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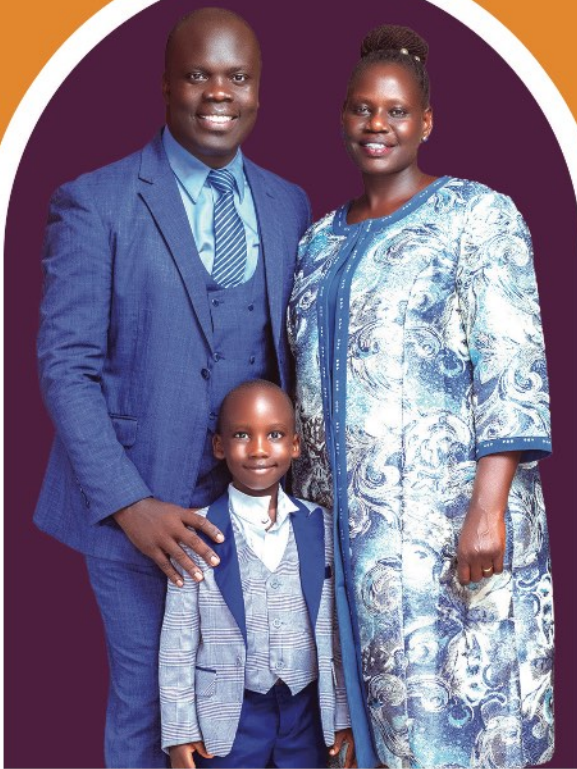
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MESSAGE FROM **THE LEAD PASTOR**

Emmanuel Odama, PhD

The Lord is Faithful

The day was Sunday, October 17th, 2021, in my apartment in Kagoshima City, Japan, when God used three people (unknown to each other) from three continents to speak Psalm 34:7 in my hearing that same day: "Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!" In response to this rather rare occurrence, I decided to start a period of prayer and fasting the following day to find out what could be in God's heart that He wanted me to know intimately, particularly since He had spoken to me the exact words three times through His servants the previous day.

Not knowing what to expect or how long that period of seeking God's face would last, I recall journaling the following words in my notepad for divine matters: "LORD, reveal Yourself to me in a more intimate and a deeper way, please; that is the desire of my heart." Thankfully and most blessedly, God faithfully granted the desire of my heart. Months into that period of prayer and fasting, the LORD graciously revealed Himself to me in a very intimate way, far beyond what even my wildest imagination could have envisioned!

It was during that sacred period that another word the LORD had spoken to me 27 years before received its next set of instructions, and that ultimately led to the founding of Hanamel Gospel Ministries, which was officially launched on Sunday, May 19th, 2024. Therefore, we are a Church-based Christian organization that believes in the saving and transforming power of the grace of God in Jesus Christ.

Happy First Anniversary!

