

A PLEDGE TO SERVE

Induction of General Secretary



The new General Secretary of Church Army Africa describes himself as a “grassroots evangelist” with the “faith of a buffalo.” “Sometimes I can only see a few steps ahead, so [I've learned] to walk in faith.”

Rev. Capt. Richard Mayabi was inducted during a special ceremony at All Saints Cathedral in Nairobi, Kenya on 18th March, 2009. Church Army Officers from across Eastern Africa attended the ceremony and signaled their support for the new leader. President of Church Army Africa, Most Rev. Dr. Capt. Benjamin Nzimbi, led the service and pledged to serve as Church Army Africa's chief evangelist when he retires as Archbishop later this year. “I have always been an evangelist at heart”, he said, and “I am eager to continue this work.” The induction ceremony was assisted by Rt. Rev. James Ochiel and Rt. Rev. Lawrence Dena. After taking the oath, the new General Secretary was presented with a Bible by the International Secretary of Church Army, Rev. Capt. Philip Johnson, to “keep his spirit ever mindful of God's ways.” Later, Rev. Mayabi shared about his heart for biblical missions and how he plans to support the officers and evangelists serving in the field. He is eager to continue his journey with Church Army Africa and looks forward to many steps of faith as Church Army launches Vision 2015.

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CHURCH ARMY LAUNCHES VISION 2015



Much has been written about the plight of Africa, including issues of economic injustice and poverty, corruption and war, disease and lack of infrastructure. Addressing these challenges is the task of the 21st century for many government and non-governmental organizations across the continent. The question is often asked, but seldom answered, “what is the role of the church in such times?” At Church Army Africa, we believe that the key for enduring change is bound up with the local church. Local churches can and should play a vital role in shaping the spiritual and social development of individuals, families, communities, and even nations. We believe that the church is God's primary vehicle for posi-

tive social transformation and as such should play a central role in achieving social change in Africa in areas such as those outlined in the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals or in national strategic plans.

In June of 2008, the President and Prime Minister of Kenya released a new long-term planning strategy for the nation known as Vision 2030. The plan includes a variety of reforms and new initiatives to produce positive change in the economic, social, and political arenas. The ultimate goal of Kenya's Vision 2030 is to produce a “globally competitive and prosperous nation”, and it aims to accomplish its objectives by facilitating development and reform in areas such as agriculture, education, energy, environment, health care, infrastructure, and justice. The vision document and strategic plan are highly ambitious and are grounded in a wealth of research and good intentions. In reality, however, most Kenyans are skeptical of the government's ability to achieve even a fraction of its stated goals. Mismanagement, tribalism, corruption, and greed continue to plague leadership across the country. At Church Army Africa, we've been asking the questions “How should the church respond to Vision 2030?” and “What role can the Anglican Church play in bringing substantive change not only to Kenya, but to the entire continent of Africa.” *(continues on page 2)*

CAPACITY BUILDING IN UGANDA

From 24th to 27th of March, the Secretariat of Church Army Africa was in Uganda on a mission and capacity building trip. The team consulted with regional representatives of CAA Uganda to discuss the work that was taking place, challenges faced, and ways to enhance the work and ministry of Church Army Africa in Uganda. The goal was to lay the foundation for Vision 2015 / H.E.A.L. Uganda while supporting the ongoing missions efforts there. During the meetings, participants discussed ways in which they could benefit and learn from success-

ful projects in both Uganda and Kenya. The Secretariat team then visited the Bungokho Rural Development Centre near Mbale, Uganda. The Bungokho RDC includes a model farm, vocational training facilities, and a wide variety of community development projects, aimed at positively transforming society for Christ. Overall the trip was very positive and extremely important for CAA. It helped strengthen partnerships in mission and helped CAA in Kenya to understand a lot more of what is going on in Uganda and how best to support the work at the grassroots level.

