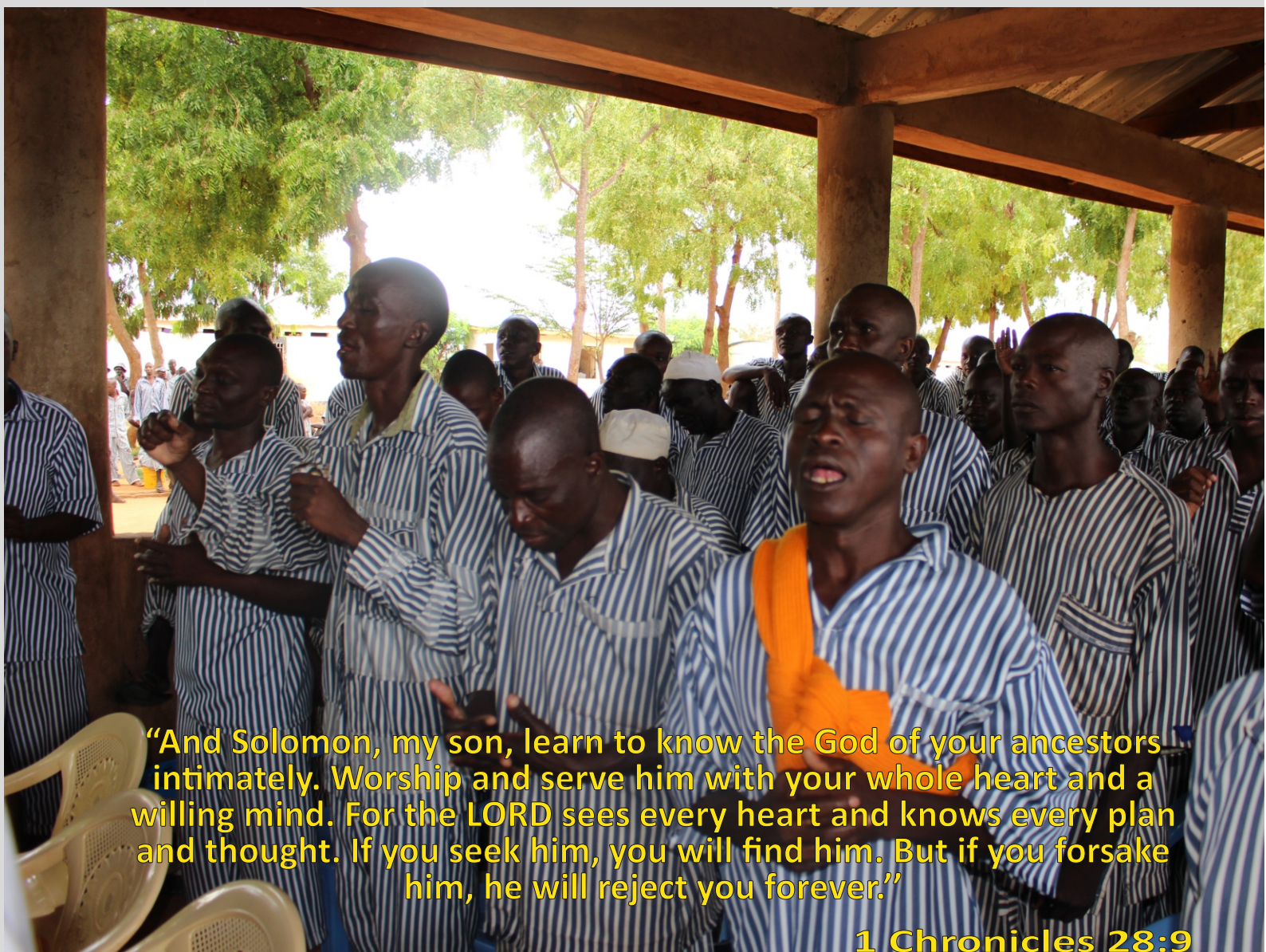




Radio News

Speaking Hope to the World



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LEARNING TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE GOD

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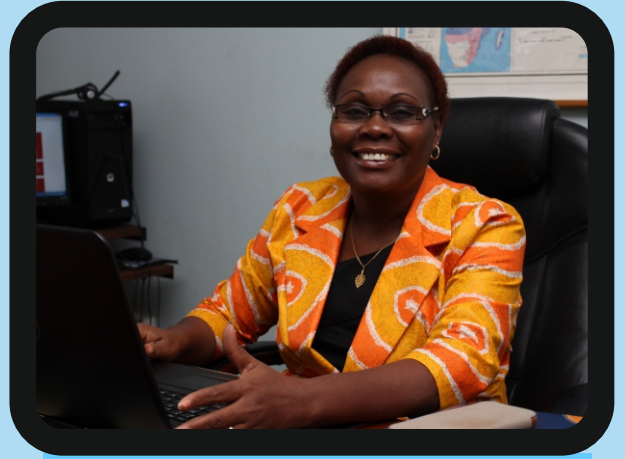
The words of a father to his son, especially when the former is nearing the end of life are very key words. Depending on the relationship, they are words that carry the son through the rest of his life: words that guide his steps and actions.

When the father is David, the man after God's own heart, the last words of counsel to his son makes us stop and think about our own relationships with our parents, with our children and most importantly our heavenly father.

In the NLT version, David urges Solomon to learn to know the God of his ancestors intimately. Other versions talk of 'God of thy father'. David had learned to know God and had reaped a bounty harvest from that knowledge and relationship. He wanted nothing less for his son.