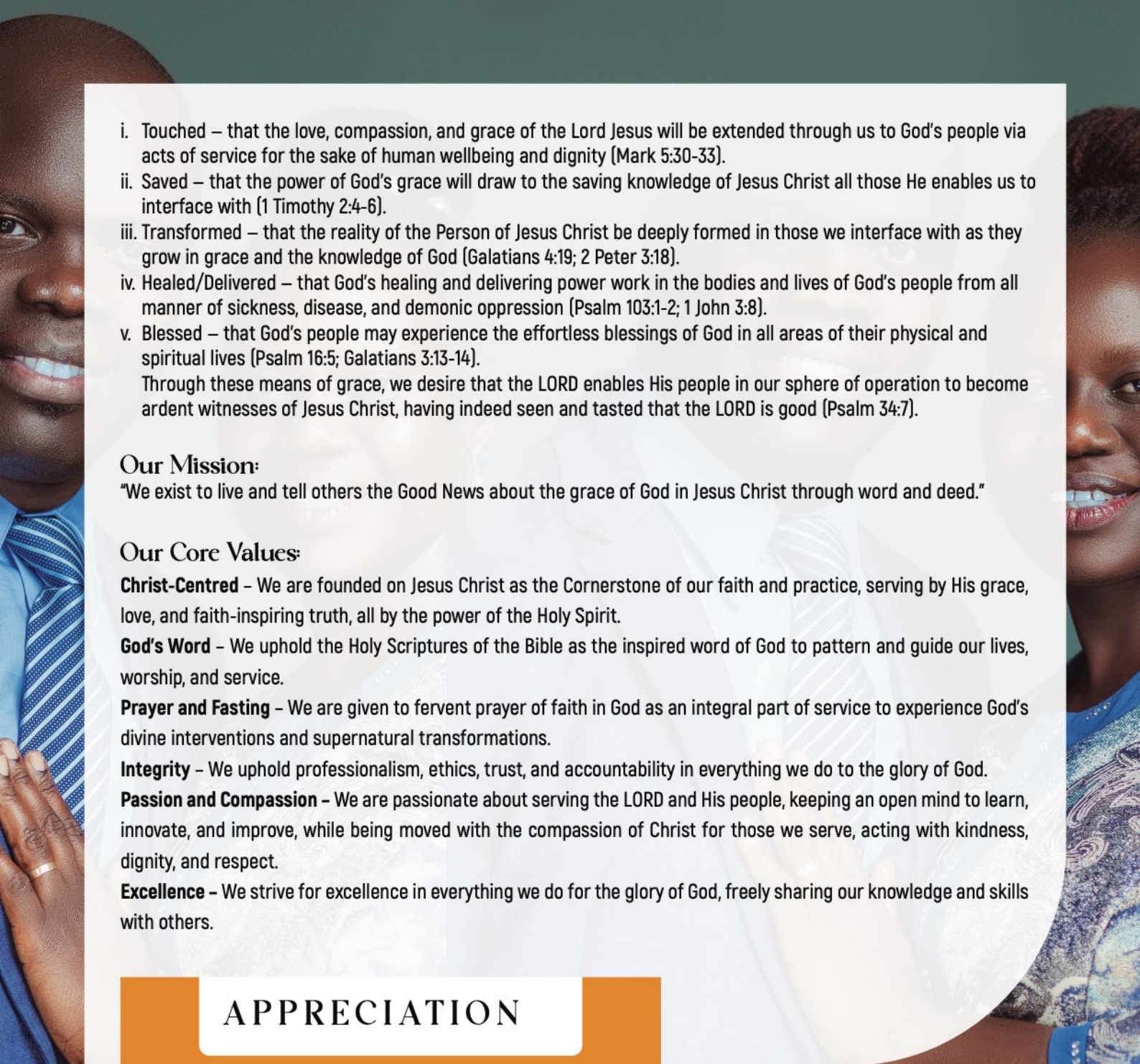
As we celebrate the first anniversary of Hanamel Gospel Ministries, a work sustained by God's grace, my wife Hope and I humbly invite you to join us in proclaiming, "To You, LORD, be all the glory and praise for preserving Hanamel Gospel Ministries for one full year." Hallelujah! In the last 365 days, we have witnessed the LORD do great and marvelous things indeed. By His grace, we saw many souls come to the saving knowledge of Christ both during church services and as we reached out with the Gospel; the LORD healed many of various medical conditions in our midst and through hospital outreach programs. God delivered a number from demonic oppression and torment as we prayed; God blessed His people in the Church in many ways; and the LORD also graciously kept adding onto our numbers and providing for His work.

Through God's gracious enablement, we have held weekly Sunday services (including children's church) since we launched; we started and have continued to corporately seek God's face through prayer and fasting every Friday; and we have continued to meet on the first Friday of every month for all-night prayer meetings. The LORD also enabled us to have our very first Christmas Carol service on December 24th, 2024; the very first Christmas service the following day; the very first prayer retreat at Biku Prayer Mountain from December 26th to 28th in Nebbi District; and the very first crossover prayer meeting on December 31st, 2024.

