

Christ International Ministries

The Report

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Scenes from
the missions



As we prepared this newsletter, we have also been preparing for the next mission trip, hopefully to take place in June of this year. We were last able to make a mission visit in 2019. The Covid pandemic affected our travel plans initially in 2020, but since then, personal setbacks developed that have affected our ability to travel. Now, we are ready and the entire senior mission team is planning for Uganda this spring and Nigeria in the fall. As always, we need:

- Prayers for safety, good health, and success in carrying out our plans for the mission visit
- Finances for completion of church buildings in Uganda and Nigeria, renovations and improvements in the building for Christ Care School in Uganda, ministry expansion in Kenya, evangelism in areas surrounding ministry locations in all three countries, possible additional church planting in areas currently being reached, and humanitarian outreach to the needy who are associated with the ministry in all three countries.

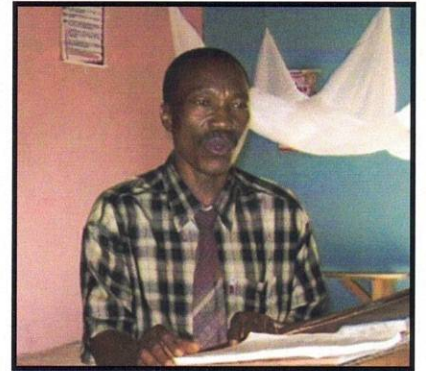


Evangelist and Mrs. Singleton Hopkins, Jr.
CIM founders

We have been steering Christ International Ministries (CIM) for over 30 years and are just as excited now about what we are doing as we were years ago. The times have brought about changes in how we carry out ministry activities and we are still learning. We see the fruit of our efforts, made possible by generous supporters over the years. We remain encouraged and ever hopeful that this work is not in vain.

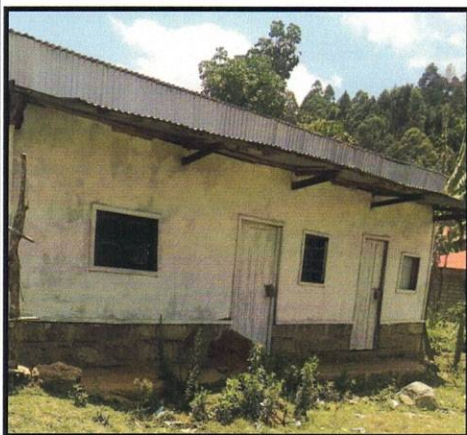
Ministry Updates—Nigeria

Pastor Abraham Owolabi, serves as pastor of Christ International Ministries Church in Ilemona. He has been leading a team of ministry workers to neighboring villages to spread the gospel with the hope that Christian churches can be planted by CIM. Some of the hindrances to church planting include land disputes, and firmly established religious beliefs and customs. He is not deterred, however, and has found that many people are open to the message of the Gospel in these areas. CIM USA intends to continue to support these efforts through assistance with materials and various types of media which can be utilized in the villages.



On the left is a scene from one of the villages being visited by Pastor Owolabi and his team. Evangelist Hopkins and his wife, Missionary Sybil, had the opportunity to hold a meeting there for three nights during their last visit.