Interestingly knowing God is something that is learned. It does not just happen. It takes time and dedication in building that relationship, seeking God in prayer, listening to Him, reading His word. What am I putting into this relationship? It is only after knowing Him intimately that we are able to worship Him and serve Him with all our hearts and a 'willing mind' as David instructs Solomon.

We may be able to put on masks and fool man (indeed many have done so successfully) but the LORD sees every heart and knows every plan and thought. In essence David was telling Solomon 'the Lord sees you in every aspect: your heart, your plans and your thoughts. You cannot be fake with Him.' Therefore, if we are in His service, we need to serve Him with all we have and the truth is He is there to walk with us.



Bernice N. Gatere

Executive Director, TWR-Kenya

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For the last two days my heart has been warmed greatly as my colleagues have shared individually their experience visiting one of Kenya's maximum prisons: Manyani. As you will see in their stories, it was a great opportunity to show love and to serve but it must always start with knowing the one we serve, because we serve as His representatives. We need to know Him so as to love and serve Him.

Exodus 20:3 'Though shalt have no other gods before me.'
Declares the Lord.

Bernice Gatere...



The judge gave me a Life Sentence but God made it 10 years



By Geoffrey Otieno

It's always the desire and wish of every suspect in courtroom that the judgment will find them innocent and even if found guilty the sentence wouldn't deny them freedom for long. Just try and imagine the thoughts you would have when you stand at the dock and the judge says ".....I here hereby find you guilty and sentence you to life imprisonment."

Well this not fiction but the real life testimony of Manyani Maximum Prison Mass Choir leader brother Mwacharo Mzee Movee. Who more than five years ago was sentenced to life imprisonment and at that moment thought all was lost.

Born and brought up in the coastal town of Mombasa Mr Mwacharo Mzee Movee was arrested and found guilty of having a sexual relationship with an underage girl, that earned him sentence of life imprisonment on a defilement charge according to the Kenyan Law.

At that time he was 27 years and when it dawned on him that he was going to spend the rest of his life in prison, he knew he was doomed and there would be no one to give him back his freedom till he dies. He regretted what he had done but it was too late. He was moved to Shimo La Tewa Prison.

Its while he was at Shimo La Tewa that God sent the right people to encourage and give him hope that as much as he thought he was in captivity he would get freedom if he decided to follow Jesus. Although he could witness the joy the believers had he still resisted the attempts to make him become a believer, but they persisted. He later decided to appeal his sentence just to try and redeem his freedom. In that process of appeal he presented this as a prayer need to the believers and that marked the beginning of his walk with Christ.



Bro. Mwacharo leading praise and worship

He joined Shimo la Tewa choir and later he was transferred to Manyani prison. He was sad that he was going to miss his brothers but was delighted that he was going with Christ and indeed he had Christ in him. When He arrived at Manyani he found that they also had a Mass Choir but not as strong as the one he was came from. As the Bible says in Roman 8:28- And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. Mr Movee would later on become the leader of the Mass Choir, a Preacher and a pillar of encouragement to his fellow inmates.



Bro. Mwacharo

He would join them in praise and worship session and its here that God led him to discover that he had a talent in singing and dancing and as he praised the Lord, he prayed over his appeal.

It successfully went through and the Court of Appeal reduced the sentence from life imprisonment to 10 years (in prison a day has 12 hours). "This was God telling me that I am forgiven and calling me to serve him in and outside the prison. I am free both in out" he boldly testified.

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When Trans World Radio Kenya teamed up with SIFA FM Voi to the prison mission, it had never anticipated that it would get a well organized and prepared team that would lead in Praise and Worship. At one point during the planning we had thought of inviting a gospel artist to accompany them. Somewhere along the way, the thought was dropped and we later came to realize that God had already prepared a team.

Despite the challenges like getting time for practice, instruments and the continuous replacement of members due prisoners transfer program, they have already prepared an album of 8 songs but they have not found a sponsor to assist them produce the songs but still trust that all shall be well.

He is very grateful that the prison management through their Chaplain Reverend Daniel Nzalu have also been very generous to them and occasionally lends them the P.A system and Piano. Although they are old and faulty they still find joy in using them as they know whom they are using it to glorify. They have also had to improvise a speaker by cutting a hole on two 20 liters jerry cans and strategically placing them on the roof rails just to boost the sound output.

As we concluded our interview so that he doesn't miss the day's sermon being delivered by Through The Bible - Swahili (Neno Litaendelea) Pastor Geoffrey Wanjala Munialo it dawned on me that certainly you can be physically imprisoned and still free in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We would like to share our appreciations to Kim Fay Company limited who ensured that each of the 975 inmates get a tissue Paper, African Gospel Church, African Inland Church Langata, All Saints Cathedral Missions Department and Trans World Radio Kenya for also ensuring the inmates get bar Soap each, bibles and devotional materials, cooking oil and baking flours. We cannot forget to thank the Management of Manyani including the prison's Deputy Officer in charge Mr Titus Musyoka who was also grateful that for the first time in his life he was going to own a Bible thanks to Trans World Radio Kenya.

We also thank our brothers in Christ for the welcome and it was a big lesson on our walk with Christ as we able to see through the faces of those who had Christ and those who didn't albeit in the same environment and we hope that God will provide for their needs and as Mvee finishes his sentence early next year, he requested that we all commit him to the Lord that he will continue fully serve Him and the society will accept him back just as Christ has.

