

GMA-EMBU, KENYA

A TRACK-MAGAZINE AND CONCEPTUL PLAN 2013-2018

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MOTTO: Connecting the World for Mission

MISSION: Luke 4:16-19 – “Reclaiming our society’s identity in Christ through a liberation activity for holistic growth based on Christian perspectives and the Holy Scriptures”

Vision: “Enabled society that is Self-Governing, Self-Propagating and Self-Sustaining”



The President of GMA,EMBU-KENYA(Rev.Kitheka J Mumo) and his wife(Rev.Hellen Nduta in white) joins the GMA Team in cutting the Launch Cake to mark the Inauguration of Global Mission Africa Ministry in Embu at Canaan Guest House on March 25th , 2013. The Rev Elijah Gichangi(ACK EMBU DIOCESE),Rev Samuel Ngubu(Diocese of Meru), Mr Robert Njue Namu(Program Cordinator), and Mr Gabriel Mbogo(Hon.Finance Officer) are looking on. A new beginning and a new dawn for a long journey in GMA Mission engagements.

INTRODUCTION

Global Mission Africa-Embu,Kenya is an independent, young thriving Christian Mission Organization which is interdenominational in nature. The Organization was founded by the Reverends John & Hellen Mumo –ordained Clergy Couple of the Anglican Church of Kenya in the Diocese of Mbeere. The Organization was launched in a colorful ceremony held at Canaan Guest House Embu on March 25th,2013 as a transition from the former CHRIST AMBASSADORS MISSION TEAM-KENYA that was founded by the Rev .John Mumo Kitheka on September 26,2006 when he was serving as the Vicar of St Barnabas Parish Kavengero in the Diocese of Mbeere. The launch ceremony was graced by the Guest of Honor Ambassador Sylvester Gakumu -a former diplomat who served as a principal of many schools in Embu and the Ambassador of Kenya Mission Abroad for the Central Republic of Congo. During this ceremony, the Reverend John Mumo Kitheka became the first President and the Executive Director of GMA-EMBU,KENYA and his Wife Hellen becoming the First lady. The president gave a key note address that gave direction and plan of action for the missionary activity which he was passionate about and which was seen to be the road map towards accomplishing a holistic development of the local communities of Embu County. In his address he highly emphasized on the need to unlock the economic potentials in youth and children who he pointed that they would be the present and future leaders of our county and the nation. He showed much concern on alleviating the high illiteracy levels that lead to high poverty index hence causing a cycle of poverty for the Country. The president was clear about his strategy on employing a Participatory Evaluation Process (P.E.P) a methodology which he learned from the Christian Community Services of Mt Kenya East. He said that he would improve on the approaches and methods so as to come up with a new paradigm with which every youth would fit in as a way of life, a daily practice that would become a practice of behavior to improve individual personal development plan as well as that of the general community.

GMA, EMBU –KENYA OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

-There are nine members of the Board appointed from a diversity of professions. The Acting Chair of the board is the Ambassador Sylvester Gakumu-Former Kenya Diplomat to the Republic of Central Africa –Congo and Zaire. He worked as a Principal of several High Schools in the larger Embu for over 15 years before he was appointed by the President of Kenya to work for Mission Abroad.

THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

-The Rev.Kitheka J Mumo B.D., M.A., EDD is the President of GMA, EMBU-Kenya. His wife Hellen who is a Clergywoman in ACK Diocese of Mbeere is the First Lady who who appointed Ruthellen Davison from New Hampshire State of America- “MAMA GMA,EMBU” because Rev Hellen N Mumo has a big heart for Children Ministry. Rev Hellen Mumo is the Vision bearer of the GMA, EMBU CENTER FOR WORLD MISSION PROJECT located at a One Acre Land at Embu-Siakago Road.

THE OFFICE OF THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

-Under the office of the President, there is a Program Coordinator-Robert Njue Namu. He is a holder of Bachelor of Business Administration from the Kenya Methodist University. Robert is responsible of all programs and assists the Administration in the implementation of policies, Organization and daily running of activities.

DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUALITY AND PASTORAL CARE

The directorate is headed by Rev Jackson Baraka and is assisted by the Rev Alexander Njue(Anglican Diocese of Embu). In this department the following clergy/pastors help in the organization and planning of spiritual development programs : The Rev David Murathi(Christian Church International Ministries –Karaba), Rev Hellen N Mumo (ACK Diocese of Mbeere -OVC & Children Ministry) and Rev Elijah Gichangi(ACK Diocese of Embu –Leadership Training program).

THE OFFICE OF THE FINANCE OFFICER

The department of Finance is headed by Mr .Gabriel Mbogo. He is the Procurement officer for Kitui District/Sub-County hospital. He is responsible of all financial matters and updates of the accounts at the Cooperative Bank of Kenya, Embu branch. He receives all cash and bank deposit slips made in the name of GMA, EMBU through the Christ Ambassadors Mission Team Accounts.

NAME: CHRIST AMBASSADORS MISSION TEAM KENYA

ACC. NO: 01109407796400

BANK NAME: CO-OPERATIVE BANK OF KENYA BRANCH:

BANK CODE.11000

SWIFT CODE: KCOOKENA

Note: The account name is on transition process to Global Mission Africa Embu immediately after the August 2015 General Assembly to be held in Embu. We welcome financial donations of any amounts through the above accounts from friends of good will and donor communities. Your donation will help us to reach out to many youth and children in need of our service and will be highly appreciated.

DEVELOPMENT



GMA,EMBU Ventures to Mbeere North –Kambari for mobilization and recruitment of youth . Over 70 youth members joins GMA economic activity

After the launch of GMA-EMBU,KENYA the president , the five elected committees ,the interim staff and the recruited members of GMA led a mobilization campaign licensed by NEMA –EMBU to Embu-Ugweri-Karurumo-Kanyuambora-Ishiara-Kambari-Karaba routes of Embu County where they were warmly received by the Local Provincial Administration. The Senior Chiefs of Karaba and Kambari (Stephen Nzioka & Samuel Njeru) agreed to convene youth meetings on June 19,2013 and August 2013 where GMA-EMBU sensitized the youth and the public on their operation and desired goal. The GMA officials recruited 72 at Kambari and 43 youth of 18-35 years at Karaba locations who received a positive



The President of GMA,EMBU is welcomed by the Senior Chief Samuel Njeru(Standing on my left) at Karambari Mbeere North District of Embu County on 29/6/2013. Ambassador Sylvester Gakumu on Navy-blue suit and blue file was among the accompanying guests

impact of the campaign. In August and October 2013, Karambari and Karaba recruited youth groups were trained by a Staff of Equity Bank- Embu(Damaris) after an agreement was made between GMA President and Equity Bank Human Resource office. On August 14-18 ,2013 the recruited youth were trained by Equity Bank of Embu and by Ruthellen Davison of the New Hampshire ,United States of America who was also a Missionary Guest for GMA Conference at Canaan Guest House,Embu.

On October 25th, 2013 the Youth groups were trained on Economic sustainability programs by the Embu Youth Empowerment Forum (EYEF) a highly profiled organization that GMA entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for training purposes. The training was approved Jointly by the President, the H.E Hon Dorothy N Muchungu(then Deputy Governor of Embu) and Ronald Nyaga-Chairperson of EYEF.



Ruthellen Davison becomes the first Missionary to Partner with GMA, Embu Kenya for Christian Holistic Mission in Africa. She became “MAMA GMA, EMBU-KENYA” a honor given to her by the President because of her sacrifice to visit the two pilot projects at Karaba and Karambari in Mbeere regions. Ruthellen paid a Courtesy visit to the Office of the Governor of Embu on 15th August 2013 before embarking on a GMA Intensive Training Program and leaders Conference jointly done by GMA & Equity Bank-Embu branch between 16th-19th August 2013 at Canaan Guest House. She also visited St Andrews College of Theology and Development in ACK Diocese of Kirinyaga where the President did his Ordination Course in 2002-2005 and later an adjunct Lecturer for St Paul’s University. Ruthellen has a great interest vested on Embu and Meru –Kionyo where she has started a technical youth school.



