

Newsletter

November 2021

Dear Friends,

As we reach the end of 2021, we celebrate that our students can sit the final exams to complete their studies and leave GWC to begin the ministry for which they came to be equipped, or continue their learning journey and progress to further studies. 2022 has a good number of students coming to study and we are thankful to God for raising up new servants for His kingdom work. I hope you enjoy reading the following news from students and faculty concerning their studies and research in 2021, and the new developments taking place with the Explore programme.

Thank you for your prayers and support, please continue to partner with us, as together we strive to increase Africa's share in the Kingdom of God.



The Rev Dr. Mark Dickson



The God of the Bible

by **The Rev. Dr Mark Dickson, Principal - Part 1**

A lot of news today is fake news. So, if you see a news report online or on a news channel, you always have to ask yourself: Is it real, is it made up, is it true?

A lot of what we think is true about the world we live in is not based on our personal experience. A great deal of our knowledge is not something we ourselves picked up first hand. Instead, the bulk of it has come to us from what our parents told us, or from our friends, or from our teachers at school or university, or from social media and from Netflix series, or from computer gaming. On a whole range of different topics, all of us believe certain things to be true, even though we didn't observe these first hand or read up on them ourselves.

But we all know people do make up stories. We know that fake news exists. We also know only too well that there are different ways of telling history. James Cameron, who 25 years ago made the film

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Titanic with Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet, modified the actual history behind the sinking of that famous ship. All of us know, I'm sure, about this ship that people said could never be sunk, not even by God, and which, on its maiden voyage, struck an iceberg and then sank below the icy waters of the North Atlantic in 1912 with a loss of 1500 lives. In the film, Cameron shows the third-class passengers being locked below deck, which historically never happened. Cameron also distorted the behaviour of first-class passengers in his film, because modern film audiences, he said, would never accept depictions of the sacrificial behaviour that really occurred.

The sobering fact is that when real history is in conflict with the narrative that storytellers want to tell, then it is history that gets changed or given spin. This means that there is always a surprise in store for those who want to dig up the original sources.

Now, suppose for a moment that what you believe about God suffers from much the same kind of problem. Some things we believe about Him would be challenged if we checked them out for ourselves. Some of what we know about God is what we have picked up along the way. People, therefore, are quite surprised to hear what the Bible says about God.

Listen to how the Bible talks about God in Acts 17:24-31:

24-29 "The God who made the world and everything in it, is the Lord of heaven and earth, and he doesn't live in temples or custom-made shrines nor does he need the human race to run errands for him, as if he couldn't take care of himself. He makes the creatures; the creatures don't make him. Starting from scratch, he made the entire human race and made the earth hospitable, with plenty of time and space for living, in order that we could seek after God, and not just grope around in the dark but actually find him. He doesn't play hide-and-seek with us. He's not remote; he's near. We live and move in him, can't get away from him. One of the poets said it well: 'We're the God-created.' Well... if we are the God-created, it doesn't make a lot of sense to think we could hire a sculptor to fashion a god out of gold or silver, or chisel a statue out of stone for us...now does it?

30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

Let's notice some of God's qualities from this piece.

The Bible says that God created the world for us to live in, which means it is wrong-headed of us to think about making a house for Him to live in! I remember Dick Lucas drawing my attention to this many years ago. We are naturally wrong-headed when it comes to thinking about God. Human beings, as a reflex, think it must be the other way around. We think that what we need to do is build a place for God to live. By nature, we think God needs temples and needs human worship. But the Bible says that God is not really into church buildings and religion. Does that surprise you?

We also read here that the God of the Bible is the giver of good gifts. He is the kind of God who provided all the good things we have around us and that we enjoy. But by nature we get this back to front as well. And so, we think that God needs us to give Him things.

We even think that God needs us to tell Him how life should be...the Bible, however, says it's the other way around. The God of the Bible doesn't depend on human beings for anything. It is actually us who depend on Him more than we can ever know.

As we head into the Christmas season and advent, it is good for us to remember that the God of the Bible is like that.

