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PEACE BE WITH YOU

When we look at the life of Jesus, as it is recorded in the gospels, we can see his favorite form of greeting people is like this:

Matt 10:12 "Peace be upon you."

John 20:19 "Peace be with you."

John 20:21 "Peace be upon you."

John 20:26 "Peace be with you."

Luke 24:36 "Peace be with you."

In Hebrew, this greeting is: "Shalom Aleichem" - (literally "peace be on you"). It's very close to the common Arabic greeting "Salaam Alaikum."

But, from the way he used it - it sounds like more than a simple greeting. It sounds like a blessing being pronounced on the one to whom it is spoken. And, this would be expected, given Jesus' Hebrew heritage. Because, the original Hebrew word "shalom", which is translated as 'peace' - is a much more holistic word than the English word.

The root word for "Shalom" means a fullness of well-being in all aspects of life: Spiritual, Social, Mental and Physical. With this deeper understanding, when we say: "Peace be with you" - we are literally pronouncing a blessing on someone. It's like we are saying, "I wish you well in all areas of your life" or "May health, goodness, abundance and peace be upon you."

Not only are we asking God to bless them but we are also conveying to them our desire for their well-being - which when you think about it - is really a true expression of 'love of neighbor.' This newsletter explores this concept more.



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INTRODUCTION

Because we are such a multifaceted community, there are many lenses through which to understand the work we do. In this particular newsletter we have organized our programs geographically based on some of the main countries in which we operate: Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, and South Sudan. Though we also work in Kenya, Burundi, and D.R. Congo, the work in these countries are more of an outflow of what happens in the main countries where we have Leadership Academies. To this end, most of the content will be categorized within a country in two areas: Cornerstone Schools, or Leadership Academies, and Other Programs and Activities.

Towards the end of this newsletter, we have additional content on the Salam Mentoring Program whose work is of particular interest to this edition's theme, the Africa Youth Leadership Forum whose work cuts across the entire East African region, and a section on "Milestones" that celebrates significant achievements by individuals in our community recently.

Our core focus is 'youth leadership development' after the model of Jesus. So, in addition to our schools, all the various programs we run serve this focus by providing a practical "training ground" where graduates of our schools can learn to serve and pass on what they have received.

Each year we put out two magazine's like this one. At the end of last year we focused on some stories from PEOPLE in our community who embody the spirit and message of our work, and in this edition we will look more specifically at the PROGRAMS of our work.

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The ‘Prince of Peace’ and Inner Peace



Thoughts from Tim

The notion of “Peace” is very closely linked to the entire life and mission of Jesus. Right from the time of his birth, it is recorded that the angels sung this anthem: “Peace on earth and good will toward men.”

It is as if they were summarizing the entire reason for his entry into the earth plane: He came to bring peace in its fullest form to our world - peace within us, peace among us and peace with our Creator.

“Prince of Peace” is one of the titles given to him in our sacred texts. This title also speaks of his mission: The divine plan is for the transformation of our chaotic and sometimes hateful world into a world filled with order, peace and love.

“Peace be with you,” was Jesus’ favorite form of greeting people. But, from the way He used it, it sounds like more than a simple greeting. It sounds like a blessing being pronounced on the one to whom it is spoken.

And, this would be expected, given Jesus’ Hebrew heritage. Because, the original Hebrew word “shalom”, which is translated as ‘peace’ – is a much more holistic word than the English word. “Shalom” stems from the root word ‘shalam’ which means a fullness of well-being in all aspects of life: Spiritual, Social, Mental and Physical.

With this deeper understanding, when we say: “Peace be with you” - we are literally pronouncing a blessing on someone. It’s like we are saying, “I wish you well in all areas of your life” or “May health, goodness, abundance and peace be upon you.” Not only are we asking God to bless them but we are also conveying to them our desire for their well-being - which when you think about it, is really a true expression of ‘love of neighbor.’

So, the word “Peace,” in the scriptures and the way Jesus used it, actually covers the broadest of ranges: Peace between people or nations, peace between God and human beings, human well-being, safety, or a quiet, restful state of mind.

When Jesus walked through Galilee and Judea, there was an obvious demonstration of this “shalom” spirit coming into our world. He healed the sick, cast out demons, fed the hungry, calmed storms, raised the dead, corrected those going astray, freed those in bondage and generally radiated a new light into the darkness.

And, right up to our present age, this new dynamic that Jesus introduced into our world continues to create an ever radiating, transforming and expanding field of wholeness - wherever it reaches. Eventually, this transformation will lead us toward a new paradigm, a new reality, a new earth - which he called the coming of the “kingdom of God.” He said this was one of the main reasons he came: “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God... because that is why I was sent.” (Lk. 4:42)

Every time you choose to participate in a loving response, in bringing order where there is disorder, in bringing reconciliation where there is disunity, in bringing better service to others, in bringing integrity where there is lack of it, in an act of kindness, in a loving thought, in forgiveness - you are manifesting the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth. You are truly giving Peace or Shalom to others.

Inner Peace - Without doubt, the goal of a better world is dependent on a better human being. Even if that ideal world were suddenly given to us, we would soon mess it up - unless it is accompanied by a radical transformation of human hearts. This too - was recognized by Jesus and is central to his message of the need for a 'new birth' or spiritual transformation.

His campaign manifesto was basically: "*People change your hearts and minds – the time for a better world has come.*" (Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand.) And, that change of heart he was talking about is largely a change from being selfish and self-centered creatures towards really caring about others and loving "*your neighbor as yourself.*"

So, to reach and maintain a greater level of world peace - a critical mass of human beings will first have to anchor it within their personal experience. This points towards the need for all of us to work toward better establishing inner "shalom" within us on an individual level. And from there it can naturally flow to our families, our communities, and ultimately the wider world.

One of the things that bothered me growing up as the son of a missionary and immersed in Christian environments throughout my school years - was a lack of inner peace and other "fruit of the spirit" that I witnessed - not only in fellow Christians around me but also in myself.

This sent me on a quest to search deeper and to look beyond the mere profession of belief in Jesus and his redemptive work, as vital as that is - towards what was involved in entering into a more direct embodying of his Spirit within me. I wanted to carry within me those "fruits of the Spirit" we read about: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

It did not make sense to me to constantly talk about the correctness of our theological beliefs about Jesus - when our own lives were not very good examples of the indwelling character of His Spirit. And if peace is a fruit of the Spirit, it's obvious that the more we can anchor and carry the spirit of Jesus within us - we will then experience an increase of inner peace in our lives and better radiate it to others around us.

From the story of his life, in his humanity - we can see at times Jesus also faced situations that created temporary moments of emotional turmoil, stress, temptation and fatigue- just like we ourselves go through. But we also see in his life a kind of baseline or foundational 'state of grace' - that was characterized by serenity, tranquility, peace of mind, calmness - what we could call an 'inner shalom.'

