

ICM - ATS Newsletter

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News from ICM Kenya



ICM GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM PUT THEIR HEADS TOGETHER

Executive Director Rev. Stephen Mairori and ATS Principal Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Chemengich represented ICM Kenya at the annual ICM International Council. Here is their encouraging report:

It was the week of 21st September, 2009 and the place was the City of Minneapolis in the mid-western state of Minnesota, USA. All ICM's Country Directors and representative of Africa Theological Seminary gathered for their annual get-together event of fellowship, team-building, and seeking God's direction. This event is called International Council (IC). Last year it was held in Dar es Salam, Tanzania. In 2010, event will be hosted in Kinshasa, DRC.



Apart from receiving reports from all the countries where ICM operates, that is, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, DR Congo, Ghana, Nigeria, USA and Canada, the IC offers the unique opportunity for ICM's global leadership team to integrate their efforts and vision towards realization of ICM's vision and calling of discipling and equipping Church leaders for the fulfilling of the Great Commission.

Our IC business took three days which provided a blessed opportunity for the global ICM leadership team to listen to God's direction by receiving and praying for each ICM country reports and their programs, laying collective growth strategies for the coming year (2010), and setting key priorities in the overall organizational resource mobilization efforts. One of the main projects for ICM is to construct the Ministry building at ATS Kitale. Join us in Prayer that God will provide the funds needed.

It is a joy to report that there was such a deep sense of unity of purpose, renewal of participants' passion to serve God the more, and a strong desire to support each other. All these confirmed that God has a special heart and plans for ICM as it grows in raising and equipping more Christian leaders for the transformation of Africa and beyond.

We pray that our plans are God-ordained and that He honors the 2009 IC plans. We also pray for His blessings upon all ICM operations around the World!

ICM Kenya Executive Director Rev. Stephen Mairori is married to Roselyne with son Seth and daughters Kathy and Gracie. Dr. Chemengich is married to Dorcas with daughter, Subira and two 3 year old twin boys, Baraka and Wema.



ATS News ~ New, New, New! BA in Counseling! Begins January, 2010



It is well-known that some people are better counselors than others. This is simply because they have more compassionate concern for their fellow human beings. In this respect, if you are one of them and God is calling you to a full-time ministry of counseling, the ATS BA in Counseling program will prepare you well for the challenges ahead and you will serve as a therapeutic agent of change for those who are hurting.

More than ever before, so many people are needy and hurting. Problems are so diverse, the needs are so great, and available counseling techniques are often so confusing and contradictory. The ATS BA Counseling program is therefore designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills of effective Christian counseling in order to meet the growing needs created by physical, mental, social, and spiritual problems in the Church, the society, in private practice, and in mental health institutions.

The curriculum is also designed to emphasize an integration of theology and psychology on current issues facing the Church and the society-at-large. Those are important contributors in the field of psychology.

The program takes 5 years to complete for those with no prior training in Bible/ Theology and any other field. ATS will accept up to 48 credit hours of transfer credit from either Diploma in Counseling or Theology programs by an ACTEA accredited or recognized institution. You should have a GPA of 2.5 or its equivalent. Prospective students should bring proof that they have done those courses and have a "B" average or above.

Students are required to stay on campus for five weeks, three times a year. As demand dictates, evening classes may be considered.

Application for enrollment for the BA Counseling program take place at any time of the year. Apply now, for space is limited. Enrollment will be on the first come/ apply, first served basis. Classes begin February, 2010. God bless you as you prepare to come.

Yours faithfully, Rev. Daniel Arap Kirwa, Dean of Counseling

For further information, contact Rev. Daniel Kirwa , by email pastordkirwa@earthlink.net or phone 0721 146 281.

ATS Dean of Counseling, Rev. Daniel Kirwa is married to Rael with sons Stanley, Nehemia, Kevin, and Ken.

A Testimony from MA student, Mrs. Judith Mutange



I am a born-again Christian and I love the Lord Jesus. I am married to Evans Mutange. I am a graduate of ICM Seminary, now called Africa Theological Seminary. After completing my BA in 2005, my highest desire was to enroll in Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology (NEGST), however it is located in Nairobi , 7 hours away from my home.

Can you imagine how thrilled I was when I learned 4 years later, that God was bringing NEGST to Kitale, to me? God indeed answers prayer! Our MA classes began last term, and I was one of the first to register, however, I had no money to pay the fees.

Monday morning, before coming to campus, I went to the post office and received a package of photos from one of our former volunteers from England . Included with the photos, she put 2000 ksh as she isn't able to use shillings in her home country of England . Then a friend who supports our orphanage gave me 2000 ksh the same morning. God was confirming that indeed this was the time to start my Masters!

Before I was enrolled in ICM seminary in 2004, I wondered, "What should I do with my life?" I am married and have 4 children, but, is there something more that the Lord wants of my life?

The Lord directed me to open the Great Mercy orphanage for true orphans and vulnerable children. We currently have 51 children. We also have a school and a staff of 8 plus 12 volunteers who teach the children. Our classes range from Nursery through Standard 7. We have an integrated program which includes several children from the community who also come to our school.



In addition, I work to rehabilitate widows and children with HIV. They come and work with the children and somehow God uses this as therapy because they focus on others and not so much on their own situations.

I have been fortunate to connect with people from The West. Often we have volunteers who come and work with our children and some of those come from groups that are not Christian-based. Our children witness to them and these volunteers have opportunities to accept Jesus while they volunteer in Kenya. Our God cares about everyone He has created!

One such friend is Britt Jones, a compassionate Christian brother from the US. He connected me with World Orphans and they gave me a grant to build a home for these orphans. I am so grateful for their partnership. When I was a student at ICM I had a number of issues and God used my time at ICM to help heal me and to prepare me for His next step. I had a wonderful regular US sponsor, Caroline, and another that gave a one-time gift. Everything that God allows me to do with and for the children is a credit to those donors because they generously and sacrificially helped pay my ICM school fees.

I also want to say that I could never imagine that I could do such a thing as opening an orphanage and a school. My husband also is amazed. Along the way God sent people, some helped to get us clean water, some helped to bring us electricity. I didn't know how to do these things, but God planted a seed and provided the people and it is growing. It's really all about Him.

I really want the donors to know that when you invest in one of our ICM graduates, you are not wasting your money. You are making an investment in people's lives and you leave an ever-lasting legacy. What I learned in ICM helps me as I lead Great Mercy. It's all for God's glory.

ICM and ATS is proud of the work God has called our students to. If you are interested in the Great Mercy ministry or you have questions, please contact Judith at email: gmcsmorg@yahoo.com or phone 0727 791639. Bwana asifiwe!

Interested in pursuing education at ATS?

Is God calling you, or a Christian leader friend to inquire about further education at ATS? ATS offers courses in Bible & Theology, and Counseling at the Certificate, Diploma, and BA levels. We also facilitate an MA in Bible & Theology offered by NEGST here on the Kitale campus.

ATS is a semi-residential seminary offering courses 3 times per year for 3 – 5 weeks. We also offer a BA Evening Class which meets 3 times/ year. For Kenya teachers, we offer a BA Teachers' Track which meets during the holiday breaks of April, August, and December.

If God is prompting you to apply, contact the Registrar's Office at the ATS address below. You may also email: info.atseminary@gmail.com, or phone 0724 599493 / 0721 553723.

God bless you as you live your life to reflect God's glory!! Bwana asifiwe!

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