Heading for Ministry in Ireland But God had Other Plans

On their way to minister in Ireland, alumnus, Ivan de Lima Goncalves and his wife, Adina, and their daughter were grounded indefinitely, due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, while visiting family in Adina's home town of Moreni in Romania. As a result, they have settled in Moreni and are ministering in the local church and their community. Here is an extract from Ivan's August 2021 newsletter.

"We are thankful to be here in Romania. We are serving in a village church in Bratasanca, a village 20 minutes away from Moreni. Adina is enjoying living close to family and we spent last semester making connections and meeting up with old friends in the area. It has been very fruitful and encouraging to see our Lord giving us the opportunity to talk about the gospel with our friends and community."



"There are so many gospel opportunities in Romania that sometimes we feel overwhelmed. But at the moment, we are concentrating on discipleship, growing in knowing God and evangelism within the congregation in Bratasanca. We started our first small group in February, made up of mainly young families within the church and completed a series that investigates the core of the gospel by working through the Gospel of Mark, called Christianity Explored. The group enjoyed working through the content and having fellowship around the word of God. There is a willingness and hunger to keep meeting and digging into God's word. Our plan for 2021 is to complete the Christianity Explored series with all members of the church. Since February, Adina has been leading a women's fellowship group. They have been studying Philippians and also tackling some pressing topics (evangelism, testimony and living out the gospel), all of which will help in building up the church. One of the biggest challenges for our small groups, and the church in general in Bratasanca, is the inward focus of Christian life, which very often excludes reaching out to the lost...Please do pray for us to "reach in" within the church congregation so that, together, we can "reach out" for Christ! Last month we completed the Christianity Explored series with a group of non-Christians in Moreni, made up of neighbours and connections that we have established through random conversations in playgrounds and the park. We praise Him because seeds have been sown, hearts have been challenged and Christ was exalted. Please pray for this small group of non-Christians - that the Lord will open blind eyes. Pray, also, for wisdom and courage to boldly proclaim Christ without fearing men."

Join us in giving thanks that Ivan and Adina have had such Gospel opportunity in God's providence despite the pandemic changing their plans. Would you please pray for them as they continue to minister to this community? If you would like to support a GWC student, please [click here](#) to make a once off or regular donation to GWC bursaries.



Alumnus in Africa

A doctoral student under the auspices of GWC’s Evangelical Research Fellowship, Tekalign Negewo, returned to his home country of Ethiopia in September 2021 having submitted his doctoral thesis in New Testament studies for examination. Tekalign wrote to us in thanks and brought us up-to-date with his current ministry work.



“Greetings from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,

I am writing this email to acknowledge the enormous support I received from George Whitefield College through the Evangelical Research Fellowship to undertake a PhD study in New Testament at Stellenbosch University. Without the support I got from your institution, I would not (be) able to finish my study. Therefore, I want to thank you. Now I have submitted my paper and am waiting for the examination and defense. Recently I have signed an agreement to work as a Translation Advisor with Wycliffe Ethiopia Bible Translation Association (WEBTA) and also I have an offer to teach on a part-time basis at Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology as well as Evangelical Theological College.”

Students from the ERF generally go on to teach at seminaries or to minister at churches in Africa. Through their participation in the ERF’s stimulating intellectual environment, these students receive an advanced-level education that better equips them as theologians and teachers that will shape the church in Africa.

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Faculty updates

Out-going Faculty – Ross Anderson

Since retiring, faculty member, Ross Anderson, has registered at the University of the Western Cape (UWC) to do a PhD in missiology (church and society). His preproposal was accepted at the end of last year and he subsequently completed and submitted his Research Proposal in September 2021. This has been accepted by the University Committee for Higher Degrees and he will begin to write up his thesis, which he aims to complete by November 2024. His PhD title is The attack on St James Church: Assumptions on church-and-society in responses of the Church of England in South Africa.

We asked Ross to give us insight into his 12-year tenure as faculty at GWC.



Describe your 12-year tenure as a faculty member, and Lindy's as dean of women - and currently dean of faculty wives and women staff at GWC.

For both Lindy and I, our 12 years of full-time service at GWC have been happy and fulfilling. We are greatly blessed to have been part of the GWC family.

What has been at the heart of your journey?

The kingdom of God. And of course our beloved students, fellowship, community, teaching, Explore and too much admin! Over the years I taught Deuteronomy, Biblical Theology, NT Greek 2B, Mark's Gospel, John's Gospel, Romans, the Pastoral Epistles, various modules on preaching and the three missiology modules.