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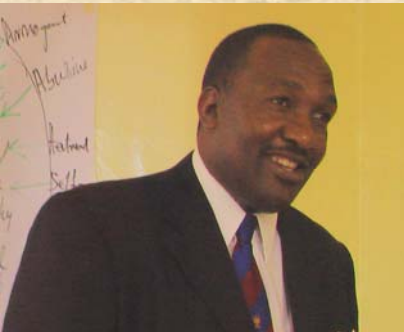
As an Anglican missions agency, Church Army Africa's response is being encapsulated in something we call Vision 2015 or H.E.A.L. Africa. H.E.A.L. Africa is an effort to bring healing and positive transformation to communities across Africa by establishing a minimum of 3000 holistic churches by the year 2015. Each church will share the message and love of Christ and offer services in Health care, Education, Access to justice, and Leverage wealth creation. The first phase of Vision 2015 is H.E.A.L. Kenya and was officially launched through Church Army Africa in Nairobi on 18th March, 2009. Specific targets for Kenya are based on mandates from the A.C.K. Bishops and include: the creation of 1500 holistic churches, 20,000 new jobs, 500 digital villages, 500 trained chaplains across Kenya, and an Anglican secondary school in every province. In addition, Church Army Africa hopes to facilitate fostering of over 250,000 orphaned children and the implementation of a variety of other H.E.A.L. Programmes. The work has already begun. Grassroots training initiatives in various parts of Kenya have equipped nearly 80 pastors and evangelists who will work to plant or develop holistic churches during 2009. The Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Kenya, Most Rev. Dr. Capt. Benjamin Nzimbi, explained: "We have had many revivals in Africa, but never a reformation. What we need is a reformation of the church."

By reforming and equipping churches for holistic ministry, Church Army aims to dramatically transform communities across Africa and play a central role in achieving positive change for Christ.



The President of Church Army Africa, Most Rev. Capt. Dr. Benjamin Nzimbi, presents the new General Secretary.

MISSION TO SOUTH NYANZA - Sharing Christ's Story



Capt. Livingstone Nyanje coordinates The Jesus Film Ministry at Church Army Africa

In late February, The Jesus Film changed lives forever in Western Kenya. The mission to Southern Nyanza was organized by the Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. James Ochiel and was conducted in partnership between Life Ministries and Church Army Africa. It featured four days of intensive training for pastors and their spouses, and emphasized personal evangelism and communicating the Christian faith. There was full representation from clergy in the Diocese and the training equipped church leaders to be more effective witnesses for Christ in their communities.

After the first two days of seminars, teams of two were sent out to witness on the streets for a period of 45 minutes. The 28 people who participated in the training reached out to 61 individuals during that time, and 31 responded by surrendering their lives to Christ as personal Savior and Lord. Amazingly, some of those who accepted Christ came from religious backgrounds that are normally hostile to Christianity. The high rate of response demonstrated the clear working of the Holy Spirit and was an indication of a deep spiritual hunger in the area.

The next day, on 25th February, the Jesus Film was show at Homa Bay. Over 680 people, both adults and children attended the full event and were exposed to the life and love of Jesus Christ. Among those who were counted, 210 individuals accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. Even after the event was over, people continued to come to us and share their

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testimonies. The following morning, a man called Otieno came to the room where we were meeting for training and confessed that "Christ had been formed in his life", and he asked us to make sure that we do all we can to help him "remain a faithful child of God." Many of the pastors were also deeply moved as they watched the film. Rev. Raphael Shade shed tears of joy and recommitted his life and ministry to Jesus Christ.

We are trusting God for a major follow-up to see new believers connected with the church and strengthened in their faith. The local churches are actively involved in counseling and discipleship efforts for these new converts, and we thank God for the lives that have been forever transformed.

NEW DIMENSION - Empowering Youth For Positive Work

. In Africa today, youth represent the vast majority of the population. In many countries, the median age is only 15-20 years. In spite of their overwhelming presence, however, youth have little influence in politics or governance, and issues affecting youth are often ignored or not dealt with in a positive manner. One of the main concerns for youth across the continent is high unemployment and the lack of viable job opportunities. Graduating high school students find few jobs and often fall into idleness, prostitution, or crime while developing poor attitudes about work. As part of its H.E.A.L. Africa strategy, Church Army Africa is reaching out to youth with a Biblical perspective on work, while empowering them to create a host of new job opportunities. Youth workshops and training are already underway in Kenya to lay the groundwork for future economic empowerment initiatives.

In late March, Church Army Officers met with 25-30 youth leaders from churches in the Diocese of Machakos for forums on *Youth and Work*. During the meetings, youth discussed shortcomings in secondary school curricula and the need for business skills and training in business development and employment. Teachers shared about the Biblical view of work, developing a positive work ethic, con-

tributing to their communities, and starting and managing small businesses. Towards the end of the workshops, participants broke into groups and developed action plans for initiating two new income generating activities to provide jobs for youth: a Cafeteria in Machakos Town and Poultry Farming.