He was frequently telling his followers not to fear, worry, not to be anxious but rather to embody that same state of grace and inner peace which was in him:
"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you... Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27

So how do we get there from here? We can get some clues from studying how he did it. The first is - that it's something that he had to work at. He had to create time and space in His life where he could connect with and maintain peace. This clearly tells us we will have to do the same. Here are a few examples:

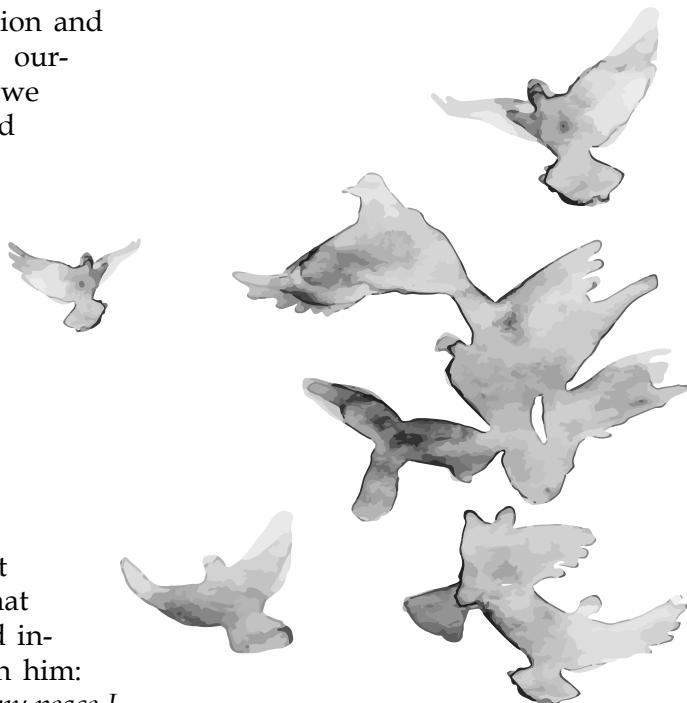
"Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed." Lk. 5:16

"Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray and spent the night praying to God." Luke 6:12

"Jesus...dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on

a mountainside by himself to pray."
Mt 14:22-23

There is no question that Solitude and Silence around us can create more Serenity and Shalom within us. Solitude helps us get away from the demands and distractions that come from the world around us - so that we can better tune into God. Silence helps us quiet down the chaotic noises of the world so that we can calm down and hear the still small voice in our Souls.



As we read in the Psalms: "*Be still and know that I am God.*" Ps. 46:10

Here are 7 tips I have found to create more of a baseline state of 'inner shalom':

1. Develop better awareness of what is going on within you and what you are spreading out toward others. Learn to constantly shine the "light of awareness" onto your internal weather. That alone starts to break up negative inner attitudes, moods and unhealthy patterns that mostly run on "auto-pilot" and can take

us on rides – that can even last for days. With practice, you can learn to ‘get off the bus ride’ of drama and reactivity before it has taken you very far. And one day, you will be able to watch the “drama bus” pull up and you won’t even get on it - but just let it pass by.

2. Work to influence your own thought patterns. As you build awareness of your inner programming, you will notice your reactive thoughts often take a certain form: “I hate this!” “Why is this happening to me?” “Why do bad things always happen?” Once you can identify those habitual thoughts, you can start to work at

counteracting them with truthful thoughts, like:

“Actually, many good things happen to me.”

“I am blessed.” “All things work together for good in my life.”

“God will make a way – where there seems to be no way.” “I don’t need to lose my peace over this.”

4. Simplify your Life. Sometimes we can’t maintain inner peace – simply because we have become too busy and our life is too complicated. Every day only has 24 hours and every week only has 7 days. This means there is going to be a limit to how much we can get involved in and still have time to maintain the spiritual disciplines and healthy habits that lead to inner shalom. In the scramble to acquire all we think we need for a good life we can easily lose our capacity for cultivating peace. As Jesus said: *“The worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.” Mk. 4:19*

5. Make time for daily Prayer and Meditation:

Much evidence from neuroscience supports the truth that one of the biggest life changes a person can make, which brings all kinds of beneficial changes to our bodies - is the ability to shift our hearts and minds from states of stress and anxiety to an inner calmness - as happens with regular prayer and meditation. Our modern, fast paced, high pressured, electronic and urban way of life is making it ever more difficult for people to unplug from endless distractions in order to create more space for prayer, meditation and practicing the presence of God. But, there is no doubt that solitude and silence can help create more serenity and shalom within us.

6. Be Careful about what you Consume.

I have become much more discriminating in the kind of media I consume via TV, radio, films, internet and newspapers. When we don’t do this, we can expose ourselves to continuous reports of mostly the toxic kind: humankind’s abuses against one another, crazy behaviors, including acts of terrorism and other atrocities. If we become overly focused on all the dramas of celebrity gossip, political wrangles and all that is wrong in the world - we shouldn’t

be surprised if some of that chaos and drama starts to affect our own spirit and life.

7. Seek More Spiritual Wisdom about the Meaning and Purpose of Life.

When we really make the effort to understand what we are doing on this planet and what is the object of the game - we gain clarity that inevitably helps us shift into a more peaceful state of being. You find peace not just by rearranging the circumstances of your life but also by realizing who you and our purpose for being here. I believe that we come to earth for mainly two reasons: 1. To learn lessons that create growth on the level of our souls. 2. To fulfil our unique missions as part of the grand plan for the Kingdom of God to come on earth. This orientation has helped me put into context the various events that happen to me and how to make best use of my time and energies.

In conclusion, one of my favorite precepts of Jesus is this one: *“I have told you these things spoken unto you, so that in me you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” Jn.16:33*

I hope these thoughts help you to develop more ‘inner shalom.’ The more we establish it within us - the less it gets disturbed by the external conditions around us.

When you have this kind of peace within you - it begins to flow out of you and calms down others. You become a transmitter of peace to others. Your presence is healing and calming. You become another category of human being, you have stepped into your ‘True Self’ - a ‘Child of the Divine’ - a representative of God on earth. As Jesus said: *“Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.” Matthew 5:9*

Peace be with you!

In Uganda...



CLA Boys hosting a delegation of Mr. and Mrs. Decker, Hon. Rwakasasi, and friends from the United States

Cornerstone Schools

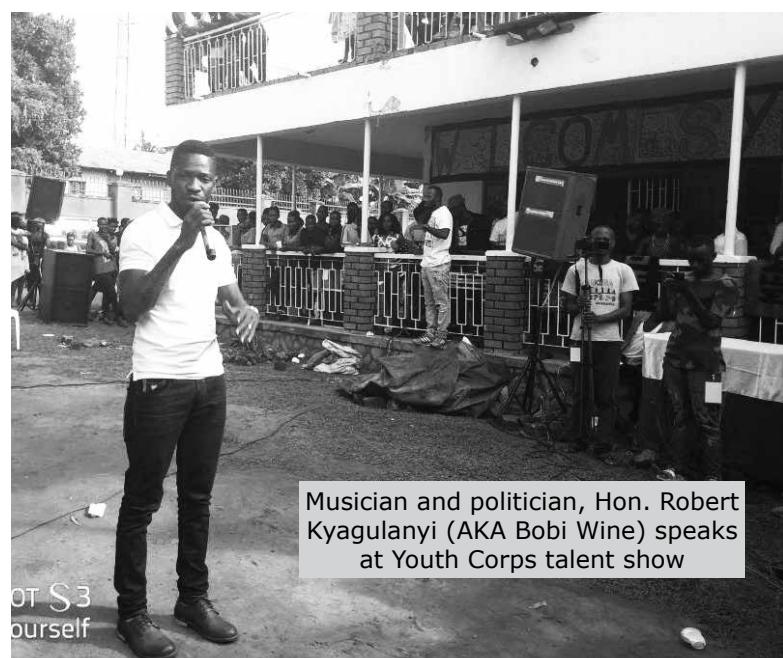
Much of the art of having peace in our lives is in the power of finding happiness from every day situations. We can see this in Jesus' most common greeting, "peace be with you." He knew very well of the hardships that were happening in the world, but his life and message was about finding some inner peace that would transform our lives into something greater.

In our work we run several schools in Uganda - the Cornerstone Leadership Academies for Boys and for Girls (split campuses), the Ekitangaala Transformation Highschool, and the Ekitangaala Primary school. In all of our schools we are seeking to create a life transforming learning environment that will mold young men and women into future leaders, leaders whose lives will fully reflect the character quality of Jesus. To this end, we work with courage and confidence knowing that the same Jesus who was there for the disciples and gave them His peace, even after death, is also here for us and will never leave us. This is a very empowering perspective that gives us a vision worthy of dedicating our lives to, and also opens us up to work with people from all walks of life freely, knowing that we are all children of God and we have the same maker. We do believe there is abundant life beyond the man-made divisions of tribes, culture, ethnicity... etc. This idea helps us to draw closer to one another and to encourage each other in hardships. As members of this family of friends we support one another when we are in difficult situations like when

one of our members has lost someone or is in difficult times among others.