How did developments and growth at GWC impact you?

It was exciting, humbling, and all positive – including the upgrading of our campus and the completion of the Hope Mothlope Student Centre, a world class residential building with the best food in Cape Town!

Did you find yourself having to equip students in new and non-academic ways to cope with the pressures of ministry in 21st Century Africa?

Yes. Our weekly Fellowship Groups are important times for prayer, devotion, mutual encouragement and building each other up in the Lord. We actively pray and work for our community (staff and students) to grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus.

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How have later intakes of students been different in their approach to theological studies than the ones who have gone before?

The world context is different, not so much the students. The South African and global context has changed significantly over the past 12 years, e.g. the devastating effects of global warming for many countries in Africa; the growing use of social media which fueled mass protest movements such as #BlackLivesMatter, #MeToo, Rhodes must fall, fees must fall; more recently the lawless looting in KZN and Gauteng; gender-based violence; the new apartheid; and the COVID-19 pandemic. All this raises major questions in relation to church-and-society and missiology. In our own denomination important documents have been circulated dealing with racism, systemic racism, inequality and transformation. As a result, later intakes of students have had their hands full trying to process all these events and changes, and it has been our duty and privilege to help equip our students to engage with these realities from a biblical point of view, always remembering that although God's kingdom is not yet consummated, it has been inaugurated.

We are thankful for the faithful service of Ross and Lindy over the years and are pleased that Ross will continue to teach Missiology in 2022.

Recent addition to Tutoring Staff – Thapelo Khumalo

Rev. Thapelo Khumalo graduated with a Bachelors in Theology from GWC in 2010, studying further and receiving his Master's in Theology through UNISA in 2017. His dissertation is focused on the relationship between John Calvin's theology and his pastoral ministry. He served as a campus director with The Bible Talks student ministry at the University of KwaZulu-Natal for seven years until 2019, also serving as assistant minister at Christ Church Glenwood in Durban (REACH SA) during this time. At the beginning of 2020, Thapelo joined GWC as a part-time tutor in the Systematic Theology department, responsible for lecturing selected modules and using his knowledge to assist students outside of lecture time. He is currently studying towards a PhD in Theology with a focus on Church History.



We asked Thapelo what it was like to return to GWC after 11 years and relocate his family to living on GWC campus in a new city in the teeth of the unforeseen pandemic and lockdown.

“It was strange at first, GWC is the same yet different. The campus has grown and there are a lot more faculty and staff. There is a lot more diversity in the staff and there is a lot more structure, in that different departments have been instituted. Today, there are many more post-graduate students due to GWC's accreditation, but fewer doctoral students. I tutor a second semester subject, so in the first semester of 2020 and 2021, I have been able to focus on my PhD. Teaching online was unexpected and constituted a learning curve. I tutor a student ministry module and had prepared for being in the classroom. Initially, I found teaching academics online daunting – made easier by having already worked in student ministry. 2021 has been less difficult – online teaching has become familiar. Working from home is not my first choice, with its lack of segregation between work and personal life, and not seeing people. But it has forced me to get organised and manage my time well.”

We are thankful to the partners who support Thapelo as he continues his faculty development journey, and those donors who have helped GWC transition to online learning in the last two years.

Remote Faculty – Steve Rockwell

In the middle of 2021, it became clear to Australian faculty member, Stephen Rockwell, that his family's need to renew their South African visas at the end of 2021 was going to present a serious problem. By July, Australia had firmly shut its borders due to a small increase in COVID-19 infections and decreased the number of Australians allowed to re-enter the country. Two more problems came to light when Steve consulted with an immigration specialist: His wife Susan's passport was also due to expire early in 2022 and South African Home Affairs was lagging in visa turnaround time, with the usual two-month visa process now taking around eight months. To make matters worse, around the time of the civil unrest in KwaZulu-Natal, the Australian High Commission in Pretoria shut their doors to all but emergencies. Unsure what to do, the Rockwell family prayed that God would help them find a solution and make the right decision.



