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Christ's Kingdom in Kenya is continuing to expand and deepen in so many exciting ways! Your Kingdom-commitment through your partnership with our ministries is bearing much fruit. Thank you. We have been so busy with these various ministries that we have (again) fallen behind in writing updates. And now there is so much to share! Since our last newsletter, we have witnessed baptisms, heard of many other baptisms and new church plants by our national co-workers, planted two new branches of our **Community Christian Bible Training Institute (CCBTI)**, and have our **Discipleship Training Institute (DTI)** on track to have two sessions this year instead of just one. We will try to start sharing some of those stories with you next month.

But this month we want to share with you an exciting new development. Our missionary team has grown during this term — we are now twelve adults and twelve children. As part of this time of growth, we have been working on developing a new vision and strategy.

Unhindered Disciple-making

Our team vision is simple — unhindered disciple-making. Our team's new mission statement is **“to be a catalyst of God's Kingdom Expansion in Kenya and the world through our own actions and partnerships with CCC and others.”** (“CCC” is the Community Christian Churches planted by CMF — these congregations now number well over 200.) Through our various ministries, we will equip the national churches to **make disciples** in an **unhindered** fashion, breaking past barriers of culture, language, and tribal divisions. We have eight key values which provide the foundation for our mission strategies. Here are the first four; we'll share the others next time.

Christ-centered

We believe the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus is the gospel (good news) and the center of our message.

Prayer-powered

We believe that our God (Father, Son, and Spirit) is the author of the energy and direction for mission.

Through prayer we call on God's resources and keep in step with God and God's mission.

Empowerment of nationals

We believe every believer is gifted for service and that discipling national church leaders is a priority for a mature, multiplying national church.

Holistic ministries

*We believe that the Gospel addresses the whole person
and transforms all aspects of life.*

Whether we are writing curricula for the national church or for local schools, leading a HomeGroup or teaching sunday school, engaging in prayer or teaching in the DTI or CCBTIs, we are directed by this vision and mission and these shared core values.

Easter Baptisms of three HomeGroup members



There were 28 baptisms
earlier this year in the
Ildoinyio CCC congregation



I should note for the interested that we've parked a larger resolution family photo on our blog.

We would be happy to hear your own news of the Kingdom. If you'd like to join our prayer team, or our team of financial partners, let us know that as well!

grace and peace to you in our Lord and Friend Jesus,

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