We would like to conclude by a brief in the prison, Manyani is located around 40 Km away from Voi town on the Tsavo West National Park and it was used as a detention center during the pre and post independence period to withhold political detainees and freedom fighters. It served as a good strategic detention center as any prisoner who tried to escape would be eaten by wild animals like lions also referred to as the Man Eaters of Tsavo. According to the Prison's Chaplain currently the prison has 236 inmates who are born again, 72 of them got saved while in prison, 36 of them were believers who had backslidden before they were jailed, 60 of them are in the process of giving their life to Christ and 22 are attending Baptism classes.

A Refugee Ministering To Refugees



By Derick Ngaira Khamali

“We were chased from our country, Southern Sudan and came to Kenya as refugees, some of our relatives and friends were killed in cold blood and this was as a result of the civil war that targeted our tribe “Nuer” because we were considered renegade to the government.” This is how Reverend John Jiath Lew starts his story.

He is from Upper Nile State in Southern Sudan but currently is based in Kenya. He is a reverend with the Presbyterian Church of Southern Sudan and working with Words of Hope Ministry, a partnering ministry of TWR Kenya.

The 56 year old Reverend, graduated from Giffen Bible School in Malakal, Southern Sudan in 1991 and later joined Carlile College in Nairobi Kenya in 2000. He however, returned to his home country in 2002 for lack of college fees. God came through for him later in 2004 and he managed to return to Kenya and continued with his studies and graduated.

He went back to Southern Sudan and the joined Presbyterian Church where he was ordained as a pastor from 2004 to July 2015.



John Jiath in brown coat with his friend Moses

Due to the heightened civil unrest in his country, Reverend John fled to Ethiopia as a refugee and it is from Ethiopia where he was brought to Kenya with the help of his church. Despite the fact that he is a refugee in Kenya, he has not shielded away from spreading the gospel. His faith and passion to God stands strong and is highly admirable. As he was narrating to me his ordeal, I reminisced the words by Criss Jami, in her book *Venus in Arms* “Faithfulness imparts God's reason for all circumstances. No matter what the world says or does, losing is no longer an option.”

Reverend John is now ministering to Nuer refugees through words of hope ministry at TWR Kenya. He records messages

of hope at TWR which are then broadcasted by BHB radio in Lokichoggio.

He is not short of words to thank TWR – Kenya; “We are much grateful to TRANS World Radio Kenya for giving my friend Moses Gat Bell and I this opportunity and also allowing us to work from here”. He acknowledged boldly.

And Michael Bassey Johnson quote comes to mind that, “there are better people in the world, do not let the worst do the worst to you; you deserve the best in life.” Even as he preaches the gospel of peace, he is a man who has lost alot in conflict.

He says, “My property was destroyed, my houses were burnt down, some of my relatives and friends lost their lives in the heinous incidence, we fled and walked very long distances to secure ourselves. We saw people being killed which was traumatizing.”

But he counts it all joy knowing that God will never give him more than he can handle. He is grateful that he is safe and he can provide for his family even though difficult.

Reverend John profoundly misses his friends and relatives as some were displaced and others killed in the war. He fondly remembers his colleague, Reverend Simon Nyang' Lam who was killed in Juba town. Unfortunately civil unrest in Africa is all too common. Many countries have had destabilized peace environment, Burundi being the most recent. People have lost lives, others displaced and property destroyed.

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Reverend John extends his sympathy and prayer to Burundi and her people. He encourages the affected that God will compensate them extensively.

He urges Africans and their leaders to embrace unity, peace and love through reconciliation and collective responsibility. And this responsibility he says has to be between the state and the church.

“Conflicts should be resolved on a round table instead of killing people because no one can replace them” he says emphatically, “The leaders should listen to the church”.

He hopes that his country will experience peace and he will go back and serve his people. Whatever has a beginning must have an end.

The tides might get stronger and the sea might be so rough however by the hand of God we shall sail.

Reverend John is serving God regardless of the hardships that come along with being a refugee.

Any weapon planned against us shall not prosper in whichever situation we are in because in Psalms 146; 9, LORD watches over the foreigners and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but He frustrates the ways of the wicked.

NEWSLINE

SIFA FM Stations to Promote up Coming Gospel Artists

Speaking during the recent Sifa FM fans Night in Kaloleni - Kilifi County, Mrs. Pamela Omwodo, the General Manager for the FM network announced that Sifa FM will always support and promote upcoming local gospel artists as a fulfillment of one of their main objectives. However, the music will be given priority after an artist has officially given consent to the station to play his or her music. She also urged and encouraged the music producers present to share the good news with their clients.

BBC's Early Christmas surprise to SIFA FM

It was a big thanks giving this December when BBC's Media Action informed SIFA FM's manager Mrs.



From left Mr. Mulehi, Mrs. Omwodo and Mrs. Gatere

Pamela Omwodo that two Stations SIFA 101. 1 Fm in Marsabit and Maata Radio 101.9 FM in Lodwar were each going to receive a total of four desktop computers and a printer for successfully partnering with them under the Media Action mentoring program. Speaking at BBC's Nairobi bureau headquarters, the FM manager expressed her gratitude and citing they had come at the right time as the stations were in need of computers but had limited funds.

This will greatly boost the programs production, sentiments that were equally echoed by Trans World Radio Kenya director Mrs.

Bernice Gatere. Together they thanked BBC for the early Christmas gift and welcomed the partnership. Mr Patrick Mulehi, the broadcast mentor for the stations also welcomed the partnership and hoped for more production from the stations now that they were better equipped.

Church Relations, Re- launch Church Visits

Trans World Radio Kenya through the Church Relations department will be doing Church visits next year on different Churches in a bid to strengthen the partnership between the ministry and churches. We welcome invites from Pastors.

