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## INVESTING IN LEADERSHIP

Since the birth of BMA in 1989, a strong emphasis has been placed on the support and equipping of leadership. Now after 20 years, we look back and see the fruit of making this a priority.

A number of the students we once taught in Nairobi Pentecostal Bible college are now part of the BMA nationwide team. Making a difference in the lives of hundreds of Kenyans through church planting and projects.

Peter Chege at Ruiru's New Life Centre in Central Province has over 18 years taken a small rural church to a thriving centre of spiritual and social vitality. Leonard Wafula at Webuye in Western Province has planted a church in an area that was a hot-spot during the 2008 political disturbances. He is also establishing Webuye as a base for School of Ministries- BMA's arc of training leadership who have not been to bible school.

School of Ministries under the leadership of Peter and Anne Chege is touching hundreds of leaders. Schools are being conducted in many centres across Kenya and in 2007, the first was held in Tanzania. Through Anne's diligent translation of the English notes provided by Peter Butt's 'School of Ministries International,' hundreds of Kiswahili speaking East Africans are being equipped for ministry.

In the North Coastal region, Reuben Soso, a leader we have worked with for many years, has taken on the responsibilities of the Barnabas Training Institute at Hewani- a centre that has trained and equipped over a hundred trainee church planters and trans-tribed missions workers.

Meleckson and Hildah Dalano colleagues of those early days at NPBC remain steadfast leaders within BMA as they particularly lead the missions activities in the Coastal region of East Africa. The vision is 'from the Horn to Zanzibar.' By God's grace the vision is being realised.

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*Clive, conducting a leadership training*

Dale Carnegie once said, "We are developed the same way gold is mined. Several toyns of dirt must be moved to get an ounce of gold." The story of BMA is the story of mining for that ounce of gold. This is our committment to investing in leadership.

*Clive Beckenham*  
Director

# VOCATIONAL TRAINING- PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

With an area of 580,367km<sup>2</sup>, Kenya now has a total of about 38 million inhabitants including more than 20 million under the age of 35 years. One would have to create an estimated 500 new jobs a day to provide employment for all the young job seekers in the country.

As in many parts of the world, the question of helping the young ones find a job and earn an independent living has become one of the biggest challenges.

New Life Academy – Ruiru can be considered a practical school of life for these youngsters. The school takes in young people who have completed their high school education, school drop-outs, domestic workers and also housewives and provides them with training in dress making and beadwork for necklaces and earrings. A similar self-help programme for the youth is conducted at our girls' centre on Lamu Island in the Coast Province.

The course consists of a strict training process which entails several months of both theory and practical lessons at the centre. Providing training in crafts, beadwork, cookery and tailoring is one way of equipping the youngsters especially in the rural areas with the skills they need to achieve the goal of self-reliance. One principle of the training is to encourage young people to

choose their own path of empowerment. The youngsters are accordingly encouraged at all times to show initiative and make their own plans and decisions.

The full course is completed within 9 months at the end of which they are awarded an internal certificate. The youngsters may not have learnt so much of an academic nature, but will have a wide range of practical skills and knowledge which will equip them for a good job or life.

Wanjiru a student from New Life Academy - Ruiru says, "I learnt a lot especially in tailoring and also how to make beads and earn a decent living. I didn't spend so much time in formal school but the knowledge I have acquired will last a lifetime."

Njeri's story is similar and she adds, "I have the knowledge I need to live an independent life. I will be happy to help other young people empower themselves."

The vocational training contributes to fulfilling the goal of BMA in terms of equipping people to be effective members of their communities.

*Ann Chege & Mercy Musyimi*



*Students During a training session*

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*A sample of the beads made by New Life Academy*

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## MISSIONS 'THE VOICE OF FAITH'

Whenever a church decides to send a mission team to another town, region or country, there is always the question-“But why are we sending mission team to another part of the world when there are crack addicts and other dire needs within a square mile of our church?”

The answer to that question is found in Acts 1:8”But you will be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem And all in Judea and in Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth”  
Missions Coordinator, Meleckson Dalano likes to share his experiences:

Coming from an Islamic background, I knew sharing the gospel would not be easy, but this was a risk I was prepared to take.

Missions for me became a ministry, an opportunity to meet and support Christian people groups in other towns and countries. I started reaching out and sharing wonderful christian fellowship in my home turf in Lamu and Tana River districts. My theme was “A compelling Love, A compelling message, A compelling power.”At the close of the meetings, there were testimonies of Christ's supernatural power.

I saw the need for a new dimension of outreach missions and gathered a team of 35 believers with similar

gifting and passion. We have travelled to Ethiopia, a country that borders Kenya in the north, Somalia, another neighbouring country in the south and also Zanzibar, an East African Country evangelising and planting churches.

When I come back from a mission trip, my enthusiasm is catching. It's hard to put into words, but the reported results is more of a passion for the real needs of people within a square mile of the church.

Churches have been built, children have been fed through our relief programmes, homes have been repaired and lives have been changed for the better.

My greatest reward is to see God's power transform peoples lives. To see someone who was a little sad, a little shy in the beginning start opening up, smiling and wanting to start a relationship with God.

People are more open to the gospel as never before. Doors are opening where before they seemed shut, it is not a time to hold back but to advance encouraging people to know God through personal faith in christ:equipping people to serve God in the spirit's power.

“Sing unto the lord, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation. Declare his glory among the heathen 'his



*Meleckson and his wife Hilda*

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marvelous works among all the nations”(1 Chronicles 16:23-24)These are truly amazing times in which to live in and take part in missionary journey.

*Meleckson Dalano & Mercy Musyimi*

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*Jesus calls us to identify with those whom we are called to serve. We are called to identify with people in their hopes and fears. Paul had learned something of this secret, he said,*

*"I am not anyone's slave but I have become a slave to everyone; so that I can win as many people as possible. When am with a jew, I live like a jew to win jews; when am with people who are not ruled by the( law of Moses),I forget about the law to win them. When I am with people whose faith is weak, I live as they do to win them. I do everything I can to win everyone I possibly can. I do all this for the good news, because I want to share its blessings."*

*(1 Corinthians 9:19-23)*

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