Who We Are

For those new to the Hanamel community, I would like to introduce you to us better. So, what does "Hanamel" mean? It is the Hebrew word for "the grace of God." In the Scriptures, a cousin brother of the prophet Jeremiah was named Hanamel (Jeremiah 32:8). As a Church, we envision "Every life touched, saved, and transformed by the power of God's grace in Christ Jesus." In that light, it is our

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- i. Touched – that the love, compassion, and grace of the Lord Jesus will be extended through us to God's people via acts of service for the sake of human wellbeing and dignity (Mark 5:30-33).
 - ii. Saved – that the power of God's grace will draw to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ all those He enables us to interface with (1 Timothy 2:4-6).
 - iii. Transformed – that the reality of the Person of Jesus Christ be deeply formed in those we interface with as they grow in grace and the knowledge of God (Galatians 4:19; 2 Peter 3:18).
 - iv. Healed/Delivered – that God's healing and delivering power work in the bodies and lives of God's people from all manner of sickness, disease, and demonic oppression (Psalm 103:1-2; 1 John 3:8).
 - v. Blessed – that God's people may experience the effortless blessings of God in all areas of their physical and spiritual lives (Psalm 16:5; Galatians 3:13-14).

Through these means of grace, we desire that the LORD enables His people in our sphere of operation to become ardent witnesses of Jesus Christ, having indeed seen and tasted that the LORD is good (Psalm 34:7).

Our Mission:

"We exist to live and tell others the Good News about the grace of God in Jesus Christ through word and deed."

Our Core Values:

Christ-Centred – We are founded on Jesus Christ as the Cornerstone of our faith and practice, serving by His grace, love, and faith-inspiring truth, all by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God's Word – We uphold the Holy Scriptures of the Bible as the inspired word of God to pattern and guide our lives, worship, and service.

Prayer and Fasting – We are given to fervent prayer of faith in God as an integral part of service to experience God's divine interventions and supernatural transformations.

Integrity – We uphold professionalism, ethics, trust, and accountability in everything we do to the glory of God.

Passion and Compassion – We are passionate about serving the LORD and His people, keeping an open mind to learn, innovate, and improve, while being moved with the compassion of Christ for those we serve, acting with kindness, dignity, and respect.

Excellence – We strive for excellence in everything we do for the glory of God, freely sharing our knowledge and skills with others.

APPRECIATION

To the dear Hanamel family, our hearts overflow with warmth and gratitude for each of you. Hope and I are profoundly touched by your unwavering dedication to God's work. Your loving support and earnest prayers have strengthened and lifted us to serve the LORD with renewed zeal. We thank you, Pastors, Leaders, and the congregation, from the depths of our hearts. May the LORD continue to bless and transform all of us by His grace and compassion.

To our cherished friends and partners, and the management of Desert Breeze Hotel, Arua City, we sincerely appreciate your unwavering trust and support in God's work through Hanamel Gospel Ministries. Your prayers and commitment inspire us. May the Lord abundantly bless your efforts and prosper your endeavours. Thank you, and we look forward to continuing this journey together.

As we embark on the next journey ahead of us, together and by God's grace, let our commitment to serve keep getting stronger.

In conclusion, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 15:58 KJV). Yours in God's grace,

Emmanuel Odama, PhD.
LEAD PASTOR

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CELEBRATING OUR MILESTONE

As Chairperson Organizing Committee of the First Anniversary of Hanamel Gospel Ministries, it is an honor to reflect on the remarkable journey that has brought us thus far. Our first anniversary is a testimony of the hard work, dedication and passion of our Vision Bearer, Pastor Dr. Emmanuel Odama, the entire pastoral team, other team leaders and the whole of the Hanamel family. This milestone is not only a celebration of God's faithfulness but a testament to the dedication, unity, and faith of our leaders and the congregation that enabled us to come this far. Together, we've seen how the Lord has sustained us and bound us together by His grace, love and compassion, creating a space for true worship, fellowship, and outreach that truly reflects the love of Christ. It has been a privilege watching this ministry evolve, grow, and thrive.

