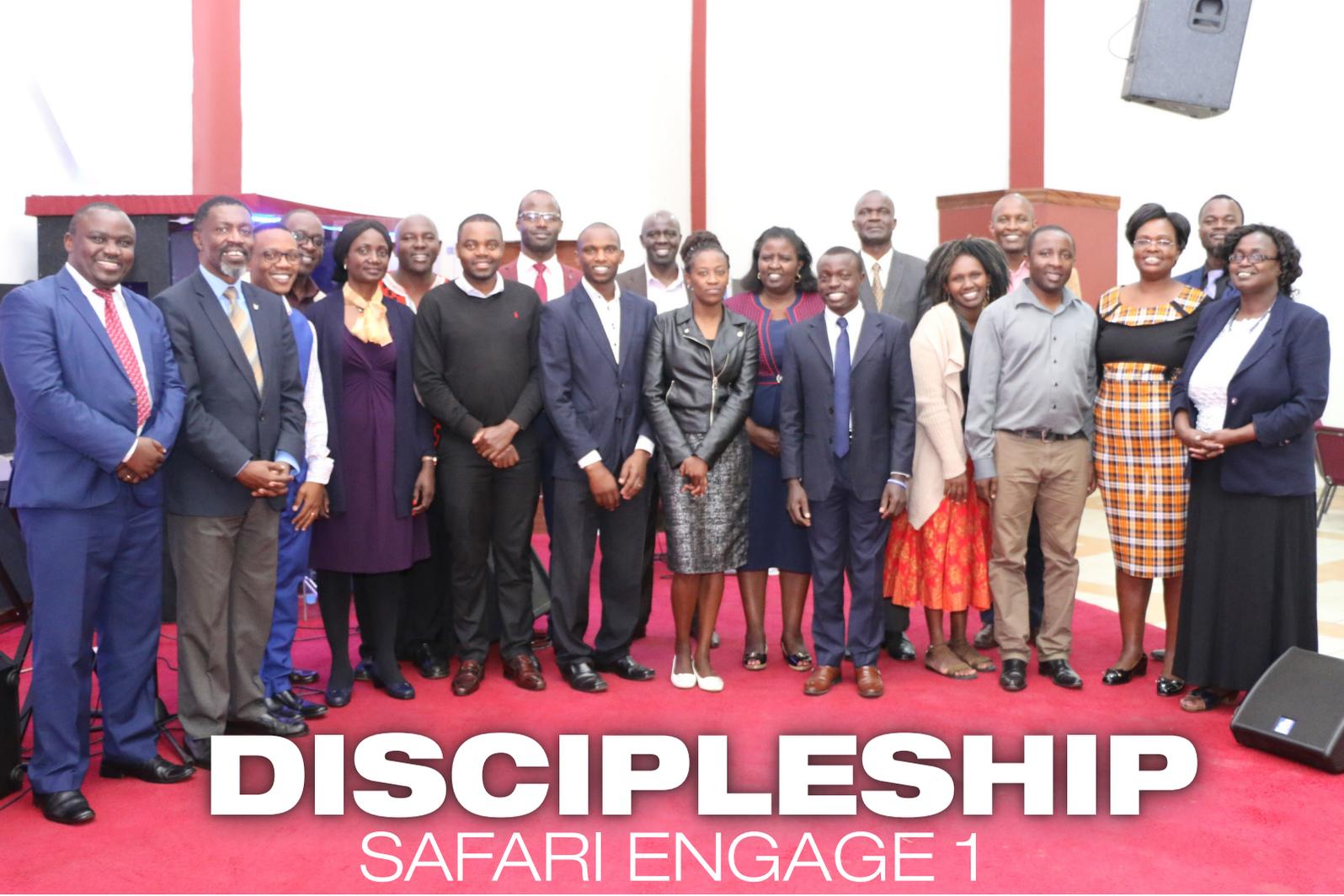
Theme
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2020





CITAM
Mombasa
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service





DISCIPLESHIP

SAFARI ENGAGE 1

Safari Engage 1 was successfully held in all the Assemblies. This was after a successful Pastors and facilitators' 2-day training at CITAM Valley Road. Congregants have confessed that so far it is an interesting and inspiring journey from the pulpit teaching, in small Safari groups and personal reflections and prayer.



IMPACTFUL CAMP MINISTRY



We are excited about the impact of the CAMP initiative here at CITAM over the last nine years. The latest group of interns (CAMP 9) began their ministry experience on 1st September this year and already engaged in ministry at the Assembly level and wider opportunities like Springboard 2019 and the on-going Safari Engage 1. We have nine interns from all over Kenya including our first intern from Marsabit serving at CITAM Buru Buru.