Shortly afterward, the Rockwell family received a communique from the Australian High Commission, aimed at encouraging expatriate Australians to “hang in there and stay safe” and announcing an increase in government-initiated repatriation flights for Australians around the world – but none from Africa. However, a few days later, chatting to an Australian friend, Steve heard about a single repatriation flight for Australians in South Africa. He immediately contacted the High Commission, but, needless to say, the flight was already booked solid. Hopefully the Australian government would recognise the need for more such flights out of South Africa.

Then, early in August, Susan received an out-of-the-blue call from a representative from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra, calling to offer the Rockwell family six seats on the next repatriation flight out of South Africa – if they wanted them. They had been warned about scams like this – Steve took the phone from Susan and was very caustic with the person on the line until it became clear – this was no scam. It transpired that a handful of seats are reserved for allocation to Australians abroad, perceived to be in a vulnerable position. They were given 24-hours to confirm they wanted seats on this flight, scheduled to depart two weeks later. After much prayer and deliberation, Steve and Susan decided they had to catch the flight. It was a tough decision. It was not what they wanted, but it was a miracle they had been chosen. God had answered their prayers – they were spared from becoming illegal immigrants.

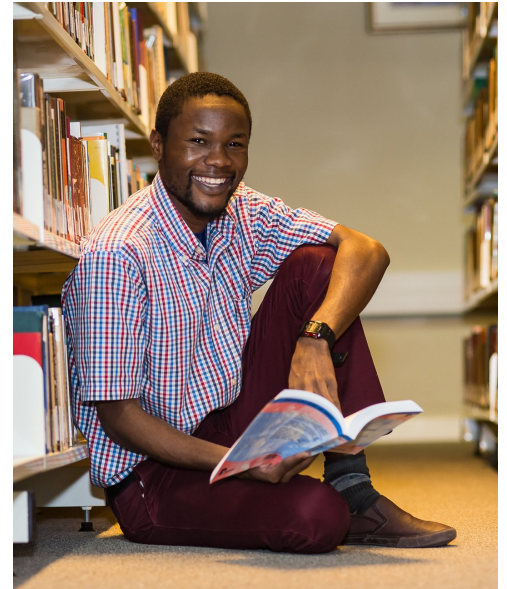
Faced with the prospect of returning to Sydney without a home or car, Steve phoned his Australian-based boss with the news of their unexpected arrival. In God's providence, it so happened that Steve's sending church were sitting with an unoccupied ministry house. On the turn, the Rockwell's were granted free use of this home until the end of the year. A few weeks later, arriving at their new home after two grueling weeks in quarantine in Darwin, the family found the house to be furnished with beds made up and a pantry full of groceries – along with flowers and gift hampers. All-in-all, they have experienced an amazing outpouring of love and welcome from their Christian family in Australia.

Steve will remain employed full-time as a faculty member at GWC, lecturing remotely until the end of 2021. GWC's Academic Administrator Officer, Sigrid Holscher, has juggled Steve's schedule so that his lectures take place in the early evening, Australian time. Though, he does find himself having faculty meetings and committee meetings in the early hours of the morning. As for future ministry plans, there are several avenues currently being explored and it is the Rockwell's family's hope that God will allow them to serve Him in whatever way He chooses best, to the honour of His glory. While it has been a tough and unsettling season, being unexpectedly torn from their lives in South Africa, the Rockwell family are resting in God for the future.

Recent addition to lecturing staff – White Zibophe

GWC postgraduate student, White Zibophe, graduated with a Master of Theology degree at the end of 2020. His research project focused on the role of the ancient nation of Edom in the Old Testament prophetic books, exploring what it meant for Edom to be considered a “brother” nation to Israel, and outlining some of the theology of brotherhood that arises as a consequence.

At the beginning of 2021 White took up a position as a part-time faculty member at GWC, lecturing second year BTh students on the former prophets in the Old Testament books of Joshua, Judges, 1&2 Samuel and 1&2 Kings. He will continue to lecture in this subject in 2022 and will be teaching Hebrew to second year students. White has been accepted at North West University as a PhD student focusing on Old Testament studies.



Incoming Faculty – Dr Jake Griesel

Dr Jake Griesel has spent the past two years at GWC as a postdoctoral research fellow, after having completed his PhD in historical theology at the University of Cambridge. He is set to join the full-time faculty in 2022 as Lecturer in Church History and Anglican Studies.