As teachers, the idea motivates us to strive to live with greater inner peace which is a witness to the students whom God has brought in our lives to mentor. By embodying the peace of Jesus in our own lives, we can more authentically relate to students and help them in their journeys. This in turn leads to a greater culture of fulfillment in our work, which motivates teachers to teach better, and motivates students to excel academically.

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Musician and politician, Hon. Robert Kyagulanyi (AKA Bobi Wine) speaks at Youth Corps talent show

Other Programs and Activities

When Jesus said “Peace be with you” (John 20:21), I believe He did not mean only the absence of war or physical peace. He also meant emotional, mental strength and relentless resolve to continue living like the people from a different kingdom and making an impact on the world. In our Ugandan Programs, I believe we continue to experience this peace. In no way do I want to believe and boast that it is just us, but this peace is available to all mankind all over the world. I know we have experienced this “peace be with you” phrase of Jesus in three different areas in this first half of 2018: width, depth and growth.

I will start with *width*: I define this as “ways other than what we had expected or even planned”. When Cornerstone started constructing hostels at major Universities where our students were furthering their studies, all we expected was that these students will live together in community to further live out the principles we had taught at the leadership Academy while preparing themselves for the world ahead. Little did we know or expect that they would also find themselves with a new found hope and confidence coming from decent places of accommodation. And these spaces are used as a place of influence in the market place. Now with the construction of Kyambogo and Jabulani – we have seen the numbers of our students elected into positions of leadership grow. I would like to refer to this as width in experiencing the Peace of the Lord. This width helps our work grow exponentially from students to the their peers.

By *depth* I mean that in “ways far and beyond what we had planned for or even imagined.” If many years ago someone had said, we would be sharing Jesus at the Islamic University in Uganda, Mbale, I would have told them dream on. This year we had the privilege to going into the Islamic University and get the students talking about the principles of Jesus and still we experienced the peace of the Lord. The Salaam Mentoring Program, led by Faisal has not only reached the students of Islamic University but also its leadership and High Schools with the message of unity in Jesus.

Another form of depth this year is what we now experience in our small groups – where individuals in our programs have been able to share their lives in ways that would not have been possible in other places. Since

we began the practice of ‘work circles’ in our work, one of the richness this has come with is depth of the quality of relationships between the members. It is with no surprise that we have been able to experience the Peace of the Lord.

And finally by *growth*, I would like to mean numbers. Many times Jesus uses circumstances to show us a greater aspect of His life that we have not seen even when it is our role to think and continue to plan for things in this way and form. COSA is now reaching out to over 2000 old students under the Family of Friends. Some of them are in hard to find areas busy doing the work of the Jesus.

The work with our alumni in Stage III of our work, now includes COSA, EKOSA, Restore, LASS, Members of Africa Youth Leadership Forum, High



Breakout small group at the annual Easter COSA Retreat

School Leadership Development Initiative and others who believe in a vision for a better world. This Easter Retreat we got together at the Kawuku Scripture Union camp center under the theme “A better me for a better world”. Uncle Tim and Linda Redriga were among other speakers. At the banks of beautiful Lake Victoria quite a number of old and current students came out to celebrate what the Lord has done over the years. Who ever knew, that from a plea of a COSA member in need and pain would be a catalyst for members of COSA to come together. Now we are seeing the birth of a multipurpose corporative society bringing us together to save, lend, invest and help others in need. This is a dream come together after many failed attempts.

As we have reflected on the theme “Peace be with you” I am reminded of my upbringing in a church that had made it an order for its members to share “the peace”. I did not really think of peace. But now, it is an inner peace experience and I can share it freely with my community and the world around us.

Compiled by Phillip Ojok

In Rwanda...



Cornerstone Leadership Academy

Peace is a very interesting word which refers to a "state of harmony and absence of violence." But, to understand why it is so important to our work at the Cornerstone Leadership Academy in Rwanda, we can consider it in a more spiritual context. At the very beginning when God was creating the world, the first thing he ensured for man was "PEACE" by making sure that the rest of both living and non-living creations are under the authority of man. Genesis 1:28, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it..." God knew peace was the only means for man to be able to live with the rest of the creation.

When peace is present, there is the manifestation of togetherness, care, love, productivity, sharing, and joy. However, all these were distorted when man fell and was separated from God in his mind and heart. Depravity in man greatly affected peace on earth, which was not in God's plan. It resulted in man killing fellow man, man killing wild life and the environment. There then came a peace crisis on planet earth.

To restore PEACE, and the true dignity of man, some theologians believe God allowed all of humanity to grow and pass through time periods of learning, or dispensations. Some dispensations include; Dispensation of Innocence (Genesis 1:28-30 and 2:15-17), Dispensation of Conscience, (Genesis 3:8-8:22), Dispensation of Human Government, which began in Genesis 8 , Dispensation of Promise, (Genesis 12:1- Exodus 19:25), Dispensation of Law. (from the Exodus until it was suspended after Jesus Christ's death)

8 Exodus 19-23, Dispensation of Grace-New Covenant in Christ's blood (Luke 22:20).

At this point, in the age of grace, Jesus came to humanity to give peace. This is why at the Cornerstone Leadership Academy we emphasise the aspect of "peace" so much. In our work, we focus on creating a better and positive change in how man lives with fellow man and his environment, to create a better world in the spirit of JESUS - THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

Isaiah 9:6 "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given... he will be called... Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of peace. On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness. From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this..."

Luke 24:35 Then the two told what had happened on the road, and how they had recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. While they were describing these events, Jesus Himself stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Peace is eternal. It is a state experienced by the heart. Peace can only be given by eternal provision. Those who embraced Jesus, embraced the Prince of Peace and have it eternally with him. And Apostle Paul who also made that statement many times said in 2 Cor 4:18 "while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal"

In our work we focus on that which is not seen but which can bring about peace for it's the package Jesus came with for man and we want to imitate him in our work.

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Other Programs and Activities

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid (John 14:27).

Peace is one of the Kingdom values that always manifests where Jesus resides. At the centre of His heart was a wish that all men and women would live at peace with themselves and with others. In my understanding that is why He spread peace with his greetings and his personality. All through the Cornerstone community: the alumni, small groups of student leaders in high schools and universities and the staff, our culture is so unique and different. New people that interface with our culture and students notice the peace of mind, the heart of the people in our movement, the high level of peace and togetherness in our teams.

In January, despite the insecurities and conflicts going on in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi and South Sudan, we were able to bring together a number of young leaders from these countries to interact with other young leaders from Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. The Rwanda



U.S. Based COSA Rwanda members (Kakira John and Ingasire Lydia) graduate from university

Leaders Fellowship organised the Young Leaders Conference at the Rwanda National Prayer Breakfast with the main aim of instilling peace and Godly values in leadership.



Friends reuniting at a COSA Rwanda monthly fellowship in Kigali

Other noteworthy events since the beginning of the year are: the COSA regional gathering at Butare campus in early-March, the Ladies Forum in early-May, the COSA Coordinators training, and the CLA students Commemoration Day in Rwanamagana both in mid-May, and the Career Guidance and Job Searching workshop we held in mid-June.

All this work is in an effort to realize our greater vision of creating a life-long brotherhood and sisterhood of friends in Christ that will support each other in a movement of integrity and virtue within Rwanda and beyond. The foundation for success in all this is the common ground we have in Jesus. When the peace of Jesus is in you, it automatically radiates to others - reconciling relationships, challenging and inspiring those around us and those we work with to greater heights.