The outgoing CAMP 8 interns have a unique set of

stories of their own; there were 17 of them and for the first time we had to send five of them directly to the northern Kenya mission stations for a nine-month internship. These five served admirably well in the mission field and were assigned to urban Assemblies when their colleagues proceeded to the mission field for their own experience in July 2019. Half of the interns have expressed a clear sense of God's calling into ministry in their lives and have enrolled at either Africa International University (AIU) or Pan Africa Christian (PAC) University for theological training.



The impact of CAMP continues to be evident. In August 2019 an alumnus of CAMP, Rev. George Murichu was ordained.

Outstanding among the CAMP 8 interns are two young ladies; Charity Murimi and Agnes Wairimu who have requested to be posted to our Mission Station in Namuroputh, Turkana and Marsabit respectively. Both young ladies sense a deep call to missions and are determined to begin their journeys straight away even as they pursue further theological studies online. We congratulate Charity and Agnes and commend them to the mighty hands of God and His abiding Grace.

CITAM Schools



CITAM SCHOOLS



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*We Congratulate our KCPE 2019 pupils
Well done!*



We praise God for the 2019 KCPE candidates for their outstanding performance. The good results were received with much joy and jubilation across CITAM fraternity. Both Tabitha Otieno and Maxwel Omutakhi topped the class with 424 marks only 16 marks away from the top candidate in the country.

We thank the teachers who dedicatedly prepared the candidates for the exams. In addition, we praise God that KCPE ran smoothly in our CITAM schools. The respective principals and the teachers ensured

that everything was in place for the candidates to write their examinations without any disturbances or hitches.

In the mean time, we have developed a website for our schools which will be linked to CITAM's main website. You can visit www.citamschools.sc.ke for more information and enquiries.



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CITAM Schools Recorded Good Results

Tabitha Otieno
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with **424** marks



Schools' Principals and Board of Management members (BOMs) Retreat

Our schools' Principals and Board of Management members (BOMs) had successful and fruitful retreats at CITAM Kadolta Resort from 26th to 28th November 2019. Rev. Elias Githuka, Director For Administration (DFA) and the Head Office managers joined them for a productive time to reflect and discuss key and pertinent matters affecting our schools.

It was an opportune time to take stock of 2019, picking out areas that the schools excelled and also those that needed improvement. New targets were set for 2020 and therefore we expect our schools to perform much better.

Prof. William Ogara, a governance advisor and trainer, reminded the BOMs of their roles in the management of schools and the best practices they should employ.

Addressing the participants via video link, CITAM's Presiding Bishop, Rev. Dr. David Oginde noted that schools play a critical role in impacting the lives of children. "As a ministry I believe that if we double our efforts in bringing education that is wholesome in shaping children's minds in the right direction, we will be poised for a great impact and ministry in this nation," he said.

Teacher Miriam Mbugua, CITAM Schools, Woodley took the participants through what Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) entails and how they can ensure our schools are well prepared to implement it.

Launch of Classrooms in CITAM Schools, Ngong

There was much joy and celebration when a new block of 7 classrooms was officially launched by the Director for Administration, Rev. Elias Githuka. The parents led by the school's Board of Management and the School's Principal Mrs Kibe clapped and rejoiced as Rev. Githuka cut the ribbon. The state-of-the-art classrooms will provide a conducive ambience for the learners and will be of great use in delivering quality education services.



Rev. Elias Githuka officially launched block of 7 classrooms.

CITAM CLAY CITY



The new Sunday School children ministry classes.

New Block of Sunday Schools Classrooms

The children and Sunday school teachers of CITAM Clay City have a reason to smile and thank God after the completion of 10 beautiful classrooms.

The agony of having the classes in the small tents will now be a thing of the past. The classrooms are now being used after the contractor handed over the completed project and an official launch was done.

Rev. Njoroge the Senior Pastor of CITAM Clay City, was glad that the classrooms were put up and thanked CITAM leadership for its support.



The tents the Sunday School was using before

WOMEN'S MINISTRY JOINT MEETING



Thousands of women in CITAM held a successful joint meeting at CITAM Karen on 16th November 2019. They dedicated time to thank God for what He had done for them, their families, the Church and Kenya.

Rev. Dr. Karita Mbagara, CITAM's Deputy Bishop, spoke to the attendees on "Dancing through the Storm," from Matthew 14:22-23. "Though a storm has the power to bring about hopelessness, a woman who believes in God will still dance through the storm," he said.

MEN'S JOINT PRAYER BREAKFAST



The morning of 16th November 2019 will remain etched in the hearts of thousands of men who filled CITAM Woodley's mega tent for an awesome time in the presence of God.

Men's Chorale led the praise and worship ushering in, a time of prayers and intercession for families, the Church and the nation of Kenya.

Rev. Simon Mbevi, who was the main speaker challenged those who attended to be men of valour like Gideon in Judges 6.