Ministry Updates—Kenya



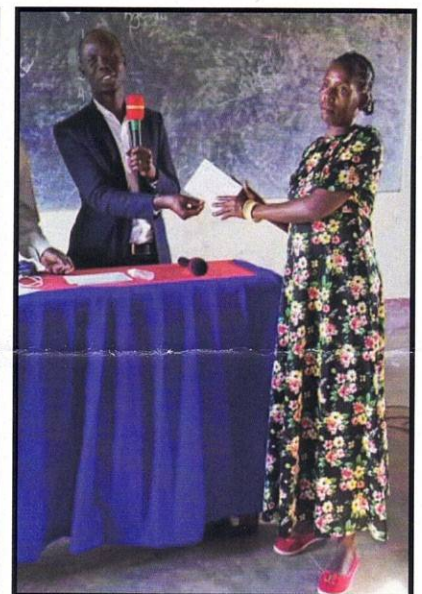
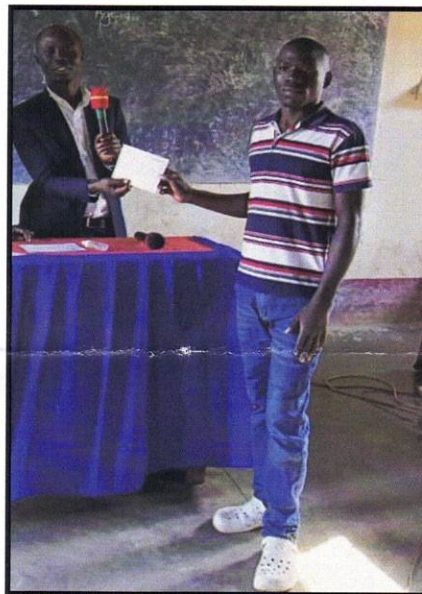
CIM in Kenya has located a building to rent with the possibility of purchase. Under the leadership of Pastor Stephen Muturi, the congregation has moved in and already made some improvements to the structure. Pastor Muturi is excited about the possibility for growth at their present location.

Ministry Updates—Uganda

During the first week in March, CIM Uganda sponsored a conference for pastors and ministry workers. The coordinator of the conference, Pastor Joshua Mukonyezi, reported that the meeting was a great success. Through contacts established, the opportunity arose for the meeting to be held in a town called Kyenjojo at the Trinity Institute of Nursing and Midwifery. The theme of the conference was “Serving God Effectively”. There were more than 30 participants and each received a certificate at the conclusion of the conference. The contacts made here opened the door for the school to offer to provide tuition for nursery school for one child, first grade tuition for one child and free secondary education to one child (3 children in all). In addition, the school director offered a commitment to pay 40% of the tuition for any child of a CIM pastor who wants to attend the nursing school. Shortly after the conference ended, a child of a CIM member had already been identified to attend the nursing school.



Above is Ugandan Pastor, Peter Kahwa, who established the Christ International Ministries (CIM) Church Ruswiga location. Pastor Kahwa has been a part of CIM for many years. In addition to being a pastor, he is also a tailor by trade and teaches that skill to others. Pastor Kahwa is seen here speaking at the conference.



Pictured above are participants being presented with their certificates of completion for attending the conference.



Conference Group Picture

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Often, people who desire to give think that only large gifts are effective, but as little as \$30 can go far in any one of these countries. Consider:

- In Kenya, \$30 can buy 2 pairs of shoes. In Nigeria, \$30 can pay one month of school fees for an elementary aged child. In Uganda, \$30 can buy 3 Bibles.
- \$1000 can assist with the completion of a church building in Nigeria, the purchase of equipment for the church in Kenya, or the expansion of new churches recently planted in Uganda.

Any gift in any amount is needed and can be used for the work of the ministry as is noted above. CIM's goal is \$100,000 this year. We do not believe that is unrealistic for God to move upon the hearts of people to contribute. We appreciate our faithful supporters.

Greetings to our Ministry Friends and Supporters,

In the Name of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, I am Dewayne Swift, the new Chairman of the Board of Christ International Ministries (CIM). I also have the privilege to serve as Pastor of New Covenant Outreach Ministries right here in the beautiful city of Memphis. I wanted to give a brief word of introduction as well as encouraging words for such a time as this. *Matthew 28:19 – 20 says: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

The LORD rested from His work. Jesus finished His work and now we have been commanded to go to work to “make disciples.” Teaching is expressed in verse 20 of the above scriptural reference as one of the elements or components in discipleship. As we serve our Lord, we also should serve our fellow man. *Go ye therefore:* they were to go forth, and carry the gospel throughout the world. Today, we understand that everyone can't go all over the world, but for the ones that can, we should help bear their burdens. The duty of all Christians is to be in some sense- missionaries, to use their utmost efforts to spread abroad the knowledge of Christ, and to make men obedient to his Law. The purpose of C.I.M. has always been to spread the gospel and to make disciples on the continent of Africa in the countries of Kenya, Nigeria and Uganda. Your continued prayers and support is our request as we navigate in our new normal. Forward is the direction that we are headed. Be Blessed In Christ.

Dr. Dewayne Swift