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During the Easter holidays, Church Army conducted training for thirty two members of the Tumaini African Foundation. The foundation was started by youth leaders from various churches within the Diocese of Kayole. It provides a forum for youth leaders to meet together and discuss matters of faith and culture and to address common challenges. One of the main areas the foundation is focusing on is economic empowerment through developing income generating activities. During workshops in the area, Church Army addressed issues of small business development and also provided training in mission work and youth mobilization. As part of the programme, youth coordinated an evangelistic presentation of The Jesus Film, as well as outreaches to children and single mothers. They also invited other youth to join for training on business and work. Income generating initiatives are already bearing fruit in the area. One group member was encouraged by Tumaini Africa to begin selling mandazis. He started with one packet of flour a day. Other youth members became his first customers and committed themselves to promote and encourage his business. Now the mandazi business is thriving and goes through one bail of flour every day.

LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT

They came late in the night on the 9th of March. Surprising security guards, slicing bars of iron, and shattering door frames. By the time it was over, most of our computers and office equipment had vanished.

For the third time in less than one year, we have faced a major burglary at Church Army Africa. Despite the presence of a metal gate, a perimeter wall of stone covered with broken glass, three security guards, a vicious watch dog, a panic button alarm system, three metal outer office doors, reinforced cedar office doors, iron bars on all the windows, and im-

penetrable padlocks, we find ourselves once again victims of late night thievery. For some reason, this particular gang of thieves likes to steal church and missionary computers and do away with them in the middle of the night. Both Carlile College and the Secretariat of Church Army Africa were affected. Fortunately, most of our data is saved. At this point, we are renting computers by the month and backing up data as often as possible. Please pray that the thieves in the night are found and that these regular raids on our offices cease!

A Song of Praise

“We have a strong city; God makes salvation its walls and ramparts. Open the gates that the righteous nation may enter, the nation that keeps faith. You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD, is the Rock Eternal.”

- Isaiah 26:1-4

Tribute to William Kamanja

Church Army Africa regrets to announce the death of one of its brightest young evangelists. Capt. William Kamanja passed away on the 16th of March following a struggle for life at Kenyatta National Hospital. Capt. Kamanja had been brutally attacked by a group of thugs while walking back from All Saints Cathedral. He had been beaten severely, knocked unconscious, and suffered massive hemorrhaging in the brain.

William Kamanja was only thirty four years of age and had recently graduated from Carile College with a higher diploma in Urban Mission. He was active with the Centre for Urban Mission and helped lead a variety of short term missions in the Anglican Church. During Christmas 2008, William traveled to Lake Turkana and then on to Southern Sudan where a mission team shared the gospel with the Turkana and Taposa people. William loved being with



these people and had planned to return and minister among them for an extended period. He felt there was a great need for evangelism since many had not heard about our Lord Jesus Christ.

William was active at All Saints Cathedral where he was a lay leader and helped out

with the youth. He also worked with St. Luke's Church where he served with Kibera Paper, an income generating project, where

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needy women learn to make and sell cards using recycled paper.

William was young, full of energy, and very passionate about ministry and evangelism in particular. He was always walking around with a smile on his face and loved to talk about the love of Christ and how he was being used by God for service in this life. He was a man who lived with Christ in his heart and valued Christ above all else. We are very sad to see him go but we know that he followed Jesus in this life and will be with Him in the next.

EVANGELISM IN PRISON

In early April, Church Army Africa conducted training at Nairobi Remand Prison for 26 prison wardens who serve in various parts of the city. The prison staff were very eager to learn and hungry to improve their knowledge and skills in prison ministry. They were trained in evangelism and discipleship and in how to set up and run home fellowship groups. The prison wardens developed an action plan for mission and evangelism within the prison departments and they appointed a chairman of evangelism to spearhead their work.



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CHURCH ARMY AFRICA'S UPCOMING EVENTS

6th-9th April – Mission to Kericho

10th-14th April – Youth Training and Easter Outreach in Kayole

14th- 16th April – Western Kenya Kayo Conference.

21st-24th April – Youth Seminar in Southern Nyanza Diocese.

4th-6th May – Voi, Taita Taveta Youth Workshops.

11th-18th May – Kericho Church Plant Workshop

14th-17th May – Mission to Busia. Jesus Film Show

1st-14th June – East Africa Urban Conference, All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi

7th-9th June – Urban Mission Conference in South Africa

8th June – Youth Workshop, Mombasa

12th June – Commissioning of new Officers

11th July – Thika Diocese Youth Workshops

13th-18th July – Mission to Lodwar Diocese. Training/Seminars

24th-31st July – Mission to Tanzania and Officers' Conference

9th-15th August – Mission to Eldoret Diocese.

Please **join us** in praying for the work of Vision 2015 and for these upcoming events.

Thank you for your generous support of Church Army Africa. We are in continual need of prayer and funding as we seek to implement H.E.A.L. Africa. Please consider supporting our work as we send out evangelists to equip the church and reach out to the least, the last and the lost.

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