The Senior Chief of Karaba location of Mbeere South District(Stephen Nzioka) welcomes GMA,Embu President for youth Mission Engagements and economic empowerment. This Empowerment Center was established by the Hon.Rev Mutava Musyimi the Member of Parliament for Mbeere South through Constituency Development Fund

After the training, the youth at Karaba and Karambari with the help of our two staff(Daniel Nduto and Wamuyu Ngumo) initiated Hotculture and Greening projects respectively. Karaba youth group started a small scale tomato farming at Wamikuyu seasonal river of Karaba where they intended to germinate tomato seedlings to supply to farmers during the rainy seasons. They also engaged on personal tomato projects at individual level. The project became a reality and the youth generated some money which they used as small loans to be revolved among themselves for personal and group economic growth.

The youth group at Karambari started a greening project where they germinated over 30,000 seedlings of indigenous trees. Due to dry weather and harsh conditions of the semi-arid Mbeere region only 15,000 seedlings survived. The seedlings were bought by Thura Water Ecosystem Department for Coservation of Thura seasonal river. The river is the only available water source for domestic and livestock use. The youth started this project to safeguard the water table by afforesting the river which was left bare due to human activity of charcoal burning and sand harvesting. The group used the earnings from the greening project for small loans to revolve among the group members with a 10% interest to improve their personal economic growth and group sustainability.

SUSTAINABILITY

GMA-EMBU,KENYA is struggling to sustain the programs especially in meeting the financial need of administrative functioning of the office staff. There are seven interim staff who only volunteer to give service to our youth groups with hope that they would be permanently contracted for fulltime delivery



Daniel Nduto(in light blue) as a trained volunteer social worker visits our GMA Karaba youth (Maina and Moses) in their tomato small scale farm which they began after they were trained by EYEF on 25/10/2013.

of services. They are all highly profiled professionals and social workers who GMA has developed mutual trust for delivery of services. The small registration fee charged by GMA to the group recruitments help in mobility of staff during field activity programs. The groups provide their own support for the feeding program during all field days which has been challenged by the inadequate supply of rains thus insufficient food stuff in most of our local families.

GMA is engaging with friends and well-wishers across the globe to source for funding of the programs which would relief the burden for the unemployed youth and also the straining GMA office.



Tabitha Wamuyu (Mbeere North) and Daniel Nduto (Mbeere South) GMA staff have committed themselves in youth empowerment and economic program of our two pilot projects. Both are certified professional Social Workers trained in Community Development by recognized Kenyan Institutions. They hold Diploma in Social Work and Community Development Major.



GMA Youth at Karambari demonstrating team-Work Spirit as a lesson during the training and recruitment program.



GMA, Embu will throughout history cherish the good memories of Late Shadrack Ndumia a Volunteer who was shot dead in May 2014. Shadrack was hardworking Staff at our GMA office Embu and as the P.A assisting the Office of the President and in-charge of Field Work and Research he devoted himself to work for GMA's vision and mission. He was good in Office Management and data collection and was always smartly dressed and neat. He was a student doing a degree in Environmental Science at Pwani University –Mombasa. "May you Rest in Eternal Peace our beloved Son".



Engineer Cyrus Maina (holding a rolled paper) chatting with the Rev Julius Kiura Njagi(The Chaplain to the Bishop of ACK Diocese of Kirinyaga) during the GMA,EMBU Launch ceremony at Canaan Guest House. Engineer Cyrus was the first P.A to the GMA President. He holds a graduate degree in Engineer of Mining, Minerals and Geology from Jomo Kenyatta University of Art and Technology (JKUAT-Nairobi). He is also the GMA Consultant for future geological related activities.The late Shadrack Ndumia took over office from Engineer Cyrus in May 2013.