As chairperson, together with my committee, we planned, executed tasks, initiatives and activities to celebrate our legacy as we look to the future. It has been a labor of love, and I am grateful to all committee members for their unwavering commitment.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to our anniversary celebrations financially, spiritually, and in kind. Your support, enthusiasm and dedication have made this day possible.

As we celebrate this, we are also mapping the future for which I call on the Hanamel family to build on our successes and continue to make a positive impact in the various departments in which God has called us to serve so that we may make a difference in our community as a whole.

To many more celebrations of sharing the love and compassion of Christ through word and deed.

Eyokia Jill Dawa

Chairperson, First Anniversary Committee
Hanamel Gospel Ministries



PASTORAL TEAM



WHEN DUTY CALLED

It is often said that Christians are like soldiers on earth. This could be largely due to the fact that it is expected of us to be ready to heed to the call, instruction and leadership of the Lord anytime and anywhere regarding spiritual assignments. The weight of this call leaves one in a position where you can do nothing BUT respond "Yes Lord".

As events unfolded from 19th May 2025, the reality of God's call upon us to serve at Hanamel became real every single day. It became clear that this was a call to duty like never before. The Lord has been gracious enough to enable us to obediently and steadily follow after His leading so that He does what He wishes to do with and through Hanamel.

He has not only used us BUT keeps teaching us daily to walk as He leads, helping us to see the way He sees and using His people to touch our lives as the Pastoral team. As His people see transformation by Grace and Compassion, we have not been an exception, because He (God) established Hanamel to grow us all.

We have been able to come together to serve God and look forward to more opportunities the Lord keeps availing through Hanamel. We appreciate everyone who fellowships with us for choosing to be part of what God is doing in our Land. We encourage you to allow the Lord to transform you by His grace and Compassion. It is also desirable that you get involved in the rest of the Church activities so that our collective service unto God may have the kind of effect that it should have. As we get involved in the Church's activities, let us all appreciate that it is a call to duty. We love you as the pastoral team.

Pariyo Roland Jerry
Pastoral Team Leader



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lives for the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ...
spending and being spent
for the sake of the Gospel.

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THE CALL

No, I had no idea I would be on this path today. I gave my life to Christ in 1993. As a young child, I came in contact with the compassion of my Lord Jesus Christ on an Easter Sunday evening, and that moment, pristine as it was, changed my life forever. Like any other child, I had to grow in wisdom, stature and in favour with God and man.

At 13 years old, the Lord put me under the care of a group of His servants who nurtured me physically and spiritually and from whom I learned the ABCs of being a true follower of Christ Jesus. Deep inside me, I always knew I had a calling to serve the Most High, but the nitty-gritty of the service is what I never received for a very long time. Like the young David, I kept myself busy "tending my sheep" as any normal human would, until May 2014, when I had a mighty visitation from the Lord.

Even after this visitation, I still lived in denial as my conscious could not come to terms with the 'hows' and the 'whys' of the call, because I always looked at this path as an outsider. But then, after that encounter, the messages never stopped. I was like a sleeper-cell agent who had been activated for the long-awaited mission. Periodically, they would come in and all I would do would be to receive them and note them down, especially the ones that I felt were too heavy for me. Fast forward, 2019, the Lord physically detached me from what I called my community then and placed me in solitude for 4 years, which I now came to understand was a separation and a pruning because of the things that happened to me through that period.

One evening, in the month of April 2024, it is raining, everybody is in the living room enjoying a movie, the Lord asks me to open the door and go outside, which I obeyed. I am on the balcony of my house, pacing up and down, praying and waiting on the Lord. The wind is blowing strong and the sky, flashing lights periodically as if to tell me, the big moment is here. And then He says, "Say Yes to My Call." I will tell you the truth, I had no idea of the magnitude of what my Lord was asking me to say yes to, but being the soldier that I am, Yes Sir, was my response.