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Centerfold Pictorial



Various individuals from the Cornerstone community participating in a video project at our head office in Kampala



Friends coming together from around East Africa at the AYLF Kigali Gathering



Core group retreat with the Salaam Mentoring Program



Saidi leading a soccer community outreach program at CLA Rwanda



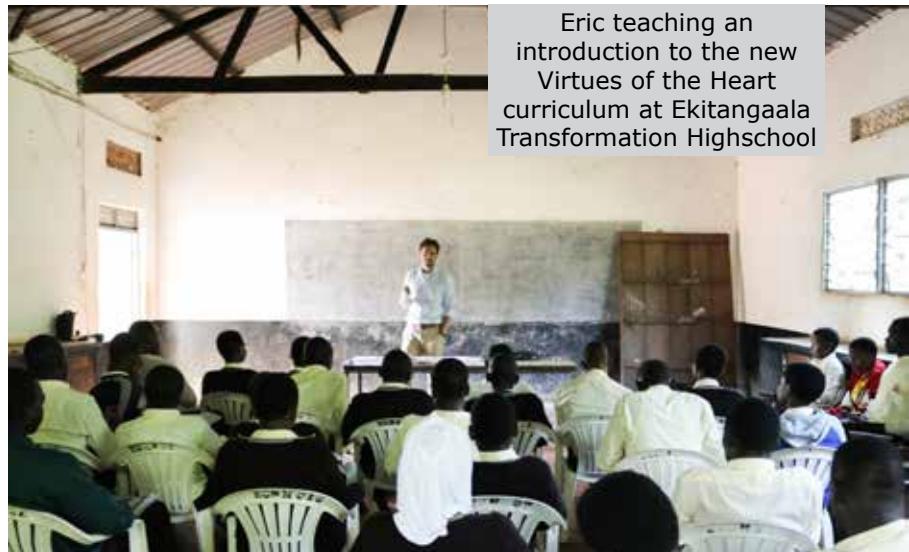
Students at a Highschool Leadership Development workshop.



Tim and Cathy with COSA members on a recent trip to Dar es Salam



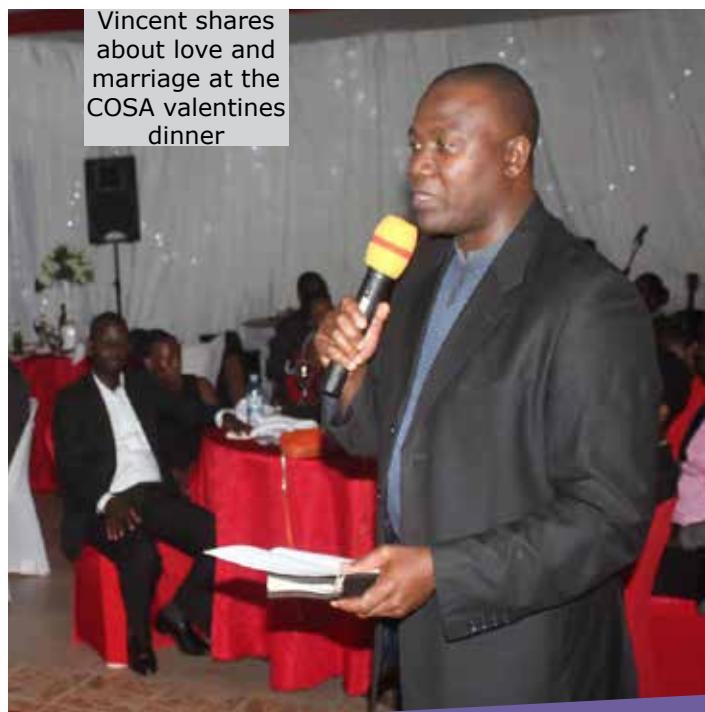
Allan with participants at the South Sudan Africa Youth Leadership Forum



Eric teaching an introduction to the new Virtues of the Heart curriculum at Ekitangaala Transformation Highschool



Students from the Ekitangaala community participate in the Pay-It-Forward community service day



Vincent shares about love and marriage at the COSA valentines dinner



CLA Tanzania students win awards at the National Debating Championships

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In Tanzania...



Cornerstone Leadership Academy

On Wednesday the 11th of April, in one of the school fellowships at the Cornerstone Leadership Academy in Tanzania, Imelda, a S.5 student shared about the prayer of serenity authored by Reinhold Niebuhr. The prayer was new in the ears of some of the students:

"Lord grant me serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference."

When we look at the grand plan to restore humanity to its creator, in my opinion, it has a lot to do with Peace and Serenity. Fallen humanity, in the eyes of the creator, needed restoration to its original place. You could say that, 'we came from God, we belong to God and we shall go back to God'. Now, among other things, God is Love: peace, joy, integrity, righteousness, etc.

With our world that is full of anarchy, strife, malice, hate, lies, murder, envy, gossip, arrogance, etc., we strive hard to model God's values of the Kingdom of God. As a community, we teachers are teaching, modeling and transmitting to our students these eternal values in love through mentorship. Thereafter when fully conceived, we naturally convey them to the rest of the world and thus bring PEACE. The phrase PEACE BE WITH YOU in many aspects is the same as what our Muslim students in our CLA community say when they greet 'As-salamu alaykum' a salutation in Arabic that means peace be upon you,

the reply there after 'Wa alaykumu s-salam.' I am told that Muhammed instructed his disciples to use the greeting for instance when one was en-

tering a house. When Jesus used the phrase 'peace be with you' especially after the resurrection, thus in my opinion, it's the same as what our friends from the Muslim community use.

Last month a team of 4 students and 2 teachers travelled to the Dar es Salaam- a major coastal business city here in Tanzania for a debating competition upon which we emerged as the 1st runner up against 20+ schools that participated in the tournament. Our students were said to be peaceful, unique and different in the manner that they conducted themselves during the whole tournament. Just a week ago, a couple of our students participated in a mathematics contest here in Arusha and one of our students emerged 2nd out of 100+. In the same spirit, our students were said to be gentle and calm in the manner that they conducted themselves. In the two above mentioned accounts, our students themselves said that they can now see the difference of going through our Academy. They feel better molded, equipped and prepared with the values of the Kingdom of God to face a harsh world.

Also recently, a company here in Tanzania dealing agriculture that has over 1,000 employees, requested some of our Alumni students to take up administrative posts in their company because they were told that we produce quality students. That is what this theme peace be with you means- that when people hear of Cornerstone, its peace that gets restored in their hearts because of the cherished Kingdom values that we embrace in our community and thus make us different and esteemed.

Seven years ago when we started CLA here in Arusha, Tanzania, we put in much effort to attract students to join our Academy. In Arusha alone our number didn't go beyond 70 students at the time. Just last month, when we announced that we will be doing recruitment interviews for prospective students to join our Academy, we were overwhelmed with over 200 students from Arusha region alone. The attractive ingredient is that people want to be a part of our community. It is the kind of community that has been built on the Kingdom of God values that instills peace in the hearts of many people: parents, guardians, other charity organizations and prospective students.

This is essentially the meaning of 'peace be with you' as said by Jesus. This peace needs to translate to our daily lives and lifestyle in this world that we live today. Jesus said, 'by this all men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.' And where love is, there is peace.

Compiled by Julius Ejalam



Other Programs and Activities

When the early disciples were hiding in fear, they were afraid of those who had captured and executed Jesus would now pursue them. They were full of grief and sorrow, they were shedding tears, some started to doubt their faith and two disciples were missing. They were in darkness, and did not know what to do. Then all of the sudden Jesus of Nazareth came and stood among them and said "PEACE BE WITH YOU". After he had spoken this sentence, this greeting was like a light at the end of the tunnel. The wounds of despair were healed, the fear of death was chased away, their faith and courage was restored.