One on One with Loma Kizito

By Geoffrey Otieno

For almost five years now Trans World Radio Kenya have been promoting healthy living In Soroti Uganda through Etop Radio in English and in two other local dialects through a partnership with Netherlands' based MFS II project . We recently caught up with the team leader during a visit and granted us a one on one interview

Writer- Who is Kizito and what do you do for Trans World Radio Kenya?

Kizito- My Name is Loma Kizito Maruk and am 31 years old blessed family man with one daughter and presenter cum producer for ETOP Radio. About my role for TWR, am the Team leader for Your Health programs running on Etop Radio.



Loma at Etop Radio Studios

How and when did you start doing the health programs?

Etop management informed me in 2010 that I was going to be the head of new health programs done in English and in Ateso and N'karamojong dialects sponsored by TWR Kenya. I was a bit nervous because there was a specific format in which the programs were to run. I was relieved when I was told that I was going to be trained by Trans World Radio Kenya in Nairobi then come back and train other producers.

So how was your experience in Nairobi and coming back to train others?

Wow! Am really grateful for that opportunity, I met experienced producers who really took me through various production techniques , I learnt a lot and met friendly people other than getting an opportunity to



Loma with a colleague

tour Nairobi. After that trip I came back rejuvenated and armed with vast knowledge. Trained my team of five producers and am glad they grasped quickly and were already eagerly waiting for the roll out.

On a general perspective do you think you have made any impact to the Community?

Generally speaking I would say the program came at the right time and it has made a tremendous impact, not only to the community but also to us the producers. You see Soroti is one of the areas greatly affected by HIV and this had even prompted

the government to shortly sponsor awareness campaigns on radio. Although I don't have the statistics with me here but am sure when you talk to the AIDS Commission you will be told that AIDS awareness is effectively running in Soroti and people are getting more informed. Thanks to the different and more direct format that TWR introduced to us on program presentation. But a lot still needs to be done to reduce the high prevalence rate here.

As one of the producers has the program had any impact on producers?

As one of the producers other than expanding our knowledge on HIV, we have also become the town celebrities and always receive appreciations wherever we introduce ourselves. Initially we used to struggle to get people to interview in the programs but currently it has been the other way round as most people call to find how they can be involved. You see success has many friends. Some of our producers have been consultants to some Non Governmental Organizations doing health research.

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Since you also handle responses do you have that particular feedback that you would say really touched you after reading?

I have many but there is this particular a listener who wrote to appreciate the program because he reconciled with his wife back after listening to the program, they had broken up because of an alleged unfaithfulness in the marriage. I was happy when the man said the first condition was to go for a HIV test together. Other than this I am always very delighted to read feedbacks from pastors because the Church has also been our key target audience.

What challenges have you faced?

Other than production challenges, we have also occasionally encountered life threatening challenges for example I was once attacked by an old man when I went to interview him about sex, thankfully my contact link was there and we explained to him why its important to get his opinion and he understood. Since we have a community that has different tribes with different cultures, sometimes it's challenging for a producer to do a topic that is conflicting with the culture. Another challenge we mostly get is sometimes you go for an interview and the situation of the interviewee is so appalling but you are limited on how you can help. Soroti is also a rural area and the roads are not in good condition and this hinders accessibility

The MFS II project is ending this year and that means that TWR will no longer be sponsoring programs, what your take and your closing remarks?

Looking back it's very sad that we will have end the programs at this stage , its not easy to let go something you have grown attached to just like that. I don't know what we will tell our loyal listeners. Some of the producers were earning their living from the production. It's very hard and we hope TWR and MFS may reconsider another project for Soroti. A lot still needs to be done here to promote healthy living

In conclusion I would like to pass my gratitude to ETOP and TWR for this opportunity to serve the community. I have had a good exposure. Special thanks to Your Health team members who include Akia Stella, Okotel Jonathan and Martha Akure who produce Angaleu kon (Ateso dialect), Stella and Becky doing English and Caro Icumar who assist's me to produce in Akoni Ngaleu (N'Karamojong in dialect)



2016 Look Out

- April – Walk For Hannah
- April- Pastors Training
- May- Pastors Training
- August- Family Fun day
- October – Trans World Radio Kenya 40 years Anniversary
- November – Prison Mission

Through The Bible Listeners Letters From Audience Relations

It's not every day that you receive a letter and once you open it you realize that it has come from a listener who is 86 years and has been listening to TWR programs since 1970 and he still takes his time to write to the ministry.

Letter from Joel Imopusi

To the Producer of Neno (Through The Bible SWAHILI)

Greetings Trans World in the powers of the Lord, Our Creator, Our Lord Jesus Christ, receive my gratitude for sending me a Holy bible which I received this month of August.

I am an old man aged 86 years and am very weak and always falling sick. I am a great listener of TWR short Wave Programs since 1970. Mainly your English broadcast that you started to broadcast from Agana Guam 96932 USA and later moved to Manzini Swaziland and currently in TWR Kempton Park South Africa. My favorite programs include Hour Of Decision by Billy Graham, Good Tidings Hour –From New York, Through The Bible, World Harvest Radio among others.

I really liked your Neno teachings on the Chronicles and please your Shortwave Band is no longer available on my Radio please remind me the meter bandwidth. I am a follower of Salvation Army since childhood until my last day in this world full of evil things.

I humble myself before Christ who is our Judge before the throne. I know am not perfect, I ask for repentance everyday.

I am like a task collector not a Pharisee and for today I request you to pray for me. I have bones disease. Pass my greetings to The Neno Pastor and all the presenters In the Studio.