The President of GMA is officially welcomed by Mary the Mbeere South District Youth Officer to commence empowerment training programs and recruitment of youth for GMA Activities at Karaba. Daniel Nduto the Social Worker introduces over 40 youth for recruitment.



The Youth at Karaba poses for a short break during the GMA empowerment Training activity. Perhaps exchanging ideas on the way forward



The youth at Karaba elects a Management Committee to oversee the GMA activity through the help of the District Youth Officer for Mbeere South District.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

-MISSION & EVANGELISM- GMA-EMBU-KENYA as a Christian Organization is focused towards enhancing the spiritual development of the local communities with much interest vested on the youth and children. There are conventions, conferences, camps and Talent shows organized by GMA to meet the diverse needs of the youth and Children of our communities. In August 14-18 and December 2-31 ,2013 GMA in collaboration with the local Churches held conferences and Mission Convention at Canaan Guest House and ACK St John's Kathangariri Parish of the Diocese of Embu. The Church local Pastor for Kathangariri and other denominational pastors came together and hosted the missionary work for one week. Various Gospel Speakers were drawn from far and wide and St John's Kathangariri Parish in December provided all accommodation, feeding and travel refunds for all missionaries and speakers who facilitated at the conference. In August Ruthellen Davison from New Hampshire in USA was the main Speaker at Canaan Guest House on the theme "RECLAIMING YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST" Luke 4:16-19. She had opportunity to visit Karaba, Karambari projects and also St Andrews College of Theology and Development, Kabare in Kiriya Diocese.

We hold Mission and Evangelism every April ,August and December months of the year for spiritual nourishment of our youth and Children. However, adult Christians also attend our activities because they are blessed by the Gospel message.



GMA held a One week Mission Conference at Kathangariri Market near the famous TEA FACTORY at Embu hosted by ACK St John's Kathangariri of the Diocese of Embu



Our People have thirst for the Word of Life-The Gospel of Christ. About 2000 persons attended our Mission at Kathangariri Embu in December 2013.



The Conference was almost coming to the closure hour at 6:00pm East African Time on December 2013. Many people glorified God for this conference because their lives were restored and souls turned to Christ.



Mr Muriuki in Navy –blue suit was appointed the Mission Coordinator by ACK St John’s Kathangariri Parish. With me is Robert the Program Coordinator (on my Right) Davies in white, Lewis in Orange, and two other team leaders from Kathangariri Parish. The Picture was taken at the conference grounds.



Pastor Jackson Baraka of GMA, Embu ministering to a Participant at Our Conference in December 2013. Many participants confess healing and restoration through the Power of the Holy Spirit and evil spirits are casted out at the name of Jesus. This woman received healing and restoration from powers of darkness and went home rejoicing in the name of Christ.

Talent Show and Music Parades

GMA-EMBU,KENYA has a plan to nurture and grow the various talents of our youth and children. The Program Coordinator organizes a Talent show and Music parade where our teams go round the county expressing their diverse talents in Gospel Art and Music, acting of drama and play and cultural dances. GMA wishes to grow these talents for education purpose and for personal development and economic investment on talents. This is in line with Embu County Youth & Sports Ministry which has developed a plan to establish a Youth Talent Academy in Embu. GMA would like to partner with the Ministry of Youth and Sports in Embu County in reaching out to the many youths unaware of their talents and potentials. On this, we would solicit a fund to empower the youth in Music and Art industry through training and enabling them in production processes of performed art as a way of promoting the talents.

ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN MINISTRY

GMA-EMBU,KENYA is committed towards ministering to the needs of all youth and children in Embu. Much more effort is put on humanitarian support for children who are orphans and those living with single parents under unfavorable conditions. GMA has registered 104 children under this category at Kavengero and Karaba localities where the President has submitted a report and a budget to various persons and institutions for financial support. GMA office has established case studies of each child and individual files with status of the children which is approved by either local church pastor or the School Head Teachers. The children live with their guardians at homes under difficult conditions. It is within the GMA plan that when funds will be made available the children would benefit from Educational and basic need support scheme which is clearly outlined in the budget. It is hoped that GMA would smoothly run the OVC program if various donations are made in July 2014-June 2015.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

Implementation of PEP program

GMA is committed towards implementing Participatory Evaluation Process as a methodology of training and empowering the youth groups in Karaba and Karambari Pilot projects. The criteria to implement the program are based on the Biblical Foundational Bible Studies in the Old and New Testament scriptures that provides the basis for integrating BIBLE AND DEVELOPMENT. Such scriptures like Genesis 1-2(God's creation of resources and empowerment of mankind for stewardship and mobilization of God –given resources) , Joshua 23-24 (on Transitional Leadership principles and development of Mission and Vision), Mark 8 (on Feeding of the Crowd, and Luke 11 on resurrection of Lazarus teachings on Resources and participatory on development ethics) are just but a few selected scriptures for theological guidance of the development agenda.

Water distillation and Health- GMA has a future plan to empower the local communities in developing better ways of clean water harvesting and storage. Depending with financial partnership it is anticipated that more training on preservation of water sources will be done by contracted expertise for the good health of our youth and children as well as the general community. Storage facilities like plastic water

tanks and roof gutters for water harvesting would be made a priority to help families in water harvesting during the rainy seasons.

A CAMPAIGN FOR CLEAN WATER IN SEMI-ARID MBEERE REGION

GMA, EMBU has planned to mobilize the youth in Embu County of Kenya, Karambari Location to conserve river Thura seasonal river for clean water. The area is located in a semi -arid area of Eastern Kenya where permanent water sources are more than 10kms apart. Residents of the area suffer from clean water for domestic use. There are water borne diseases and the health facilities are 7-10 kilometers apart. Many children die because they contract water borne diseases. We would like to partner with you to give you an opportunity to raise funds in support of drilling water boreholes and construction of earth dams at least one in every village. This will help our people to do some other profitable activities when they save much time which they use in traveling long distances in search of water. The domestic animals die in large numbers because they lack clean water for drinking. This makes the community poverty levels to go high because the livestock die in large numbers. Members of this community are pastoralists and they move from one place to the other in search of green pastures. If there is earth dam dug in these villages, the residents would engage in farming animal feeds and the livestock would survive. They will also produce good meat and milk which can be used for subsistence and commercial purposes. Clean water is inevitable. We need it to cultivate good community health. GMA, EMBU plans to raise \$ 40,000 US for these projects through local and overseas partners and friends. If the fund support is made available, GMA shall embark on CAMPAIGN FOR CLEAN WATER IN MBEERE-KENYA, and shall contract qualified personnel in Kenya who possess the right technical skills in dealing with water projects. At that time GMA shall also welcome a proposal from any other contractor who can use the money profitably to help us realize the dream for GMA-KENYA. Phase two of this program shall be done in Karaba Mbeere South.

MARKETING STRATEGY

GMA is focused towards establishing a network of market for the locally produced items by farmers. This is a plan to be discussed further in different forums during our Annual Mission Conventions and International relations. GMA is ready to engage the County Government and Local Churches /denominations on packaging of some local products and develop a criteria and agreements on export to overseas and to the local markets of the East African Communities. Mr Andrian Pratt and Mr John Kenyon of the United States of America will be GMA consultants on Marketing Strategy beside other engagements on mission

