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Carlile College Bulletin

From the Principal's Desk: Folk Christianity and Mission Training

A few years ago I set out to help make sense of African Christianity since not all therein was healthy (see 'An Aspect of a Character of Christianity in Africa', *Journal for Theology in Southern Africa* 132 [2008]: 38-52).

I tried then, in a scholarly way, to describe African Christianity by talking of Africa's world as enchanted. By enchanted I meant a world encompassed by spirit beings: ancestors, spirits, supernatural forces, and divinities or deities. To Africans this higher spirit world is in constant interaction with the material world of humans, greatly influencing its fortunes. I argued then that African Christianity was a product of the interface between the Christian faith and the "enchanted" world of Africa.

Unfortunately, and this is where the

problem is, there is evidence that much of Christianity in Africa is influenced more by Africa's enchanted world than by the Christian faith. We could call this form of Christianity Folk African Christianity. Folk African Christianity is the kind summed up in the words of a certain theologian years ago: 'a mile wide but an inch deep,' that is, a Christianity popular with many Africans but without biblical depth!

Folk African Christianity can be witnessed in evangelistic preachings in which content may not really be about a creating loving God who sent his Son to this world to graciously redeem humanity and restore the world to his original design and glory.

It also may not be about the

wretched state of human beings who have fallen short of God's ways, and are thus in need of His forgiveness and salvation from His righteous judgement.

It may also have nothing to do with the future hope of all who believe in Christ to live and reign with God eternally when His Kingdom is established fully and all His enemies are destroyed.

But the evangelistic preaching, and popular they are, may be about coming to Jesus so that you may have power, good health, and riches in this world; so that you may protect yourself from the evil eye and those who may wish you harm; so that you may excel in your job, do well in your business, or pass your exams and so on and so forth.

Bottom line: biblical content only superficially informs the evangelists' sermons. In actual fact, Africa's enchanted world is superimposed on the Bible, and this is presented as the gospel. I know I am speaking in very general terms but I hope you get my point.

The above shows the importance of mission training at Carlile College. We are striving to train evangelists to grapple with the content of the gospel and at the same time understand their world within which they must preach the gospel and apply God's word. Our efforts, can contribute to a biblical Christianity, one which is not 'a mile wide but an inch deep'.

Dr. Peter Nyende



A Carlile College student preaching at an open air meeting

New Director of Centre for Urban Mission

Nancy Njagi Mbithi always knew that no matter what she would pursue in life, issues of the poor, disadvantaged, and community development, would always remain close to her heart. Following eleven years of experience in NGOs and local churches, Nancy now serves as the Director of Carlile College's Centre for Urban Mission (CUM) which operates six grassroots programmes: Christian Economic Empowerment, Youth Development, Children's Ministry, the Kika-Kiambui Project for needy and vulnerable households, Shepherds' Institute for the training of church leaders, and

Samaritan Strategy, the hub around which the other five programmes revolve and are integrated.

Joining Carlile College in 2009, Nancy first served as grassroots programme coordinator. Her main responsibility then, was to implement CUM's grassroots programmes under the supervision of her predecessor, Dr. Colin Smith.

What is Nancy's passion? "I thrive in the field. Seeing individual families and communities transformed through the ministry of local churches excites me the most." She remembers a 19-year old boy whom she met during her field work. "The young man was staying

with his 3 three siblings and an alcoholic father the first time we met him. Seeing that he was from a youth-headed household, we developed a proposal to target those in similar situations as his. Later on, I was delighted to find out that the boy, through our programme, had joined a savings group, creating a new hope for him and his family."

Such life-changing stories are what keep Nancy motivated. Though the needs in the slums can be overwhelming, Nancy believes transformation of communities is possible through equipping local churches with adequate resources and information, and much patience.



Nancy Njagi

As CUM's new director, Nancy hopes to increase the number of projects, and expand CUM's reach to new informal settlements. She prays for wisdom to use her passion and her position in a meaningful way to impact the lives of those she serves.