We see this phrase, "PEACE BE WITH YOU," used in a difficult moment, at time where hope is lost to bring comfort and encouragement. Peace is a universal thing, everywhere you go people of all backgrounds black or white, old or young need peace. Today we use this phrase as a way of greeting in our family of friends here in Tanzania SHALOM or ASALAM ALEIKUM which simply means 'Peace be with you'. Not as a wishful thinking but we acknowledge peace is important in our circle of friendship and the people we serve. This means I should be at peace with myself and at peace with others, Blessed are the peace makers for they will be called the children of God.

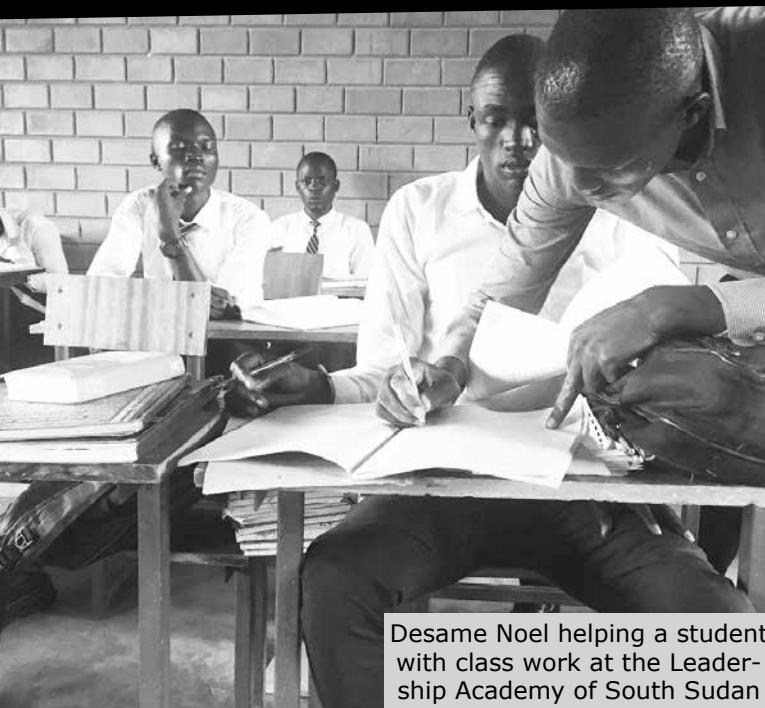
This manifests itself in our daily responsibilities, in our various roles with the broader Cornerstone work in this region of East Africa. As we commit ourselves to building meaningful relationships, there are moments when we find ourselves in sorrow and grief. We find ourselves in funeral homes when we lose our relatives or our dear ones, we find ourselves in hospitals and in other difficult moments. In these challenging moments sometimes we fear, lock the door and hide just like the disciples did. In seeking for relief we start to doubt our faith and ask ourselves so many questions without answers. We think we are the only ones who go through the fire, yet there were people who even suffered more than we do and they endured. We need to hear PEACE BE WITH YOU and remind ourselves more and more in good moments as bad moments as well about the peace of Jesus. By this we shall overcome and become more courageous.

In the outreach work we do through HLD (High School Leadership Development) and AYLF (Africa Youth Leadership Forum) we meet different kinds students at universities, colleges and secondary schools. When we engage these students in an open session they normally ask questions. You can see in their faces, in their questions and answers that few are well exposed and have hope. Many students have fears and doubts. Some are afraid of exams, many are afraid once they finish school they will have no jobs, some are still wondering which combinations and courses to pursue so as to be on the job market. Young people need to hear a message that gives them hope - they need to hear the message of Peace, Love and Hope that is embodied in the principles, precepts and person of Jesus. They need to hear good news for they are full of fear, discouragement, they don't know what to do just like the disciples. What they need to hear and know is "PEACE BE WITH YOU".

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IN SOUTH SUDAN...



Desame Noel helping a student with class work at the Leadership Academy of South Sudan

We started working with young emerging leaders in South Sudan a few years back, in very troubled times of fear, war and insecurity. It was a time when the population was running into Uganda for refuge. Nothing would have given us the comfort like the phase "Peace be with you". Now, it is evident that this peace has been with us. Even through the war times, even when we had temporarily relocated the school to Uganda.

Fast forward to today, and the realization of this peace is demonstrated through how our students are now entrusted with leadership responsibility at their different university campuses. This is a show of faith in how they have conducted their lives and also a show of what to expect from these students in the years to come.

The list of these students include: Alier John Panchol now the University Student Body President for Livingstone International University. Angesha Thomas in the position of International Students Representative at Kyambogo, Okwera Francis is entrusted with leadership at Kyambogo University in Social Work and Social Administration Students Association.

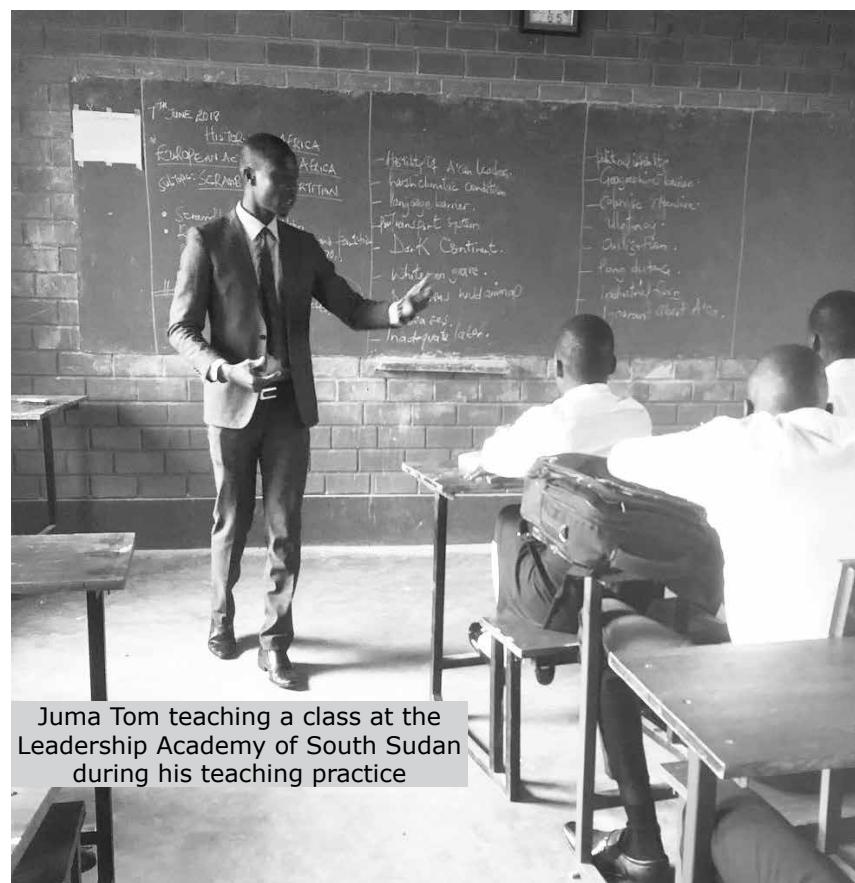
The list of our other students who have taken up elective position of responsibility include: Ajwok Mary Valentino, Kiden Josephine, Bakata Emmanuel, Rumbek Emmanuel, Kinyera James, Utyera Lazarus, Lokuyu Boniface, Yagub Daniel, Buli James, Okenye Godfrey, Guya Joel, Oryem Bosco and Yengi Bismarck.

Alumni Programs

Our students excel not only in the above leadership positions, but some of our students have gone ahead to form social initiatives: "Seeds of Hope" which is founded by a group of four students who live in a refugee camp as a way to improve the lives of the young South Sudanese. They raise resources from friends and add to what they have, to buy scholastic materials for pupils so that they can remain in school. This initiative also does church ministries with the different churches in Kiryandongo refugee settlement while organizing youth workshops with the religious leaders to improve morals in the refugee settlement. The other initiative is "Unity and Peace in Diversity" also founded by a group of five old students. This group meets with the different cultural leaders and organizes gatherings that brings people from different tribal backgrounds together to talk about South Sudan as a nation not individual tribes.