The next day is when I received the posting to Hanamel Gospel Ministries, Praise the Lord! It has been an extremely beautiful first year of the Lord's faithfulness, serving in Hanamel, which I fondly like to call the Gathering of the Lord's Remnant. From the 19th of May, 2024, when He called me into the deep, Like Job says in his book, I HAVE SEEN THE LORD. He has daily walked with me on this journey, tenderly leading my every step and growing me into His service.

I am grateful for the leadership of our Lead Pastor, Dr. Emmanuel Odama, who has ably played the role of a spiritual father and mentor with all humility, patience and love. It's an honor serving our Lord Jesus side by side with you.

And now, let me re-introduce myself, I am Dah - Yah - Nah, spelled as Diana, a bond servant of my Lord, Jesus Christ.

Happy first birthday, Hanamel Gospel Ministries.

Pastor
Diana Santiago



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As we reflect on the incredible journey that Hanamel Worship Ministry has taken, we can only say, “Ebenezer!”—thus far, God has been faithful. From our humble beginnings to where we stand today, we are filled with gratitude for how far God has brought us.

Worship is an essential expression of love and reverence toward God, recognizing His greatness and holiness. It transforms us spiritually, drawing us closer to God’s presence and aligning our hearts with His will and not forgetting, it also rejuvenates our souls. Psalm 29:2. Worship is not just an optional practice but a command from God (Exodus 34:14)

Hanamel Worship Team started with 8 passionate individuals, and by His grace, we have grown to 14 talented and gifted members. Each member has been uniquely touched and led by the Holy Spirit, and we are deeply thankful for the opportunity to serve in God’s vineyard. Preserved for this very moment and season, the team leads Hanamel Congregation into God’s presence through praise and worship sessions in church events. Our desire is to minister through powerful, soul-stirring worship songs that not only proclaim the name of Jesus but also spread His love and Grace locally and globally.

In keeping with our core values, we are committed to growing in both numbers and faith. We strive to serve our Lord Jesus Christ with humility, dignity and integrity.

Nabadda Saidat Catherine
Team Leader, Worship Team



CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



Also Note >



A Year of Blessings

This first anniversary of Hanamel Gospel Ministries fills my heart with gratitude as I reflect on a year spent with our precious children in the Sunday school class. Each session has been a delightful mix of learning, laughter, and spiritual growth, enriching their lives and mine.

From the moment our little ones entered the class a Sunday after the launch of the ministry a year ago, I was reminded of Jesus' welcoming words in Matthew 19:14, "Let the little children come to me..." Their pure and eager hearts have continually inspired us to teach with passion and sincerity. Together with my fellow teachers, Pamela and Gilbert, we have witnessed, firsthand, how simple stories from the Bible transform into powerful lessons of faith, hope, and love in their young minds.

Every Sunday has been filled with activities that not only captured their attention but also planted seeds of spiritual truth. Through songs, interactive storytelling, and creative arts, the children learned about God's love in ways that were both fun and meaningful. In every smile and every thoughtful question, I saw the promise of Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go..." This promise has been a guiding light as we strive to nurture their spiritual journey, trusting that the lessons we share today will shape their tomorrow.

This journey has been transformative for us as well. The simple faith of these little ones has reminded us to approach each day with childlike wonder and a renewed commitment to God's Word. Their honesty and pure joy have challenged us to embrace humility and to continually seek a deeper understanding of God's grace. We have learned that teaching is not just about imparting knowledge; it is about living out the love and compassion of Christ in every interaction.