Master of Arts Programme at Carlile College



L-R: Prof. Joseph Galgalo, Vice Chancellor, St. Paul's University, Dr. Peter Nyende, Principal, Carlile College, Prof. Emil Chandran, Director of Academic Affairs, Carlile College at the signing of the MOA.

Introduced in January 2012, the Master of Arts in Transformational Urban Leadership (MATUL) seeks to address the realities of urban slums and to equip leaders with skills and resources necessary to make a transforming impact on urban communities.

Hosted at the College's Kibera Campus, the new programme is a result of a collaboration between

Carlile College and St. Paul's University. On January 17, 2012 both institutions signed a MOA, launching the course with an enrolment of twelve students.

A two-year programme, MATUL can be completed through full time or part-time classes. Modules offered will cover a broad range of subjects including Urban Analysis and Development, Urban

Theology and spirituality, and more skills-based courses focused on health, church planting, education, advocacy and leadership.

Dr. Colin Smith, the manager of the new programme, dates his involvement with the programme to 2002, when he first met Viv Grigg, who has been the primary mover and thinker behind MATUL. Dr. Smith became more directly engaged with the MATUL in 2008 when a group of representatives from universities and theological colleges in the USA, Manila and India, met in Manila at the Asia Theological Seminary. As he listened to the experiences of the participants, Dr. Smith realised that, through MATUL, the marginalised

in urban communities must be addressed and their needs met.

Asked about his expectations for MATUL, Dr. Smith says, "I expect the programme to grow, and for Carlile College to continue to develop expertise in the area of training in urban mission. I hope that we will be able to engage with churches and NGOs working in the city to ensure that the course is constantly developing in a way that ensures that it remains relevant to the training needs of those working and ministering in the city. I also look forward to seeing where the links with Asia will take us. I think there is tremendous scope for mutual learning."

Carlile College Welcomes New CCE Director

The College's Centre for Continuing Education (CCE) welcomed the Venerable Winfred Wanjiku Munene as its new director on February 1, 2012. Ven. Munene hails from Kirinyaga Diocese where she served as Provost at St. Thomas Cathedral, Kerugoya from

2006. She also served as Archdeacon of Cathedral Archdeaconry. Ven. Munene's prior experiences over a collective period of eleven years include directing the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) Department in Kirinyaga Diocese, coordinating the

lay training ministry at St. Stephen's Training Centre, Marsabit, and teaching in St. Andrew's Theological College, Kabare.

Ven. Munene also earned her MA in Pastoral Theology from the Ruskin University (then Anglia Polytechnic University), UK, in 1999, after earning her BDiv from St. Paul's University, Kenya in 1996.



Ven. Winfred Munene



A celebration ceremony at the recently completed Diploma in Christian Ministries and Civic Responsibilities by students in Embu Diocese, Kenya

Through her leadership in CCE, the College anticipates growth in its programmes. Impressed by the College's contextualised and practically-oriented mission Ven. Munene notes: "Education at Carlile College is not just formal and based on campus. It applies to and transforms those who are in the field."

CCE programmes offered include Diploma in Christian Ministry; School Chaplaincy, and Diploma in Christian Ministries and Civic Responsibility. The College anticipates offering the Diploma Children and Family Ministry.

A Second Chance in SITBSS

"You cannot be a leader if you are not a reader."
Bishop Oyedepo



Moses Ochieng'

When 27 year old K.C.S.E Tutorial student, Moses Ochieng' heard this quote from his Pastor Oyedepo, he knew his dream of becoming a leader would only come true if he went back to school to complete his studies. Moses, who dropped out

of school in Class Six after his father's death, held casual jobs to sustain himself before his then employer intervened. His employer offered sponsorship that saw him through primary school to earn his KCPE certificate at the age of 25.

Despite having been out of school over a long period, and working part time, Moses was able to attain 325 out of 500 marks. Seeing his hard work and determination, Moses' employer again decided to sponsor his secondary education.

Moses then joined Carlile College's School of IT, Business and Social Studies (SITBSS) in 2010. SITBSS' K.C.S.E Tutorials provided Moses just the opportunity

he needed for personal advancement and empowerment.