Joel Imopusi- Cheptais MT Elgon Kenya

For many years after coming to Nairobi Amos Yusuf Natwoli had been on a search mission, he has been trying very hard to find out how he can get access to the Through The Bible series in Swahili commonly referred to as “Neno Litaendelea” from Trans World Radio Kenya which for a very long time was run on the government's broadcaster (KBC) and he used to listen to it while he was still in Primary School in the 90's. Thanks to the advancement in online broadcasting, his search finally came to an end one Tuesday afternoon when he googled the word “Neno Litaendelea” and then referred to a You Tube video trailer “TWR -Trans World Radio Kenya NENO LITAENDELEA (TTB SWAHILI)- TRAILER” posted by TWR K and from there he got our contacts wrote this encouraging testimony to the mission.

Letter from Yusuf Natwoli

“I salute you brethren in name of our lord Jesus Christ, Trust you are good. Kindly help me know on what frequency I can be listening to the NENO program in Nairobi if it's still on air. Allow me also to let you know that, the program gave me a strong solid Foundation during my youth stage till to-date I still miss it and cherish what it did to me.

What makes me happy is the fact that the program was not based on selfish materialistic preaching or miracles as mostly happening today. Purely teaching on the world of God in truth and honesty!



Amos (centre) with Mrs. Omwodo and Pst. Munialo

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*Congratulation. It's only Neno that could not use sarcasm of quoting peoples problems and requesting for a special *mbegu (seed) and assurance of miracle towards the same!!*

You can imagine, carrying a radio when going to heard goats, cows and sheep just to listen to Gethombe Maina then came Pastor Geoffrey Munialo plus sweet voice of sister Beatrice who used to introduce them, from early 90s to early 2000s. It was a blessing I mean!!, you may not know that a young man in the



Amos in Sifa FM studios

village on the Kenya-Uganda border couldn't go without the program. When in school I used to feel moody when it came to 10 am since I couldn't be allowed to have a radio and the phones were not common by then.....hahahah!

I am hoping you have the DVDs with the 30min episodes and not a continuous thing so that I fully get the "nutrients"/spiritual utility/satisfaction as i used to get them without much fatigue of

very long hours of listening. If so, kindly send me The New and old Testaments (two Cds). You can also refer me to an online stream if you have.

Amos Yusuf Natwoli

After receiving this great testimony, we were greatly encouraged and we invited brother Amos to come and get a production experience and have a one on one session with the producers' of his favorite bible program as he had been eager to physically meet the team.

Fast forward to the red letter day and Amos finally arrived at Trans World Radio studios, his world almost came to a stand still reading from excitement he showed when Pastor Geoffrey Munialo & sister Pamela Omwodo came to greet him. The exhilaration came in excess prompting him to continually hug the pastor and say thank you countless times. "This is like dream come true" he professed

Indeed it was a wonderful exciting inspiration to the entire ministry and we celebrate all our listeners out there. Currently Through The Bible in Swahili and Gikuyu (Neno and Rugendo) are now steaming online on <http://ttb.twr.org/swahili> or <http://ttb.twr.org/gikuyu>. Already listeners like Amos have made the online podcasts their bible study guides.

TWR-KENYA EXPERIENCE WITH THE CANADIAN STUDENTS

It was a wonderful opportunity for TWR-Kenya to be part of what the nine students from Prairie College in Canada experienced in their global exchange program.

The students were involved in various activities that involved general cleaning, making tea and mandazi (African doughnut) and (sukumawiki (kale) and ugali (acorn meal made by mixing boiling water and flour) for lunch. In the studio work involved with holding a radio discussion on the topic "How Social media Impacts young People".

At the end they shared some of their home experiences with the staff and thanked TWR Kenya for the opportunity.



Prairie College students with some of TWR - Kenya staff

Morning Prayers Endearing Beyond Christians

By Osborne Munga

It was of those afternoons I decided to take a routine saunter, and decided to pass by Mkunguni a common meeting point in Lamu. As usual I met people chatting and from a distance I spotted an adherent fan who is also the chairman of Sifa FM Lamu fans club Mr. Zacharia Joel Mzee commonly referred to as Mzee Zachariah chatting with two other fans.

There is no way I could have passed them without greetings, I went ahead and it was like I had come at the right time judging from the excited greetings and immediately I was invited into their conversation, yes they were talking about the impact the SIFA FM dawn prayers are having. "Even non Christians are listening and talking about the prayers." Mr. Zachariah said as his friends echoed.

The statement catapulted my eagerness to a great height and it prompted me to invite him for a one on one talk so that he would share with me the talk of the town. Just to tell you more about him, Mzee Zachariah is a married man who is blessed with four children. At 56 years he is already a proud grandfather of two grandchildren and he lives in Mukowe, Lamu's main land.



Mr. Zachariah Joel Mzee

Fast forward, Mzee Zachariah visited the station to continue with the story and he began by sharing how one day as he was going on with his work in the island, got a surprise call from his first born son who is a civil servant.

The son informed him that his colleague from another religion had assembled them to a corner and excitedly started to play the SIFA morning prayers that he had recorded that morning on his cell phone. That morning Mzee Zachariah had called the Station to do the 5 AM prayers.

"I now realize that the airtime was not wasted, my son told me that his friend told him that he was in the bathroom and when I started praying, he recognized my voice, left the bathroom and immediately started recording my prayer. He was excited about the prayers and even asked my son whether I am a pastor." Mzee Zachariah explained.