As a way to keep our former students active in LASS we continue to engage them in bread-breaking at LASS, retreats and in academics. Through bread-breaking, we know well that it's through eating together that we grow in our relationships with one another and bring the vision to pass. We also cherish academic school visits which are a regular way to bridge the gap between the students still at the academy and those that are out of the academy. Retreats are a way to always remind ourselves of the vision and re-unite again as a family.

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Juma Tom teaching a class at the Leadership Academy of South Sudan during his teaching practice



Salaam Mentoring Program

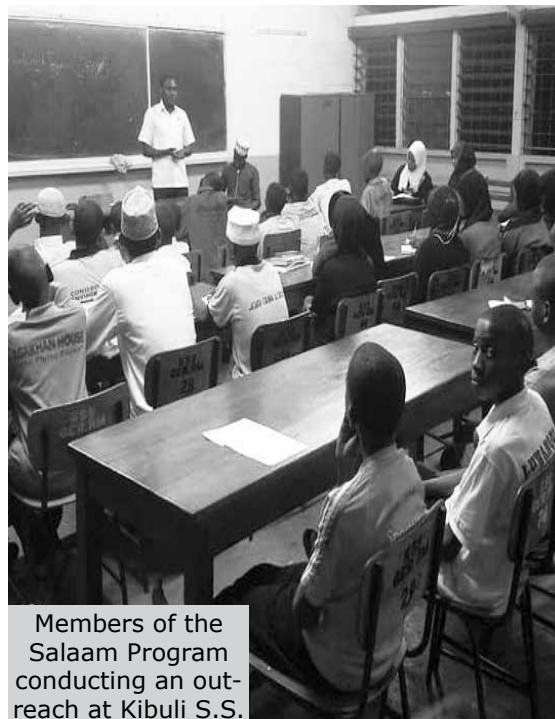
In the Salaam Mentoring Program, as we seek to bridge the Muslim/Christian divide in the spirit of Jesus. In our work we reach out to University students including the two campuses of the Islamic University in Uganda and high school students. We create space for them to have conversations about the teachings of Jesus and how can the person and teachings of Jesus provide a common ground for a better and more peaceful world.

The world is divided along lines of culture and religion and we need to create a common ground for constructive and sustainable conversations about our higher and shared Values of unconditional love and compassion to transform the people around for a better and a more peaceful world.

"Peace be upon you" is our great salutation in Islam, In our muslim community we use it "Asalaam aleikum" literally meaning "peace be with you" and the call to all believers to extend peace to those around us. It is all well and God(Allah) is in control.

"Peace be upon you" reminds us that the purpose of religion is to spread peace, tolerance, understanding, and submission to the will of

God. However this has been corrupted by minority elements in the community. Instead of spreading peace, the religion has been abused by a few minority groups and made an excuse for violence and the spread of terror both inside and out outside the faith.



Members of the Salaam Program conducting an outreach at Kibuli S.S.

Muslims and Christian repect Jesus. We have a lot to learn from the person and teachings of Jesus. Jesus spread peace through uniting different groups of people, for example the Samaritans and the Jews, he touched the untouchables, he set the sinners free and as He was leaving he left peace with his followers.

Therefore in Salaam Mentoring Program Jesus' life style inspires us to peace through teaching our young generation to build meaningful relationships between Muslims and Christian, encouraging everyone to touch each other's heart regardless of their culture and religious differences as we pray for one onother to have an experience of God's peace . True peace is the experience of a right and joyous relationship with our God and the people around us.



AFRICA YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

The greeting “Peace” is traced from the ancient Hebrew greeting “Shalom” which points to a wide range of meaning. It could be peace between people or nations; God and human beings.

Shalom in itself points to completeness, wholeness: a life where things are as they should be. Whereas the church adopted the phrase from its Jewish fore bearers, the Muslims picked it up and carried it into Arabic “As-salamu alaykum” This didn’t change any meaning or message. What changed was the language.

I recall this traditional church experience where I can relate to this phrase. During the service, readings are made and before the sermon is delivered, the priest asks the congregation to wish “peace” to their neighbor with this common phrase “Peace be with you”.

I want us to imagine the circumstances under which Jesus was making these two phrases: “Peace be with you” and “peace be to this house” (Luke 10:5). In several cases, his most immediate audience was under fear or had been frightened by a particular situation and they required comfort in one way or the other. Jesus therefore, feels this particular environment and shares in their “pain.” So wishing them this peace phrase was perhaps a symbol to calm down their inner most being and call it to “quietness” so they could cast it all to their master Creator, who could handle it all. What we can agree on here, is that you cannot be that productive or even effective, if you are in inner turbulence.

So, as John Maxwell puts it in the Law of Connection, “a leader touches a heart before he asks for a hand,” the best way to connect with audiences

was perhaps by this greeting. In my view, the phrase “Peace be with you” was a symbol of recognition and connection. Looking at scripture, every time Jesus used this phrase the followers, especially his disciples, connected with him, with no doubt at all.

At AYLF, we see this phrase represented all through our work. We see it reflected in the small groups, in the lifestyles of our graduates and the entire culture we promote with our focus on reconciling relationships beyond all lines of division. “Peace be with you” is in itself a point of reconciliation. This justifies why we have several of the AYLF members/coordinators from different religious backgrounds irrespective of the ‘would be visible lines of division’.

In AYLF, we can say that the phrase is this big tree whose branches provide satisfying shelter for several birds of the air.

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Spotlight on A.Y.L.F. in D.R. Congo

There is perhaps no place that this message of peace is needed more than in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

When we look at the scripture from John 20:21 "Peace be with you..." we may directly think that Jesus used this because the disciples worried about their life after the Master died. I feel this is applicable to the chaotic context of a country like ours, DRC, where insecurity is now more organized than the security, killings, kidnapping and anything related seem to be the rule of law. With our poverty, unemployment, work insecurity, family issues and church division, this phrase "Peace be with you" seems to be the language everyone wants to hear and everyone is supposed to use.

Pascal meeting with a small group in Kigali



Everyone in this world wants peace, even those who are fighting in the country. You will hear them saying: we want to protect our people, we want to have peace, but, the question is what kind of peace we are looking for. I think that even if the war is over in this country, insecurity may still be there. My Mentor used to say, "You can run away and escape something following you but not something within you". Scripture talks about the fighting going on within us, the fighting between good and bad. When we look at the time Jesus met his disciples, they were also going through that hardship. They didn't know what to do after the death of Jesus. Some had trouble between

keeping Jesus' principles and going back to their previous life, others were shocked that the man they expected to be the savior, the king, was not able to escape the cross. At this time what the disciples needed most was the peace within themselves rather than the peace of the world. And the truth is that although they all died terrible deaths, at least John died in prison, they died with inner peace, the peace that the world couldn't take out of us. This was the peace of being pure, of having a pure conscience, having a purpose, for preaching the Kingdom of God.

People in DRC don't have much inner peace because of beliefs they have grown up with: Tribalism, church division, financial status, etc. are the reasons for our insecurity and lack of development. I remember that when we started this journey, I myself I had these stereotypes. I couldn't approach some people because I feared them. I met many friends who would tell me that the only problem we have in DRC is that tribe, that country, that religion, but the truth is: the problem that brings insecurity within us is ourselves. If we are not able to stop the war in the world we are capable of stopping it within us. We try to help people get that peace of integrity, honesty, love, compassion and humility. That is the peace you get when doing good, when your conscious doesn't accuse you of anything.