Now in his final year of school, Moses has benefited immensely from the tutorial classes that are preparing him for the KCSE, Kenya's secondary school national exams. His story has been an inspiration to his friends, who have not only found hope in being given second chances, but have also enrolled in the programme.

As an active member of the SITBSS peer education group and the SITBSS' student representative, Moses says his involvement in extracurricular activities has sharpened his

leadership skills, and given him the courage to be bold, and influence his peers positively. After he completes his K.C.S.E exams, Moses hopes to join the university to get a degree in law. His ultimate goal is to become involved in the government of Kenya.

Courses offered at SITBSS include:

- Diploma in Business Management (ABE)
- Diploma in Community Development (KNEC)
- French
- Diploma in Management Information Systems
- Technician Certificate in Electrical & Electronic Engineering

LIFT Seminars: Andrew Baughen

When Andrew Baughen first came to Africa in 1987, it was to visit a friend working in Kenya. He immediately fell in love with the country because of her people.

He remembers going to a church in Nairobi on Sunday, and experiencing the thrill of worshipping in a different culture with members of the same family of God. Since then Andrew has found the

of his people across the world.

Much of Andrew's work involves growing an interest in issues of God, salvation, grace and eternity. Like Jesus Christ in Mark 8, Andrew points out that he encounters many people who do not understand the Gospel due to hardened hearts.

To Andrew the Christian faith is about people

are God's co-workers who have a role in planting and watering the church which God is growing. God is very intentional and I'm passionate about helping every church leader know the unique kingdom contribution



God is calling them to make. Cooperating with the mission of God by growing the church of God in a local context is an incredibly exciting privilege which gets me out of bed each day with excitement and joy!"

the African church taking a lead in holding to biblical doctrine and providing fellowship and Episcopal oversight to congregations in settings where leadership no longer delights in the truths of God.

Referring to the future of the church in Africa, Andrew believes the church in Africa will bring the gospel back to the European countries that brought the gospel to Africa, but have now lost their fervour.

On the more negative side I fear the future of the African church will increasingly be involved in sharing in the challenges of secularisation and apathy towards God which are crushing the spiritual life out of many European nations at the moment."

He adds, "That future is already beginning with



immediacy of faith and devoted dependency on God of Kenyan believers most encouraging. Andrew is the vicar of St. James Clerkenwell in Central London, a church that has grown through evangelism among people who are typically disinterested in Christianity. He also serves as the chaplain of City University London, and as a visiting lecturer at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University. His church work is based on a love for the church, and a firm belief in God's purpose of growing communities

reconnecting with the living God, and the eternal reality we were created to know.

In March Andrew facilitated his second Leaders in Further Training (LIFT) intensive seminar at Carlile College, whose theme was *The Church's Mission*.

Passionate about church growth, Andrew says, "God says He will build His church and as the Apostle Paul points out in 1 Corinthians, we



Some LIFT Participants with the Ven. Munene (standing, left) and Andrew Baughen (standing, fifth from right)

Transforming Lives in Kisumu, Kenya



The Revd Capt. Mark Odhiambo enrolled in Carlile College's urban mission programme to broaden his knowledge on urban ministry. He says, "Carlile College was an eye opener to me; the urban mission programme not only taught me about urban ministry but also how to be an urban mission practitioner."

Since graduation in 2010, the impact of Carlile College on Mark's ministry has been evident through his responsibility as head of the Special Ministries Department in Maseno South Diocese, and his ministry in the informal settlements. Mark started Touch Life Ministry to reach out to four major groups: HIV/AIDS-infected persons, commercial sex workers, homosexuals, and pastors affected or infected by HIV/AIDS.

At St. Monica Nyamasaria, where Mark has been a clergy, about 80 HIV/AIDS support group members, aged 20 to 65 years, meet.