Here is short video preview that tells more about Jake’s academic area of historical theology.



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Incoming Lecturer – Ikho Poswayo

Ikho Poswayo, who is currently completing her BTh (Hons) at GWC, will be joining the college in 2022 as a junior lecturer. Ikho's teaching focus will be in biblical studies and she will continue furthering her studies in biblical counselling. Here is an extract from an article titled "*How the Original Languages Can Benefit the African Church*" that Ikho wrote for The Gospel Coalition, Africa Edition, published in September 2021.

"I've had many instances where I have been thankful for having been taught the original (Bible) languages. One of those was when I wanted to memorise Psalm 46 in my own language. My hardcopy of the isiXhosa Bible is a reprint of the 1975 version. Thus it wasn't long before I realised I didn't know half of the vocabulary in the psalm. So I accessed the 1996 version. This was better. But even here I encountered words that required me to ask my family for their meaning. The problem was, I got different answers. Worse still, for some of the words my family weren't even sure of the meaning. They could only translate the word when I read it in context. So, I decided to translate the psalm for myself from Hebrew to isiXhosa. This was a great joy."

"Reflecting on the above experience, a couple of things came to mind. The first was the excitement of realising that there are nuances in Hebrew that were more easily translatable into isiXhosa than English...But it also highlighted the importance for translating from the original languages rather than from other translations."

[Click here to read the full article](#)



New Testament Lecturer – Masimba Yuba



GWC alumnus, Masimba Yuba, finished his Master of Theology degree at the end of 2019 and is currently doing his curacy at St. James Church in Kenilworth as assistant to the Director of Campus Ministries. His Master's thesis topic is, "*The Function of the Pharisees in Luke-Acts: A Narrative Critical Approach*".

In 2021, GWC invited Masimba to lecture a second semester module of the Gospel of Mark to first year BTh students. We asked Masimba how he found being on the "other side of the lectern" and how he found lecturing online. "I have eighteen students in my class between the ages of 18 and 35 years old – but most in their late 20's, Masimba told us. "This is my first time taking part in academic lecturing and have found it to be time intensive, preparing lecture

material for my module for the first time. It is different to preparing to preach from God's Word in a church context, as I have had to consider all angles and arguments when unpacking Mark's gospel. I have been growing my students in the tools they need to get to grips with Scripture, not just providing information. While lectures in person would have been more interactive than they are online, I have found lecturing and interacting with students enjoyable and very rewarding."



1 & 2 Kings comes alive for Bible academics and the Church

GWC faculty member, Dr Nathan Lovell, is Director of Postgraduate Studies and senior lecturer in Old Testament and Hebrew at the college. In 2019, Nathan was awarded a doctorate based on his thesis entitled, "*The Book of Kings and Exilic Identity: 1 and 2 Kings as a Work of Political Historiography*", in which he proposes that 1 and 2 Kings might be read as a work of written history, produced with the explicit purpose of shaping the communal identity of its first readers in the Babylonian exile.



In 2021, Nathan published a book, "*The Book of Kings and Exilic Identity: 1 and 2 Kings as a Work of Political Historiography*", based on his thesis, aimed at providing new students of Kings with an excellent overview and seasoned biblical scholars a framework from which to consider this text with fresh eyes. Nathan says, "I started this project many years ago because, among other things, I couldn't figure out how to preach on Elijah, who is a prophet to the kingdom that ends up going into exile with no connection to the Davidic promise. I came out with a unique take on how 1 and 2 Kings works as a story of Israel's history, as well as some thoughts on how covenant, land, national identity, and political authority shape the way the book looks forward to God's faithfulness, even when we fail. God will do something better than exile in the end!"