This is what we try to do with our AYLF members, we come together to encourage each other

that there is still hope. Once Gandhi, the father of non violence said, "They can kill me but I am happy that they will not be able to kill what is within me." If we want to have peace in this world, we first have to have it in our heart, then we can become peace makers, peace agents, peace architects.

We can't control peace in this world, in our country, our community. We can control peace in our heart by doing what is good, what is irreproachable and once we have it within us we can be surprised to find it where we live and then in the country.

This section of our newsletter celebrates significant moments and “milestones” happening in our community around East Africa. We believe that significance comes in many forms, from the life changing events to the small moments in our connections with each other. This section is a space where we can record and celebrate events, best efforts, and accomplishments across our family of friends. Please note that this section is just a small glimpse of the accomplishments in our community across East Africa. If there is something significant you’d like mentioned in the next newsletter for yourself or another individual in our community, please email: cstonemedia256@gmail.com

Academics

- 50 University students (UG-CLA alumni) completed their final exams in Uganda. 33 in Business & science courses and 17 in Humanities.
- 19 University students (UG-ETHS alumni) completed their final exams in Uganda. 8 girls and 11 boys, 3 in science and 16 in Arts courses.
- 24 University Students (RW-CLA) completed their final exams in Rwanda. 16 in Business & Humanity courses and 8 in Science courses.
- 37 University Students (TZ-CLA) Completed their final Exams. 11 in Science related courses and 26 in Humanities.
- Okello Alex (UG-CLA 02) who has been involved in Entrepreneurs mentoring for young people was awarded a grant from Tonny Elumelu foundation
- Eluku Michael (UG-CLA 00), Kiconko Evelyne (UG-CLA '09) and Sarah Birakwate (UG-CLA 05) – were awarded PGD from Uganda Management Institute in the recent graduation
- Wanyenze Florence (UG-CLA '07) - graduated with Master of Management studies from UMI
- Nkulanga Enock (UG-ETHS '09), got a fellowship with the Obama Foundation.
- Kilisa Calvin, Mugisha Nathan, Rebero Frank, Nganji Glacien (RW-CLA '17) have been awarded scholarships to join the Rwanda Military Academy
- Careen Ishimwe (YIM) got a scholarship in Cyprus
- Mbabazi Japhet and Kavamahanga Emmanuel (YIM) got scholarships at KIAC.
- Gerald, Moureen, Annet (RW-CLA) graduated with bachelors of agriculture sciences and environmental management at Earth University in Costa Rica.

- Muhinda Fabrice (RW-YIM) - was the best student in WDA national exams.
- Mwiza Peace (RW-CLA '11) in BBA / finance graduated at University of Rwanda.
- Mpunganyimana Vital (RW-CLA '13) graduated in International Relations at Independent University of Kigali.

Leadership / Initiatives

- COSA Investment: COSA Uganda launched an Investment Club that has attracted over 150 Members by the payment of 50,000 subscription fee. Registration and paper work is ongoing. The Club is now open to all COSA members for savings the intention is to add investment and credit at a later date. It will also have an insurance aspect to it
- Lopian Paul Scholes (UG-CLA 16) was elected as GRC School of Social Science Makerere University.
- Bogere Maria (UG-ETHS '14) was Elected as Sport and Recreation Minister at Medicare Health Professionals College.
- Uwizeye Grace (RW-CLA '17) founded Nyampinga Ushoboye foundation.
- Mutabazi Steven (RW- 13) - is a Guild Minister in charge of Finance at University of Rwanda Nyarugenge campus.
- Akaliza Diane (RW-CLA '15) - is now a teaching assistant at Kepler University
- Mwiseneza Maurice (RW-CLA '15) - become the Debate president at Kepler University
- Nzaramba Theoneste (RW-CLA '10) started Society Foundation
- Burora Steven (RW-CLA '10) Founder of Bora Minds
- Twagirayezu Saidi (RW-CLA '11) started a Community Development Initiatives -Africa (CDI) and The Light community Sports Academy (LCSA) to impact the young generation
- Kabatesi Winnie, Uwajye Vanessa, Karasi Grace, Nabasa Naomi, Uwizeye Grace (RW-CLA '17) are social agents/mentors for Global Grassroots.
- Seshyamba Fred (RW-CLA '09), national coordinator for Revealing Light Ministries.
- Sumayire Bob (RW- 14) - started evangelical blog named "Nkunda Gospel/I love the Gospel"
- Luyonza Enock (UG-CLA '06) - started Connection Point Fellowship that meets every Friday evening.
- Mpazimpaka Fred (RW-CLA '12) businessman, associate pastor and interpreter for the church.
- Joram Nkumbi (TZ-CLA '13) - in addition to HLD, AYLF and Salaam Mentoring Program, he recently started teaching leadership topics on national radio station heard in more than 22 regions all over the country.
- Joel Kihongoa (TZ-CLA '13) - Minister of Education at JOCUCO University.
- Daniel Ngowi (TZ-CLA '14) - has a radio program on Habari Maalum radio where speaks about living a morally upright life, he is also the class representative for theology students at the university of Mount Meru.
- Andrew Chausa (TZ-CLA '15) - member of student's parliament at the university of Dar es Salaam
- Winfrida Kaaya (TZ-CLA '15) - Secretary of Undergraduate and Post Graduate Economics Association in the University of Dar es salaam
- Felista Moses (TZ-CLA '15) - minister for accommodation (Dar es Salaam University college of Education).
- John Mkasu (TZ-CLA '15) - Deputy security minister at the University of Dodoma.

Country Abbreviations:

UG: Uganda, RW: Rwanda, KA: Kenya, TZ: Tanzania, SS: South Sudan, BU: Burundi, DRC: D. R. Congo

Program Abbreviations:

CLA: Cornerstone Leadership Academy, LASS: Leadership Academy of South Sudan, ETHS: Ekitangaala Transformation High School, AYLF: Africa Youth Leadership Forum, HLD: Highschool Leadership Development, YC: Youth Corps

- Vincent Kuley (TZ-CLA '16) - General secretary of Tanzania Horticulture Students' Association
- Elisante Ephraim (TZ-CLA '16) - Director general of Africamoja Youth, Society (UN Accredited), also president of Builders of Future Africa. (Tanzania)
- Elvis Namajojo (TZ-CLA '16) - Chairman for Christ Ambassadors Student Fellowship Tanzania (CASFETA) in Mtwara district.
- Janeth Mathayo (TZ-CLA '16) - Treasurer for the CHRISTIAN UNION at Mount Meru University
- Mathew Bussu (TZ-CLA '16) - Deputy minister for loan affairs- Mzumbe University
- Alier John Panchol (SS- 15) - Guild President, Livingstone International University
- Angesha Thomas (SS- 16) - Guild Representative Council for International Students, Kyambogo University
- Okwera Francis (SS-15) - President for Social Works and Social Administration Faculty, Kyambogo University
- Ajwok Mary Valentino (SS- 16) - Vice President for Makerere University South Sudanese Students Association
- Kiden Josephine (SS16) - First year students MasterCard Representative, Makerere University
- Bakata Emmanuel (SS- 16) - Africa Youth Leadership Forum Program Coordinator, Gulu University
- Rumbek Emmanuel (SS- 16) - Deputy Prime Minister for the Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, Gulu University
- Utyera Lazarus (SS- 15) - Member of Parliament for Faculty Business Administration, Livingstone International University
- Lokuyu Boniface (SS- 16) - Member of Parliament for Hostel, Livingstone International University
- Yagub Daniel (SS- 16) - Member of Parliament for faculty of Media technology, Livingstone International University
- Buli James (SS- 16) - Member of Parliament for Faculty of Education, Livingstone International University
- Okenyi Godfrey (SS- 16) - Speaker for the Faculty of Development Studies, Bugema University
- Guya Joel (SS- 16) - President for Equatoria South Sudanese Association, Bugema University
- Oryem Bosco (SS- 16) - President for Nkumba University Acholi Students Association
- Yengi Bismarck (SS- 16) - Chaplain for Uganda Christian University South Sudanese Association
- Biga Patrick (SS- 16) - Information Minister for Equatoria Students Union in Uganda at Makerere University
- Mbitse Caleb (UG-CLA-14) organised conferences in Kisoro. Empowering secondary schools on community leadership
- Karuhanga Gerald (UG-CLA 14) organised a youth entrepreneurship conference in Sheema District
- Kisembo Monicah (UG-CLA 14) organised a youth leadership conference in Hoima bringing together all youth leaders of Kibale Diocese
- Class retreat 2014 (UG-CLA). Boys and girls had a retreat in Jinja. Retreat was to prepare them of life after University
- Ladies Home Coming (UG-CLA) happened on Women's day at CLA girls. Theme: Women mentoring women- (by COSA ladies)
- 72 University Students (UG-CLA) organized an outreach in National Youth Rehabilitation Centre a prison for Juveniles
- Charity giving (UG-CLA) by University COSA Relationship Interest group. Gave out Sanitary towels to Ekitangaala Primary School P.7 girls