They are provided with food, spiritual guidance,

and pastoral care. Volunteer facilitators organise monthly empowerment workshops where members are taught skills, such as soap making, with the intention of encouraging sustainability after a nine-month period. With the first phase ending in April, a member expresses with sadness, "This support group has become my family. Every week I look forward to attending meetings; I benefit from the free food, spiritual nourishment and counseling sessions. I'm not sure where else I can find a sense of belonging once this phase ends." The facilitators share similar sentiments and are hopeful that members of the first phase may be integrated into the upcoming second phase, where 200 members are expected to enroll.

The support group for commercial sex workers at St. Mary's Anglican Church of Kenya Parish in Nyalenda, was formed in 2011 with the aim of

reaching commercial sex workers with the gospel of Christ. Members were initially reluctant to join the group without payment for their time.

Phoebe, Mark's wife says, "This was a new concept, and most people did not understand it. I was confronted by people who were concerned about Mark's decision to start such a group, but I know Mark; he has a passion for ministry, is willing to take risks, and I was going to support him." Today Phoebe helps her husband in facilitating the group's meetings.

Some members today are now able to attend church, read the Bible, and have benefited from the counseling sessions. The impact of the group on the lives of its members is both encouraging and sobering.

"Most of the ladies complain that they are not treated well when they go to the health centres for treatment," says Valentine Odero, the local health worker.

"Under such circumstances I advise them regarding their health and protection."

The women share their struggles for survival, and desire to leave their miserable situation, but are yet unable to sustain themselves while the

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facilitators struggle to keep the members off the streets, and to meet their financial needs. Out of this dire need Mark and his team are contemplating the building of a rescue centre for the women and their children.

"Most of these women resort to conducting their business in their homes, where their children are exposed to vulnerable situations. With a resource centre, we can take care of at least their children." says the Revd Capt. Titus Anthony, head of the diocese's children's department.

Since the group's inception, 15 former commercial sex workers and homosexuals have turned away from their



Volunteers and staff of Touch Life Ministry

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Highlights of Events

Rebuilding the Church in South Sudan

In January 2012 the Revd Daniel Emoru of Carlile College's Training of Trainers (TOT) Programme visited seven Episcopal dioceses of South Sudan (ECS): Malakal, Juba, Lainya, Maridi, Mundri, Rumbek and Wau, to evaluate the impact of the TOT Programme. During the visit the Revd Emoru met with ECS Archbishop, the Most Revd Canon Dr. Daniel Deng Bul, Bishop Hillary Garang of Malakal, Bishop Justin Badi Arama of Maridi and Bishop Alapayo Manyang of Rumbek. The bishops were appreciative of Carlile College and the role it has played in training church leaders for South Sudan.



Top: Evaluation exercise with trainees in Malakal Diocese.



Celebrating-Children Graduation

In February 2012, twelve volunteers from Tent of Refuge of Pentecostal Evangelical Fellowship of Africa (PEFA) Cathedral Dandora graduated from the *Celebrating Children* training programme offered by Carlile College's Centre for Urban Mission (CUM). The occasion drew families and friends, and the congregation at PEFA. Initiated by the CUM's Children's Ministry Programme, the weekly training targets care providers of families

Sports Field Opened

The opening ceremony of Carlile College's new sports field took place on February 24, 2012. The ceremony was attended by the principal, staff, and students of the College's four schools.

Soccer matches between missiology and business students, and students and tutorial staff marked the occasion. Following the matches, the Chairman of the Student Council, Kennedy Owuoth, expressed his gratitude to the institution's administration for the new sports ground. This would indeed encourage unity between the different schools under Carlile College.



Lambeth ECGI Visit

The Lambeth Evangelism and Church Growth Initiative group representing 12 different nations visited Carlile College's Kibera campus on March 6, 2012. The Initiative promotes evangelism and church growth throughout the Anglican Communion through facilitating prayer and mutual encouragement through the sharing stories, news and good practice, strategies to reach the unreached, and recommending resources.

Left: ECGI participants with friends of Carlile College outside at a Kibera residence.

