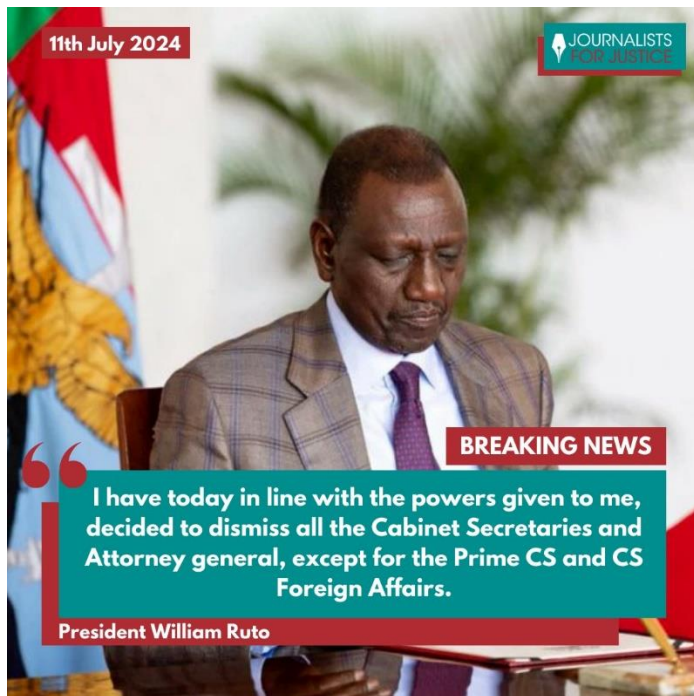


Dear Brethren, we are truly thankful for your concern for us, especially the blossoming of the gospel work in Kisumu. Please, when you bow your knees before the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth are named, present the following petitions before Him on our behalf: -

1] NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

We are profoundly grateful to know that you have been praying for us, especially in view of the recent nationwide anti-regime protests aimed at expressing lack of confidence in the current regime. The situation escalated in June, but the energy and enthusiasm of the Gen Z gradually dissipated and dampened. We in Kisumu can only attribute the measure of tranquillity we now enjoy to God's intervention, something for which we are thankful. The President ultimately bowed to pressure and dissolved his cabinet.



The president dissolving his cabinet.

The government has since adopted what it terms 'broad-based approach to governance' to contain the volcanic situation in the country. Such a tactical move has seen a section of the opposition appointed to senior government positions to try to docile the section of the country that initially felt disenfranchised in state appointments. Are these intervention measures long-term or mere political

makeshifts? Will such a move translate into better service delivery? Will the new cabinet minimise corruption and optimise revenue utilisation? We do not know. We, therefore, still plead with you to continue interceding for us.

2] BIBLICAL MARRIAGE.

In these past three months, we have sought to pay a special attention to the subject of Christian Marriage. In June, we held a men's breakfast that gave us an opportunity to address a group of men from various churches within Kisumu. The Lord helped me to open up Ephesians 5:25-33 to demonstrate what a husband's love for his wife should look like. One of the invitees lamented, "we have never had such sessions in our church, yet my marriage is calibrated with serious perennial struggles."



Men's breakfast in our hall.

Early last month, I had another opportunity to address a small group of men from 1 Peter 3:7 over breakfast. We had men from the word of faith movement attending. One of the young men seeking to marry confessed his fears, "Now that feminism has crept into the church and influenced many sisters, I have been hesitant to get married." About three weeks ago, I had an opportunity to lead a marriage workshop on "contentment in marriage." The group discussions turned out to be so profitable. We invited our contacts from other churches and the attendance was encouraging.

In these past weeks, Elder Ken has been running an applicative Bible Study through Proverbs, paying special attention to the subject of fidelity in marriage. We earnestly desire to see strong and healthy marriages amongst our flock. Please do lift this matter before the Lord in prayer on our behalf.

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