THE IMPACT OF KISERIAN CHILDREN CENTRE



Kiserian Children Centre has continued to change lives of many girls and boys.

Mary and Linus among the girls and boys who are full of joy because of what God has done in their lives through Kiserian Children Centre.

"I joined Kiserian Children Centre without any dream, not knowing what I wanted to do in life. I was hopeless," Mary said. She joined the Centre 15 years ago but now her life has tremendously changed for the better.

"It's unbelievable just how much transformation has occurred in my life. Where I come from, very few people get the opportunity to get secondary

education leave alone college or university education," Mary said joyfully.

Mary recently graduated from Egerton University with a Bsc in Actuarial Science degree. "Thankfully, today I can stand up and say that I am extremely grateful that I got to be one of the few lucky ones as I now hold a university degree," she said during her graduation party. "Thank you CITAM.

Thank you for giving me and every other child in Kiserian Centre the opportunity to get an education and chase after our dreams," she added with much gratitude.



Linus Matuku, graduated from Chuka University on 18th October 2019 with Bsc Biomedical Sciences and Technology. To honour the place where he was raised, Linus held his graduation party at the Kiserian Children Centre. It was a great time to give thanks to God as well as to inspire the other children at the centre.

Linus, when he stood to speak during the celebration, he gave a testimony of what God did to him through the Children Centre. He narrated his humble beginning, being brought up with his four siblings by his single mother in the sprawling slums of Lunga Lunga. “Life in the slums was very tough; quite unbearable and I had to live on the streets for survival,” he said.

He did not imagine of a bright future until when CITAM’s Kiserian Children Centre picked him in 2006. “My life changed,” he joyfully said. “I had a place to sleep and I was well fed.”

CITAM put him in school and fully sponsored his education until he completed his university education.

“I am so honored to be a CITAM’s sponsorship alumnus. I am grateful to CITAM Kiserian where

my journey of hope started,” he thankfully said. “Thank you for instilling in me a strong passion for learning and doing everything possible to put me on the path to greatness. I will forever be grateful for everything you have done to me,” he said to appreciate what CITAM had done to him.

“I will never forget the important values you have passed down to me particularly perseverance and honesty. I would not be who I am today without your commitment and support. Words cannot describe how important you are to me.”

Linus was thankful to what CITAM has done to him and he upbeat about his future. “Thank you so much for believing in me. I owe my success to you. Your contribution to my success cannot go unnoticed. Though my future looked dim, now it is lighted by this achievement. Thank you and God bless you,” he said with much gratitude.

We thank God for what He has done in the lives of Mary and Linus and many other children whose lives are being transformed through Kiserian Children Centre.

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DAR'S MISSIONS CAMP FOR INDIAN COMMUNITY

CITAM Parklands' Youths and Teens traveled for a joint missions camp for about 2,000KMs return trip by road about 40 hours! The camp that was held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania from Friday, December 27th 2019 to Friday, January 3rd 2020 was done in partnership with Community Revival Church for a common mission of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Indian Community.

The theme of this camp was: "Breaking the Barriers", A missiological perspective drawn from CITAM Theme 2020 (Give me this Mountain! -Joshua 14:12) and cultural, religious & socio-economic barriers.



The participants that included 40 youths and teens, 2 workers and 2 pastors with their spouses were challenged and inspired to reach out to Indian communities. The program of the Missions Camp's week included: Trainings on Indian outreach, Sports evangelism, Praying and fasting (24 hours), Street and Malls one-on-one Evangelism, Cross-over Celebrations, Bonding with the host church members, Adventure, and experiential learning games.

"The most sobering function was experiencing Church Organizations' Partnership and Missions at the same time. For example, the host church uses

House-Church approach where the Pastor and his family reside in a house whose living room is where the congregation gathers every week," Pastor Timothy Gicharu said. "There are multiple best practices that we were not used to that we had to learn and/or unlearn and adapt to." The camp allowed the participants to experience the Indian culture including their food. "We also ate Indian spicy and hot food throughout," Pastor Gicharu said.



In summary, we achieved grit (inner strength) especially having covered about 2,000KMs return trip by road for about 40 hours. Special mention is to our Bus Driver for the trip, Boaz from Holiday Cars Company; quite professional and diligent on the wheel. We also learned, unlearned towards a functional missionary church in CITAM Parklands and shared the gospel of Jesus Christ. 3 people made a decision to follow Jesus Christ. All glory to God.





DAVID OGINDE

PRESIDING BISHOP CITAM

“The Presiding Bishop of Christ Is The Answer Ministries (CITAM). David Oginde is instrumental in religious and family matters championing for good morals. Fostered good and ethical morals among Kenyans who worship in his Church,” - www.kenyans.co.ke


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