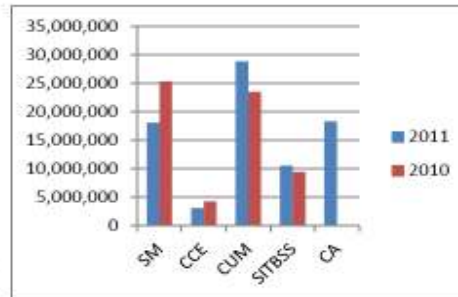
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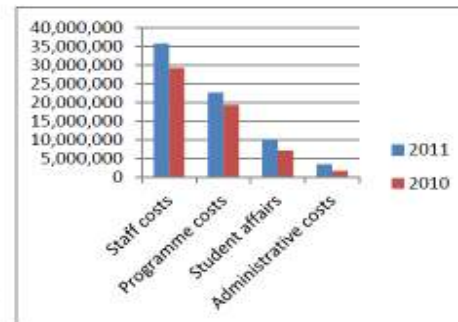
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

- Income up by 26%
- Expenditure up by 25%
- Surplus up by 33%

	2011 Kshs	2010 Kshs
INCOME		
SM	18,108,980	25,397,514
CCE	3,107,340	4,278,486
CUM	28,886,490	23,534,329
SITBSS	10,569,745	9,468,870
CA	18,340,640	
Total Income	79,013,195	62,679,199



	2011 Kshs	2010 Kshs
EXPENDITURE		
Staff costs	35,796,477	29,226,565
Programme costs	22,626,688	19,333,727
Student affairs	10,007,316	7,063,172
Administrative costs	3,449,987	1,692,038
Total Expenditure	71,880,468	57,315,502



Detailed audited financial statements for the year ended December 2011 are available to all our friends and partners on request. We will also post the audited financial statements on our website.

Praise & Prayer Points

1. Thank God for all our mission partners whose generous contributions have seen us this far.
2. Thank God for the ongoing infrastructural developments in the College.
3. Pray that our fundraising efforts may continue to bear fruit. Give thanks for the success of some of these efforts.
4. Pray for the ongoing curricula review and development aimed at making Carlile College a premier mission training institution.
5. Pray for the ongoing recruitment of students in the different programmes.

You can partner with us in training evangelists

1. Carlile College continues to train men and women in evangelism with your partnership. Your contributions to the **Scholarship Fund** ensure that the students are adequately equipped for the ministry God has placed before them. Student fees are approximately US\$2400 a year.
2. One of the pillars of training is the development of competency in evangelism. To develop these competencies, students are engaged in a variety of evangelistic settings, sometimes lasting several weeks. Through these missions students practice what they have been taught, learn from one another, reflect, and grow in their capacity to proclaim the gospel. **The Missions Fund** facilitates this training. An estimated US\$5000 is required per year.

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former lifestyles. Mark is now seeking ways in which former commercial sex workers and homosexuals can live a fulfilling life, and serve in the church without being stigmatised for their former lifestyle.

In 2011 Mark started the Living Hope Pastors' Development Self-Help Group for pastors and clergy personally affected or infected by HIV/AIDS. Today pastors from all denominations in the informal settlements attend the group. Mark feels that God has opened the door for deeper ministry into the slums through these leaders.

The main aim of this group is to equip and empower these pastors so they can empower their local churches," explains Mark.

Living up to their motto, 'Desire for A Better Living', the members of Living Hope also help each other improve their standards of living with capacity-building and economic-empowerment activities. The group has also helped promote unity among pastors of different denominations, and reduced the stigma and discrimination against those infected by HIV/AIDS. Mark observes: "Kisumu is a growing city; most of the people live in informal settlements. This is a wakeup call to the diocese to train

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more ministers who will address the growth within the larger Maseno dioceses. I joined Carlile College knowing very little about urban mission, but it is there that I was equipped with the tools I'm now using for my ministry."



Top Left: MATUL students in class at the Kibera Campus



Left: The generator housing being built. The College's 80kva generator will keep the College functional during power outages.



Right: Students relaxing at the spruced up gardens on campus

Below: Students in our electronic engineering class. This, among other courses, has gained popularity at Carlile College's School of IT, Business and Social Studies



Top: Students in worship



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