

## GBC-KISUMU PRAYER LETTER APRIL 2025

Dear Brethren.

We had a gospel-focused Easter Season in Kisumu something for which we thank God. I had the opportunity to preach on John 3:16 and God graciously used this verse to draw two of our Easter Sunday guests to Christ Jesus unto salvation. This year's Easter also came with good news for our children as they constantly feasted on the gospel throughout the month. Bonny—a deacon, intern, and senior KReST student—has been a great blessing to us in the eldership with regards to coordinating the children's activities. He too is so passionate about children.

### 1] CHILDREN'S TEACHERS' TRAINING

Our greatest desire for the children is not a mere run-of-the-mill narration of biblical stories and accounts but to ultimately point them to Christ Jesus unto salvation. The gospel according to Saint John, written with an evangelistic trajectory, is our next Sunday School Material. My task was to outline the tapestry of the Fourth Gospel to the teachers in a manner that helps them to appreciate John's ultimate purpose for writing and impress upon their consciences the exigency of being evangelistic (John 20:30,31).

### 2] CHILDREN'S VBS

We received over 50 children in our April VBS this year. A good number of parents in Kisumu readily released their children to be instructed in the truth of God although they themselves attend other churches. We are trusting in the Lord that by nurturing this genial relationship with the children we may ultimately reach out to their parents with the gospel.



Calistus instructing older children

Calistus, one of our interns and a new student at KReST, is proving helpful with this ministry. The Lord saved him through a funeral service that we conducted a few years ago. He is passionate about evangelism.

### 3] TEENS' APRIL RALLY

Over 90 teenagers (mostly aged 13-20) turned up for this year's Teens' Rally compared to about 55 that we had last year. The preoccupation of the teachers was, as it were, to peel off the layers of salvation by showing various aspects such as regeneration, justification, sanctification, adoption etc. and the necessary response—faith and repentance. There was a consistent evangelistic call by Bonny in all his sessions, which I found so helpful.



Bonny evangelising the teens on the necessity of repentance to salvation.

We also had breakout sessions with both the boys and girls. My wife, Olivia, was especially helpful with the girls. She spent two days explaining to them the necessity of faith in salvation.



Olivia, my wife, speaking to the girls.

She drew a beautiful contrast between Cain and Abel who appeared before God to worship. I found it quite interesting how she challenged the girls on how it is possible to merely become religious like Cain and not truly evidence saving faith. She also spent some hours helping them with their varied

puberty challenges. The Lord has greatly gifted her as a counsellor for which we thank Him.


For prayer; -

1. Please earnestly plead for the conversion of the children who received these gospel truths (and especially those who consistently sit under our instruction in the gospel).
2. Plead ask the Lord to sufficiently equip the teachers for this ministry. They are so passionate about it.
3. Plead for a genuine conversion of those who professed faith in our Easter Sunday service.

In Christ,

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