As we celebrate this milestone, I am filled with hope for the future. I pray that God will continue to bless our children with His wisdom and that each lesson shared in the Sunday school class becomes a stepping stone toward a lifetime of faith. Thank you for allowing us to be part of this wonderful journey. We look forward to another year of growing, learning, and living in the light of His everlasting grace. With a grateful heart,

Mrs Odama Hope
Sunday School Teacher



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Weekly | Monthly Schedule

Sunday Service - 9am to 12pm at Desert Breeze Hotel

Prayer and Fasting - Every Friday 6am to 6pm

Wrap Up Hour - 6pm to 7pm at Scripture Union Base

All Night Prayer Meeting, First Friday of Every Month



TESTIMONIES

The Magnificence of God's Presence

Christian greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Hanamel Gospel Ministries serves as a physical representation of God's plan to restore and establish His people in the West Nile region of Uganda. My personal encounter with the awesome presence of God was sparked by a deep understanding of His word, which left me yearning for more. This experience resonates within my soul, keeping it vibrant and alive.

The incredible presence of God at Hanamel Gospel Ministries is something to be desired and sought after. It is a place for profound spiritual encounters. I am truly grateful for the richness of God's word. The presence of God here is beyond what words can describe. One of the standout experiences for me has been the profound interpretation of Scripture. The teaching style is incredibly engaging, making it a joy to learn and absorb God's message. The choir's performance is so uplifting that it brings tears of joy—truly a beautiful atmosphere to be part of.

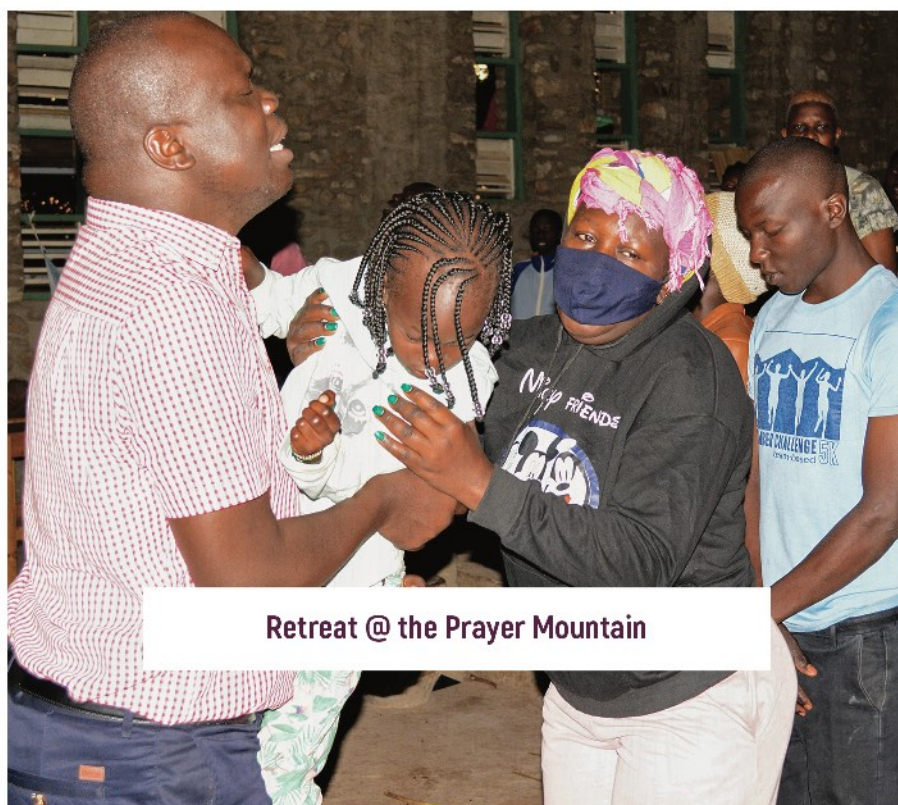
Hanamel Gospel Ministries is a place of transformation. I vividly remember a Sunday when a Muslim man entered our church during the closing session. He expressed his desire to convert to Christianity, sharing that he was tired of Islam and had been seeking help. His presence in our church was a clear sign of God's work in action. I reassured him of his decision and directed him to meet with our pastor. The children's class has been transformative for my kids. They've learned to recite and memorize scriptures, and I've noticed real growth in their understanding and character as a result.