This was not the first time, as he remembers how one day after praying for peace and families on air, he went on with his work at the Ministry of Forestry, friends who recognized his voice stopped to thank him for the morning prayers and it inspired him that even non Christians came to thank him for having prayed. "They were all happy to hear me pray for them on air and appreciated that I pray without discrimination. Some even ask me to mention their names during greetings sessions." He added. When asked what it means for him as the chairman for non Christians to embrace the hourly prayers he says "You see people weren't used to praying on air and thought its not normal, but now they have realized that it's important and they are happy that we pray for our needs on air. It's also good for our friends to know that we are not just Sunday worshippers but we can also pray anytime."

As we concluded Mzee Zachariah appreciated SIFA for the extensive coverage of local news adding that this has earned SIFA many listeners. He is also grateful for active and silent listeners especially the non Christians and prays that Sifa Lamu will extend its coverage to reach the entire costal counties so that even listeners who relocate from Lamu continue to listen.

SIFA NIGHT KALOLENI – GIRIAMA CULMINATE 2015 Night Of Prayers



By Edgar Kalimbo

Having put all systems in place for the final Sifa fans overnight of prayers for the year 2015, all roads led to Maoro Primary School in Kaloleni for a night of praise and worship organized by SIFA FM Voi Kilifi fans club. Sifa Nights are quarterly nights of prayers that are organized by the different fans club of the Station. During this time, the listeners and Staff come together to pray for issues affecting the nation, station and the community.



**Mrs. Otanga, Mrs. Omwodo &
Watoto Wa Sifa Fans**

Despite the fact that the station had been off air four days prior to the big night, over 200 listeners gathered for the night much to the amazement of the station management and the organizers since there had been no week long final reminder through the Radio as is usually the norm.

The Night begun with an evening 50 Km road show from Mariakani to the venue led by the event coordinator Pastor Safari Beja and a team of outriders who had motorcycled over 110 Km.



Excited Sifa FM Fans & Staff

As the night progressed with the various presentations and prayers, the key highlight of the prayers was a thanks giving that the Station was back on air the same day of the event. This was after lightning struck transmitter's power supply unit leaving the fans uncertain of the event. The transmitter had to be taken to Nairobi for urgent repair. Pastor Beja who is also the president of Kilifi fans club testified how he trusted in the Lord for success as he understood that everything happens together for good to those who serve the Lord . Indeed the lord saw them through the financial and logistical challenges and finally they were able to make the night a success.

Sifa Night also turned into a celebration for the return of Sifa FM back on air and the fans were very excited to meet each other, there was a lot of dancing and a treat of wonderful music from various Gospel artistes from the Coastal region among them Dickson Nyamawi, Papa Alfreddy of JBC Musica among other upcoming artists.

Among those present, were Trans World Radio FM General Manager Mrs. Pamela Omwodo who also thanked the organizers of the event and informed them that the station is in the process of introducing more programs to meet their spiritual and development needs and thanked them for their loyalty and support.

Others included Mrs. Beverly Otanga from Transworld Radio-Kenya Audience Department, part of Sifa FM Voi staff, and other Sifa FM Fans Club Presidents namely Mama Gladys who had travelled over 321 KM from Olitoktok, Emanuel Mwachia from Taita Taveta County and Mama Mtulivu from Buguta among other pastors and listeners. We thank God for our SIFA FM listeners and their fans club.

Sunday School Teacher In The Making At 12 Years



By Osborne Munga

When SIFA FM Lamu introduced the Watoto Wa Sifa (Children Of Sifa) program to target children ages between 5- 14 years, it had never anticipated that the programs would get a massive audience that includes even adults. Ever since the program begun it has had enormous feedback and encounters from both the children and their parents.



Dhahabu in studio with presenter Pamzo Mkare

Recently in November the program's host Samwel Mkare received a no ordinary adherent fan of the program that prompted us to share the encounter. He hosted Dhahabu Simba, a twelve years old girl who is the first born child to Mr Simba Kahindi and Mrs Faith Mae.

At first sight, she may give you an impression of a shy girl but if you start a conversation, you will be amazed by her confidence and knowledge in both spiritual and education matters and her favorite subjects are Christian Religious Education and Science.

When you ask her about what she would like to be in future, she categorically replies, "I want to be a Sunday school teacher," and even when you try persuading her to other careers she is not afraid to repeat her choice. I then ask her what is that drives her to want to be a teacher she says "I want to help these children who just wander in the streets and don't know about God and those who are not well behaved. I will help them by teaching them the word of God. There are some who come to church but they don't know what they are following while others just come to church to be seen or to buy snacks with the offering money given to them by their parents."

Watoto wa Sifa program usually invites a Sunday school teacher but on this day of her visit, the teacher didn't show up and the presenter dared Dhahabu to be the teacher. She readily accepted and recapped what the teacher had taught them in the previous program word by word. She even framed her own bible quiz, which is used to gauge who the next guest to show will be. That is how Dhahabu had made it to be a guest.

But that was not all, after she was done with the Bible trivia; she started asking current affairs questions that even children older than her couldn't answer correctly. She was running the show. She attributes all these knowledge to school, church and home.

Dhahabu couldn't hide her excitement of having the opportunity to teach her fellow children. She advises them to always listen to Sifa FM especially Watoto wa Sifa show.

"I am happy to be here and to even teach my fellow children. I love Watoto Wa Sifa because it has a lot of good Bible teachings. Through this program I have learnt a lot about Christ and I also like learning from other listeners who call in the show. I urge other children to keep listening to the program so that they can be taught." She explains.

In conclusion she urges all parents to support their children's career choices and talents. She gives credit to her mother who has been her source of great inspiration.