New Jobs

- Jillian Auma (UG-ETHS '13) got a job as a sales Executive with Fenix International
- Akwango Juliet (UG-ETHS '13) got a job with girl child project called Days 4 Girls.
- Lucy Twesigye (UG-ETHS '08) got a job as a Social Worker with New Beginning Child Trust
- Opinya Kizza (UG-CLA '03) appointments as Legal adviser Uganda Electricity Distribution Company
- Owgal Vicent (UG-CLA '04) Headteacher Apac District
- Arinaitwe Enock (RW-CLA '12) – new job with DOT Rwanda.
- Manzi Collins (RW-CLA '09) – credit manager in Ignite Power Rwanda
- Uwamahoro Alice (RW-CLA '09) – IT Officer in the University of Kigali.
- Mutoni Chantal (RW-CLA '10) –Assistant Human Resource in Access Bank Rwanda.
- Mutoni Sharon (RW-CLA '11) – human resource manager at Ignite Power Rwanda
- Mutesi Irene (RW-CLA '11)–bank teller at Access Bank Rwanda.
- Mwesigye Geoffrey (UG-ETHS, '13) – marketing manager at Techno Rwanda.
- Ndaheimana Jean Batista (RW-CLA '12) Teller at GT Bank.
- Muyoboke Fabrice (RW-CLA '12) at Bugesera Airport which is still under construction.
- Cyubahiro Elyse Honore (YIM) got a

- job at Jibu Water
- Deus (YIM) got a job at Simba supermarket
- Nyirarukundo Josiane (YIM) got a job AC Group.
- Mutoni Dianh (YIM) got a job at Gorilla Logistics Ltd.
- Ndamukunda Alexander (YIM) got a job at USAID.
- Eliya Fredrick (TZ-CLA '13) – Ward Councillor (DIWANI) in one of the wards of Kakonko district
- Gift Ngumuo (TZ-CLA '14) – marketing director for Builders of Future Africa.
- Loserian Mollel (TZ-CLA '14) – mobilizer working with Builders of Future Africa.
- Judith Laizer (TZ-CLA '14) – having achieved some success in the industry, she recently started a fashion label called Mesisisi.

Family

- Phina Nyamihanda (UG-ETHS '10) wedded to Amos
- Janis Akampurira (UG-ETHS '10) wedded Odongo Vincent.
- Baluku Emmanuel (UG-ETHS '09) wedded Ronus
- Brenda Mugena (UG-CLA '08) and Francis Muggaga wedded
- Annet Atieno (UG-CLA '06) and Mumbya Henry wedded
- Robina Kalungi (UG-CLA) introduced Ronald to her family in Fort Portal.
- Henry and Harriet Kigozi (UG- CLA 00) Got a baby girl
- Simon and Esther Edube (UG-CLA 09) got a baby Boy.
- Akidi Catherine (UG-CLA '07) got a baby Boy.
- Atim Eunice (UG-CLA '05) got a baby Boy.
- Batamuriza Justine (RW-CLA '10) gave birth to 2nd born baby girl.
- Ntaganda Modeste (RW-CLA '09) and Mutamba Jackie now have a 1st born baby boy.
- Karinijabo Jackie (RW-CLA '09) wedded in January 2018.
- Kamariza Christine (RW-CLA '12) got married.
- Abagwaneza Jackie (RW-CLA '11) wedded to Ngarambe James in February.
- Koburunga Allen (RW-CLA '10) got married to Karangwa David
- Mutoni Chantal (RW-CLA '10) got married to Aaron Gaga.
- Rukundo immaculle (YIM) got married to Marcel.

Cornerstone family of friends
end of year staff retreat 2017.



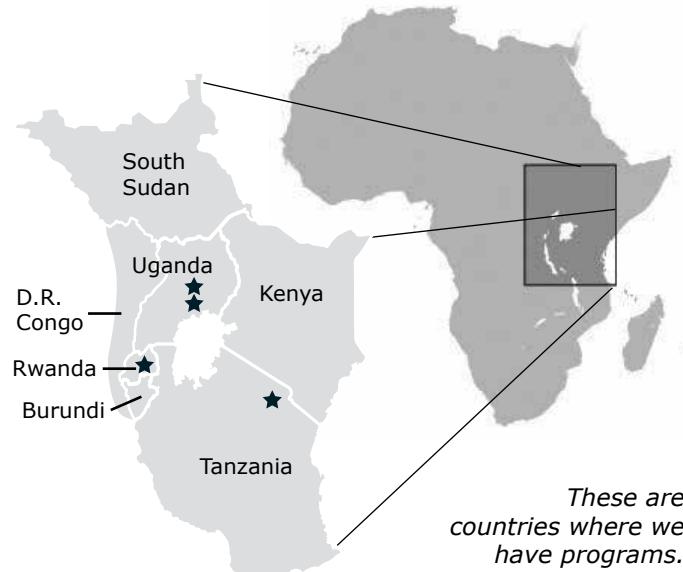
Cornerstone Development Africa

We are a family of friends in the spirit of Jesus committed to:

- * Equipping and advancing a movement of servant leaders with a shared vision for the positive transformation of their communities, nation and region.
- * Compassion for the poor with a focus on young people.
- * Working across the lines of culture and faith differences.
- * Maintaining a long-term partnership with each other.
- * Loving God and neighbor.

Cornerstone Development was established in Uganda in 1988 to help in the rebuilding and development of the nation as it was emerging from a turbulent past. In recent years we have expanded to Rwanda, Tanzania, Kenya, Burundi, Southern Sudan, and D.R. Congo. All our programs are directed towards helping under-privileged children, with a special emphasis on youth leadership development. Since its inception the work has steadily expanded to include over 2,000 young people today- in a variety of programs including five schools, ten homes for homeless kids, several hostels for university youth and sports programs - all designed for providing love, education and character formation.

Our core focus is on "Developing the Cornerstones of Africa's Next Generation". That is, to raise up future leaders with a shared vision of positively transforming their communities and nations, as an outgrowth of their own personal transformation. Our approach involves creating loving, family-like environments in our schools and other programs for under-privileged young people, while empowering them with education and character formation in order for them to become leaders. Furthermore, the young people coming through our programs are forming a move-



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ment that seeks to make a contribution to the betterment of society while promoting reconciliation across all that is dividing humanity. We as a community are a living model of this kind of unity in diversity, in that we are composed of all the different tribes, nationalities, cultures and religious backgrounds found in this part of the world.

In our character development curriculum we teach the timeless, universal principles of forgiveness, honesty, integrity, compassion, kindness, hard work, humility, service to the less fortunate, as exemplified in the teachings of Jesus, and the perennial wisdom of all traditions, but without affiliation to any one institutional religious group.

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