From what I sense through the Holy Spirit about HGM, I believe that in less than five years since its foundation, God will fully establish His house, and His presence will reside permanently among His people.

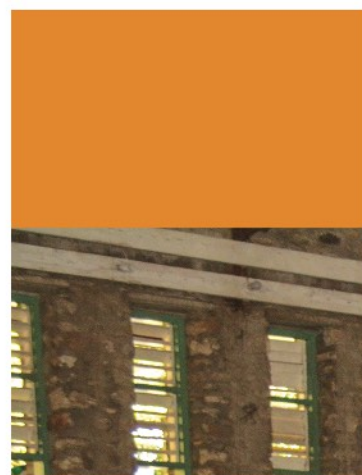
Glory be to the Lord God!

Almike Patrick

Church Member



Retreat @ the Prayer Mountain



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Testimony from 'Miles'

Praise be to Jesus Christ for He delivered me from over 7 years' struggle of pornography and masturbation. I was so addicted that in as much as I had wanted to stop the act as a believer, I couldn't. I prayed all the prayers I knew to pray, confessed all the words I knew to confess but nothing seemed to change. I tried seeking help online and I landed on videos that seemed to be condoning the act saying it's healthy, others said it's not a sin because the Bible didn't condemn it except sexual immorality. My condition became worse because of the kind of knowledge I was exposing myself to. I was always afraid, depressed, frustrated and had low self-esteem.

My turning point started when I met Pastor Emma. He was so friendly and I felt I could share everything with him. There was a day when I read James 5:16, and I immediately texted him on WhatsApp about my predicament, and his response was encouraging. He offered to pray with me and share with me some words of wisdom and encouragement from the Word of God when we met at a prayer retreat organized by Hanamel Gospel Ministries.

From the words he shared, I realized that the word of God truly has the power to deliver. I focused so much on the words of wisdom and encouragement that he shared, such that I would apply them in order to be free indeed. When I came back from the prayer retreat, I cannot forget that special day: I sat alone at home in the sitting room, basically doing nothing, and a thought came as usual recommending the acts for me. As I was struggling with decision making at that point in time and was about to fall, I remembered the words spoken by Pastor Emma saying that the Holy Spirit is able and more than willing to deliver me from this predicament, I should just pray to Him believing that He is and that I should have an unwavering faith besides the many words he spoke at the prayer mountain.

Immediately, I became angry within me. I am someone who finds it hard to cry, but I suddenly started crying while praying, then a voice told me, and I believe that was the Holy Spirit saying, "Cast out the devil, don't just bind him." I did just that, and immediately a shadow-like being came out of me and went out of the house through the door as I saw, and I suddenly felt very light. This happened when my eyes were wide open at mid-day in broad day light, it wasn't in a vision. Seeing that happen, I knew my deliverance had come.

I became so happy that I couldn't wait to pick up my phone and call Pastor Emma to break the good news of the Lord's goodness to me, which I did later that day. From that day till now, I can't remember a day of indulging in the acts of watching pornography and masturbation. I know that I am free forever, for whoever the Son of God sets free is free indeed.

My encouragement to others facing the same predicament is that, the difference between your current level and your next level is knowledge (of the truth—the word of God), and it has the power to deliver. The Bible says that you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free (John 8:32). Avoid watching and listening to sounds that are so erotic and frivolous, because just like Lot settled near Sodom and by the time the Lord was going to rescue him before destroying Sodom, he was found in the middle of Sodom. So don't take chances; be intentional with what you watch and hear, so that as the Lord is delivering you from that act, your deliverance will be permanent in Jesus' name. Just know that the Holy Spirit is able and more than willing to deliver you completely in Jesus' mighty name.

Miles (not the real name)

A Church Member



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