Prayers And Jubilation At Project Hannah Day

By Virginia Maina

After looking forward with great anticipation, finally the annual event in the Project Hannah calendar arrived characterized with great pomp and color.

It was again that wonderful time to see women come up together for a day of prayers and thanksgiving. In case you are wondering what is this day am talking about, well Project Hannah day or PH day is an



Hon. Mitaru (Right) shares a word with Mrs. Gatere & PH Women

annual event for the women under Women of Hope Program prayer groups or Wake wa Tumaini in Swahili, which is the key pillar of Project Hannah. The program speaks hope to women through a weekly radio programming that is aired in more than 80 languages in 120 nations throughout the world. Here in Kenya it's recorded at Trans World Radio and aired on her SIFA FM networks as well on Bibilia Husema. Project Hannah is a ministry initiative of Trans World Radio.

On this day women and friends of PH come together to network, and encourage each other through prayers and

testimonies. This year was no different as more than 100 women and Friends of PH gathered at the Christ is The Answer Ministries Church in Nairobi under the theme "Prayer Changes Things"

It was wonderful to listen to testimonies from the prayer group team leaders and one testimony that struck out was from Elizabeth Ngungi who leads one of the largest Project Hannah prayer groups. She shared how this year during their weekly prayers they had been praying for women whose husbands are none believers and not going to church. "It has been wonderful to listen to testimonies from women of how their husbands are nowadays going to church, some who had neglected the families have finally taken up responsibility and most women are now enjoying their marriages." She said adding that its there desire as well us PH's that more homes will be touched by their prayers as they vowed not to stop because the devil is not asleep.

The day culminated with a powerful sermon that was delivered by the guest of honor Honorable Rose Mitaru a Member of Parliament for Embu County. She shared her testimony of how God has seen her through and augmented her to become a Member of Parliament despite the stiff competition, thanks to her consistent Prayers. Her sermon was based on the story of Queen Esther on how God turned around a decision to annihilate the Jewish people because of her prayers and fasting, she encouraged the PH women who could be facing difficulty situations in their lives to pray because God will hear and answer them.



Elfriede Mischnick (Left), PH coordinator shares a word with friends of PH



Prayer Session

Among those who graced the event included, Trans Radio Kenya director Mrs Bernice Gatere, Mrs Beverly Otanga from TWR Audience Relations department , TWR Kenya FM manager Mrs. Pamela Omwodo, PH team leader, Mrs. Virginia Maina , Elfriede Mischnick and a her team from Diguna , among many other invited guests and women prayer groups.

We thank God for all who made the day a success without forgetting the Praise and Worship team and the Evagelism Trumpeters band.

My Manyani Prison Experience – Testimonies



Linah Kitala - My only experience with prison, prisoners and prison life has only been through movies, but I am glad that Manyani Maximum prison visit gave me a real life experience. I was ready for the visit but upon arrival got very anxious, so many things run across my mind, I wondered whether I will be safe, how the day would go, how the prisoners will react upon seeing us.

As we approached the area where the prisoners hall something changed. The atmosphere was so different; I could feel God's presence. I could not hold back the tears as they led us through the worship session. I was touched by the freedom of worship I was witnessing.

Though in prison physically, their Spirits were free and they reminded me of the scripture where Christ says that he has come that we may be free and free indeed. The prisoners within the hall had excited faces with honest smiles.

They danced and praised the lord with vigour as they knew for a fact who they were praising. The story was totally different outside the hall. Other prisoners whom we had also met on our way in looked as though life had been drawn out of them despite being able to breathe. They looked gloomy and scary, indeed a direct contrast from those we were with in the hall. Even the warders kept a close hawk eye watch as the ones we had in the hall just sat looking relaxed.

It was amazing to watch them use their talents in a good way as we listened to their Mass Choir and watched them act a drama on effects of drug abuse. Manyani helped me value the blessings I have in my life, made me realize how freedom is a privilege. Helped value the freedom we receive in Christ upon accepting him as our Lord and Saviour. Truly I saw the redemption of Christ and the power of salvation.

I can say Manyani made me realize that the worst prison in life is not the one where criminals are kept so as to pay for their mistakes but the worst prison in life is when one never gets to experience the fullness of God and his saving grace. It reminded me of **Luke 4: 18- 19. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind. To set at liberty those who are oppressed. To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."**

My prayer is all of us will experience the healing of our broken hearts, no longer be captives, will recover our sight and be set free from our oppression as I saw manifested in Manyani among the prisoners who had a connection with Christ.



Hellen Ogore - Visiting the Manyani Maximum Prison was very poignant. It was my first time life experience. As the program of the day progressed, I clearly noted a distinction between two categories of prisoners. There were those who were profoundly praying, praising and dancing for Jesus and it was evident that they have a personal relationship with God as you could easily see that the group is actually dancing for someone they value so much.

The other category were outside and their faces were very unpleasant and I would get scared when we had an eye contact. They looked dejected albeit in the same environment with those in the hall.

This mission opened up my spiritual eye, and realised two groups literally need prayers. The group that loves the Lord needs God to strengthen and rejuvenate them everyday with wisdom so that they are able to live together and inspire this other serious group which also needs prayers for God to save them and have hope for tomorrow. I have taken it upon me to always pray for these two groups and am convinced this could be the reason God allowed me be part of the mission to the prison. I really thank God for the chance.