Since the launch of the Scripture-teaching You Tube channel, "*The Word at Work*", by GWC alumnus Gareth Heuer, Nathan has produced a nine-video series, being "season one" out of three on 1 and 2 Kings that makes this text more accessible to regular Christian folk. Here is an extract from the fourth video:

"Today, we are looking at 1 Kings Chapter 8. In many ways this is the theological heart of the book of Kings. The chapter opens with a scene that echoes the days of old when Moses used to gather all of Israel to hear God's word around the Ark of the Covenant at the tent of meeting. One day, after seven years of work, the temple is finished and there it stands. It's magnificent, it's golden, it's sitting on top of a mountain in Jerusalem, it's just spectacular. Solomon gathers all of Israel around the temple to hear God's word and to celebrate what God is doing amongst them. It doesn't matter where you are in Jerusalem you would be able to see the festivities. You would see the smoke billowing out from the altars; you would smell the offerings. It would have been a time of celebration and great joy, like a festival."

"But one thing remains, as we discovered in the last talk. Actually, the purpose of this temple is that God would dwell amongst his people. So, God has to move in and that is the first thing that we see going on in 1 Kings Chapter 8. The symbol of God's presence is the Ark of the Covenant. It has existed for

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a very long time by this point in the Bible. You will remember Moses constructed it as they came out of Egypt, and it's been around since then. It's always symbolised God's presence. Israel took it with them into battle to symbolise that God would be with them. They camped around the Ark of the Covenant as they travelled through the wilderness. It was the first thing you'll recall in the water when the people crossed the Jordan River and the waters parted and they marched across. They used to keep the Ark of the Covenant in the tabernacle and so now the priests gather together and transport the Ark of the Covenant to its final resting place in the Holy of Holies under the wings of the cherubim in the temple. And, as they do this the human symbol of divine presence is met with a divine symbol of divine presence. The cloud and the glory of the Lord that we are used to from the story of the Exodus, the one that they followed around in the desert; the cloud descends on the temple and fills the temple just like it had done once to the tabernacle as well. And that is it -the temple is God's permanent dwelling place right there in the midst of his people, ready to be with them.”

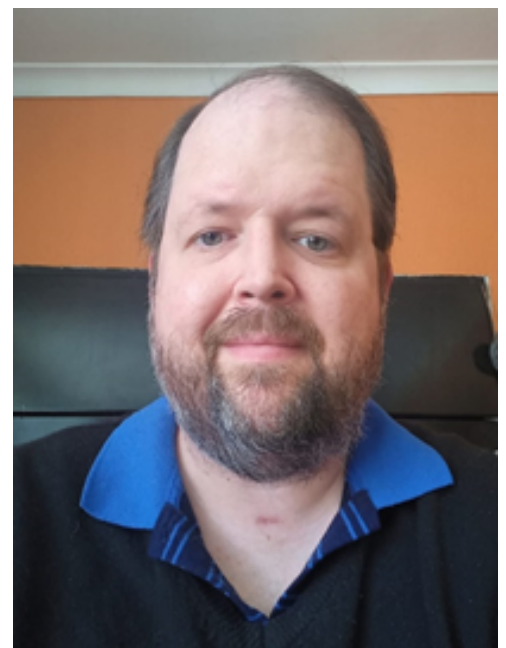
[Click here if you would like to watch Nathan Lovell's videos on the Books of Kings on The Word at Work YouTube channel.](#)



My Covid Journey

In June 2021, GWC's Accountant and Bursar, Allan Anderton, was diagnosed with COVID Pneumonia and admitted to hospital. Despite receiving supplementary oxygen, his blood oxygen count dropped to a dangerous level, leading to him being placed on a ventilator in Intensive Care. Still not getting sufficient oxygen, in the following week Allan was given a tracheostomy, which he believes saved his life.

Allan says, “I was in ICU for about three weeks and then was moved to a recovery ward in the hospital for a further two weeks. Slowly but surely I became stronger with the help of the nurses, doctors and physiotherapy. By God's grace, at the end of July I was strong enough to be discharged and return home. I am so thankful for the GWC community, my friends and family – for all their prayers and concern for me while I was in hospital and even now as I am recovering. I believe that God heard those prayers and healed me and he deserves all the praise and glory. I knew I was not on this journey alone and I thank God for the amazing grace that he has shown me.”





Explore Travels to Uganda & Kenya



Explore Manager, Nevil Carrington, spent 10 days in Uganda and Kenya in October 2021. Firstly, to train delegates from the Faith Harvest Churches of Fresh Hope denomination in Tororo, Eastern Uganda and, secondly, to work toward finalising a Memorandum of Understanding between Explore and African Enterprise (AE) in the Southern region of Kenya.