EXPANSION

GMA-EMBU,KENYA has a plan to expand her programs to other parts of the Country especially in the Northern part of Kenya as a way of doing mission. This will be done after the local communities in Embu are made fully aware of the development pattern through the two pilot projects already in Progress. The pilot projects at Karaba and Karambari are expected to be the mirror for the entire local community

whereby most individuals and groups would come and learn the techniques to do personal and corporate development projects. This will be implemented in various parts of the county and through this GMA would have achieved one her fundamental goals which is creating awareness on economic sustainability and independence.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The Reverends John & Hellen have set aside 1 acre land at Cianyi near Siakago Town(at the slopes of Kithagana seasonal river) for expansion of GMA-EMBU,KENYA. There are future plans and a proposal to establish a CENTER FOR WORLD MISSION & A CHRISTIAN MUSEUM on this land. In this center GMA will open up a home for Overseas Partnership in Mission and a space where all GMA activities will be operated. Currently, GMA is incurring high expenses in renting of halls, and space for Conferences, Missions, Camps and training seminars. The President is welcoming donor funding communities and individuals who can give their finances towards construction framework of the anticipated center. Both the local and International Partners would be welcome to help in raising funds for the development of the center with an aim to settle GMA programs and operations. The Plan to elevate and equip the center is estimated to a cost of \$ US 25,000.00 in its simple form and facilities. This cost is not included in the GMA activity budgets.

FINANCIAL REPORT / PROJECTED BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR 2014/2015

GMA-KENYA -Operates on a Budget ranging between \$ 30-35K US. However, last year 2013 we were not able to meet the budget allocation because we have limited sources. Most of our resources are donations, gifts and tokens given by individuals and churches. Kenyan Churches do not have financial strength to meet their own budgets and those of other organizations. However, they are able to share their meager resources with us. We charge our youth and children a reasonable fee during our conferences which cannot help meet many demands of our program. If we have adequate support from well-wishers and the donor communities we would stop charging them since they are minor members of the community and this program is designed to give them service. The following notes gives you an idea of how we allocate funds for our Youth and Children within the one month and will also provide you with some details on the demand by our programs throughout the year.

NOTES

- Every month each child has a budget of \$ 150 US for health, education, food and clothing. They are a total of 59 children but we have also budgeted for 40 children who are standing by in our waiting list.
- We have 7 staff, who we budget at \$ 200 US p.m. for sustainability, health and family basics. Our Office at Embu Town has a rental fee of \$100 p.m. We use Stationery and pay water bills of \$ 200 US p.m.
- Local Transportation takes \$300 US p.m.
- General Administration takes \$300 US p.m.
- Mission and Evangelism takes a share of \$ 3000 US p.a and we hold three sessions in one year where each session shares \$ 1000 US.
- We do not have Public Address systems drums and keyboard and we have a budget of \$100 p.m

because we hire from renters.

-Other Expenses in our budget are taking \$200 US p.m for emergency purposes.

COLLABORATION/AFFILIATION AND PARTNERSHIP

GMA-EMBU,KENYA is officially affiliated to the Institute for Global Church and Studies(IGCS) Puerto-Rico in the United States of America. The Rev. Kitheka John Mumo has been honored by the Founder and the Executive Director and has been appointed the Acting Chair of the IGCS for Mission engagements in Africa,Asia,Latin America and Oceania among other linkages to be established. GMA President is seeking collaboration with WCC & WMEC at Geneva through Rev Prof. Jooseup Keum the Secretary General. Other linkages and Partnership shall include but not limited to Yeneung Presbyterian Church and Nasom Church of Seoul, Korea. GMA-EMBU shall enter into formal partner with the County Government of Embu as partner in development of the Local Communities.

GOAL AND VISION

We hope to see a transformed community that is Self-governed, Self-Supporting and Self-propagating, A community that is economically empowered and independent. A community that has a sense of direction founded on the Biblical teachings and Christian values. A community that is free and exercises justice, peace and unity at all levels. A decolonized community that is able to design and participate independently on their development agenda for future generations.

NOTE: All donations may be wired through our accounts as they appear under the office of the Finance Officer above.

NOTICE: The GMA-EMBU-KENYA Annual General Assembly, Mission Convention and Inauguration of Board of Trustee shall be held at Embu Kenya on August 2015 on a date to be confirmed later. International Partners in Mission shall attend. Among those expected are delegates from IGCS –USA, Taiwan and Episcopal Church of United States of America. The venue shall be communicated.

For any clarification of details you may contact the undersigned

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