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Ann Koki - My prayer every morning when I wake up is that God will open my eyes to the work of His hands. I love living in the noticing; searching and meeting God in the mundane things of life because this is how I'm always reminded that God is ever close as the breath under my nose. And so when I joined my colleagues in the mission to Manyani prison, I

thought it would not be just an office's mission trip, but a journey that will be an altar for me to meet Him. When we drove in through the prison's gates, my heart was met by an intense feeling of banishment that permeated the prison sphere. This was a place where hundreds of men were incarcerated, facing with their hearts, minds, bodies, and lives, the consequences of their criminal offences. Some were guilty, others innocent.

As we approached the hall where a section of the inmates were worshipping, I could feel intense layers of fear and pity that filling the air, getting thicker as we passed through throngs of disconsolate inmates and I would a shiver if we had a direct eye contact despite the fact that were had armed warders around us . But getting into the half walked walled hall, I got a huge sign of relief and within seconds I had forgotten the outside experience, we found them in the middle of worship. It was gloriously exhilarating with voices rising higher and higher in unison as they moved in unified dances. Faces sparked with sincere smile, my heart was moved and tears could not be restrained.

Our voices joined theirs in lifting praise and worship to the Holy One, redeemed hearts poured out, hands lifted high and tears flowing freely. What moved me the most was how these incarcerated brothers were fully surrendering their hearts to God.

Some of them were serving life sentences, but it did not deter them. Jesus was their life and hope regardless of the circumstances. That was enough! Their testimonies were soul refreshing and their zeal for God abounding. This really re-oriented my perspective about life. It opened my eyes to the things that are of arrant worth in life; peace, joy, and love. And only Jesus can give these. I may be walking freely outside prison walls, but my heart can be trapped in agony and restlessness. That day I knew not to take God's mercy and grace for granted. That I should learn to give thanks in everything because this is the key to joy, as those inmate brothers taught me that day. They reminded me that when you have Jesus, you have life and life eternal. That is all, and that is enough. Jesus' love and grace shatters walls and Levels Mountains to fill the hearts that welcome Him. Incarcerated or free, we are all the same in Him.

And our voices and laughter that were in one accord that day, as we worshipped and danced to our King reflected the oneness that we are in Him. I left that prison with so much of Jesus. My heart was so full. It still is. I will forever be grateful to Jesus for meeting me in the faces and hearts of those Manyani brothers.



Stella Kimuyu - This was my first ever real life experience in prison. As we walked from the gate I felt some how uncomfortable. I had missed the final brief on the dress code and although the team had been informed that it okay for ladies to be in loose trousers, I still felt bothered that I was not in a long dress.

Since I had been informed that most the inmates had been accused of rape and we were nine females and nine males, I had foreshadowed that as we walked we would experience lots of lecherous stares and whistles. Oh, I was completely wrong. I was greatly stunned when we entered the half walled hall and the inmates welcomed us with great jubilation as others were worshipping God with honest great passion. Some were kneeling; others let the tears roll freely as they passionately prayed. I felt I was in the right place. As I settled the spirit led me to the book of **Luke 7:38-50, where the sinful woman who broke an alabaster jar of perfume, and she wet Jesus' feet with her tears wiped His feet with her hair and poured perfume.**

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As the Pharisee thought that Jesus did know who the woman was.

Jesus' response in **verse 47** really dawned on me **“I tell you, her sins and they are many have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love.”**

At that point I asked God for forgiveness, forgot that I was in jeans and joined my brothers in the intense praise and worship. I realized that we have been redeemed with the precious blood of Jesus regardless of what we did.

These men are in prison because they broke the laws of the land but they have been forgiven and are free in their spirits because they have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal saviour while in prison.



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2. The Church networks/partners we have established this year as we are looking for initiatives that will build His Kingdom next year.
3. Those who gave their life to Christ through our programs or missions.
4. The wonderful training that our staff have had this year and for those who facilitated the training.
5. The smooth transition of the SIFA FM Garissa signal.
6. BBC Media Action partnership that has enabled our Stations Maata Radio Lodwar and SIFA FM Marsabit to be rewarded with 8 desktop computers and two printers.
7. Our listeners who have supported us this year financially and through prayers and may The Lord of blessings bless them and their families.

Prayer Requests

1. That fight against corruption will be successful and also that God may give strength to those in key positions that they may raise and say NO to corruption.
2. We pray for the Nations where there has been a lot of political instability and violence thereby escalating the number of refugees.
3. The society will learn accept back those who have been in prison and that the government would put more efforts to improve the living conditions.
4. God will open more doors as we continue to seek for funds to support our programs and that may He give the Resource mobilization team more ideas to raise funds.
5. Our events and programs for 2016 will happen according to his will.

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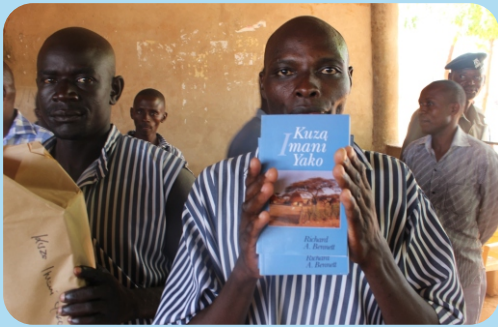
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TWR director presents a bible to Ephy Hunja



Sifa FM Gen. Manager gifting Manyani prison



Manyani Inmate displays a copy of "Kuza Imani Yako"



TWR & Sifa FM Staff



TTB Pastor Presents a bible to Manyani Chaplain



Enos, Dennis and Cate share Sifa Garissa birthday cake



Pst. Munialo delivering a sermon to the inmates



Mrs. Gatere and PH coordinator Mrs. Maina



Manyani inmates playing a game of drafts



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