Nevil was joined in Tororo by GWC alumnus, Rev. Grace Kavuma, who spearheads Explore in Uganda, along with 15 delegates from Faith Harvest Churches of Fresh Hope, who were registered to partake in the 3-day training session. Most of the delegates are fairly fluent English speakers, which Nevil found most encouraging. In the training, a template for facilitating Explore was shared and the delegates were given an opportunity to reproduce this themselves, while at the same time, the facilitation style that GWC proposes is best for working through Explore modules was demonstrated.



Nevil says, “I am heartened that all 15 trainees who enrolled have since elected to continue with Explore the Bible. Grace Kavuma and Eleanor Kwizera will be walking closely with them as they work through this material. There were two delegates who expressed a very strong interest in attending GWC, both whom, with a slight improvement in their English, will make good theological students.”

While in Kampala, Nevil met with the local team from Living Word International, who are involved in training on their campuses and are keen to see how the Explore material will fit in with their training programmes. This was a very fruitful meeting and Grace will be arranging training for their leaders, so that they can facilitate the Explore material.

After he received a negative COVID-19 test result, and before travelling to Kenya, Nevil spent most of the morning of 7th October with Oscar from African Enterprise (AE). Unfortunately, most of the team at AE Uganda have departed. However, Oscar is very passionate about the role that Explore can play and AE has decided that they will play a consulting role and allow a mission coordinating committee to take ownership of a programme where about 200 pastors, many of whom have no theological training at all

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are introduced to the Explore material. It has been requested that the Explore team provide facilitation training to about 40 of these pastors, all of whom have some form of theological training. They would then be responsible for training the other pastors.



Once he had landed and was settled in Nairobi, Nevil met with and encouraged Mesheck Mbevi, a former GWC Master's student who has planted a church in the town of Thika and whose leaders have completed the Explore course. Mesheck agreed that during 2022 he would find some time to promote Explore with the

intention of putting together a cross-denominational group for facilitation training early in 2023. Nevil also had dinner with Simon Mundu, the Operations head of African Enterprise International (AEI), who indicated that after a few challenges with the AE Board in Malawi they have now at last established the Southern Region which includes Zambia, Malawi and Zimbabwe. The region has a director, Dr Lutango Lubasi, based in Lusaka, along with mission directors in all three countries.

From an Explore point of view, this structure will be greatly beneficial in breaking down the walls between countries and will allow consistency in the partnership across the region. Nevil will shortly be finalising a Memorandum of Understanding between Explore and AEI in the Southern region. It was agreed that Explore will partner with AEI as they move to the Western Region for their next mission in Kasese in 2022. This is an answer to prayer as Explore's project with the Church of Uganda started with the Central region and it had yet to be determined whether Explore heads to the west, north or east next year.



[Click on this link if you would like to donate to the work of Explore in providing theological education to pastors and teaching congregants more about God's Word, in Africa.](#)



A Special Letter from the Principal



Dear Friends,

As the college has grown and developed, and as our programmes have increased in number, it has become increasingly difficult to find new donors each year to maintain the required funding. GWC is dependent on donations to meet 80 percent of its operational costs.

The GWC Board has created an Endowment for GWC called the “Ark Endowment Fund” to lessen this risk. This will reduce GWC’s current dependency on annual donations from 80 percent to half of that. This means that I would need to raise only 40 percent of the annual operational costs each year.

We have been greatly encouraged by a large start-up donation that has reached 10 percent of our goal. There has also been a pledge to double any further donation(s). This is a great opportunity for you as a donor to help us develop sustainability.

We encourage you to consider a once-off gift to this Endowment, for the long-term sustainability of GWC. Another way to support the Endowment is to leave GWC a gift in your Will. [Click here to for the information needed to leave a legacy gift to GWC.](#)

An Endowment requires careful stewardship and governance, and a special advisory committee has been appointed for this purpose.

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Your giving to the GWC Ark Endowment will provide growth and expansion opportunities for GWC to equip more African Christian workers to know God’s Word and to make Him known across the African continent. Please partner with us in this Gospel endeavour.

Yours in Christ

Mark Dickson

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