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# LEADERSHIP

## 1. What is your definition of a leader?

A leader is someone who influences people to move in the direction that h/she is going.

## 2. What has been your experience as a leader in the specific area God has placed you in?

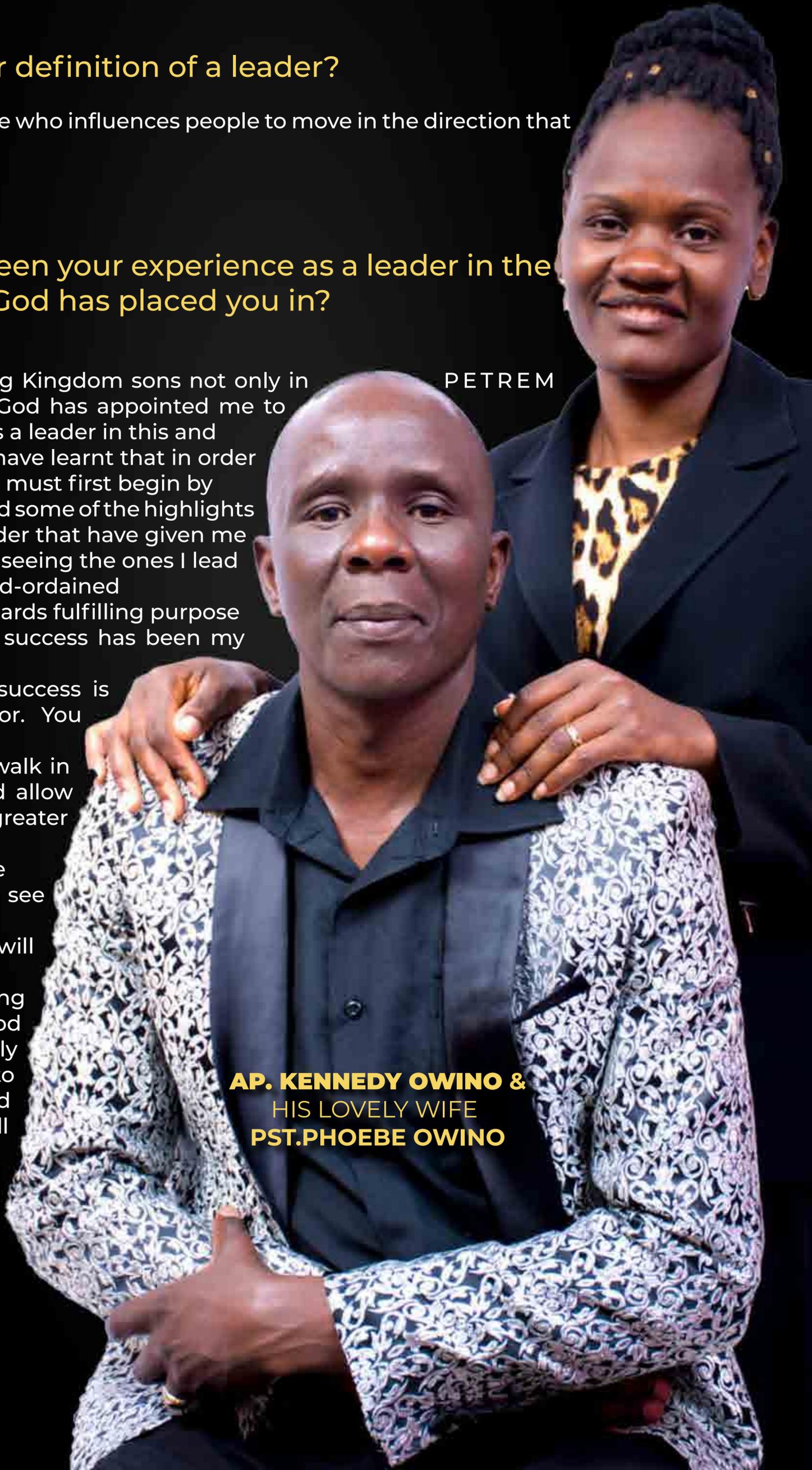
My calling is raising Kingdom sons not only in but in every area God has appointed me to function/lead in. As a leader in this and other capacities, I have learnt that in order to lead people, you must first begin by leading yourself and some of the highlights I have had as a leader that have given me great fulfillment is seeing the ones I lead arriving to their God-ordained destinations as regards fulfilling purpose and destiny. Their success has been my success.

As a leader, true success is having a successor. You should be able to mentor others to walk in your footsteps and allow them to do even greater things.

In leadership I have happened to also see that comparing yourself to others will divert your attention to pleasing people and not God who called you. Only compare yourself to God's standards and your conscience will be at peace.

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**AP. KENNEDY OWINO &  
HIS LOVELY WIFE  
PST. PHOEBE OWINO**



...CONTINUATION ON

# LEADERSHIP

WITH AP. KENNEDY OWINO

### 3. What are the challenges you have encountered as a leader?

Well, leadership is all about solving challenges, being a solution to a challenge that is present in the area God has called you to lead. Some of the challenges I have faced in my journey as a leader are;

**a. Fear of the unknown.**

No one knows tomorrow and that can be quite scary. I have learnt to overcome this by believing in God and every promise He makes even when it's so hard to because of the present circumstances. He always comes through. To arrive to your tomorrow you must believe.

**b. Insufficient resources to be able to meet people's needs.**

Leadership requires needs to be met and it is challenging when you aren't able to stand in this gap at times but I have learnt to be a giver. You've got to be a giver even if what you have is very little. Give faithfully. God will sustain you.

**c. Loving people who hate you.**

Negative people will always be there and they can hurt you by what they say or do but I have learnt to maintain a pure heart, forgive quickly and forget. Serve God from a pure heart.

### 4. What are the common areas where leaders fall short in?

**a. Integrity**

Leaders are humans of course, just like every other person, but God demands integrity in the work He has called us to do. Lead truthfully and with integrity.

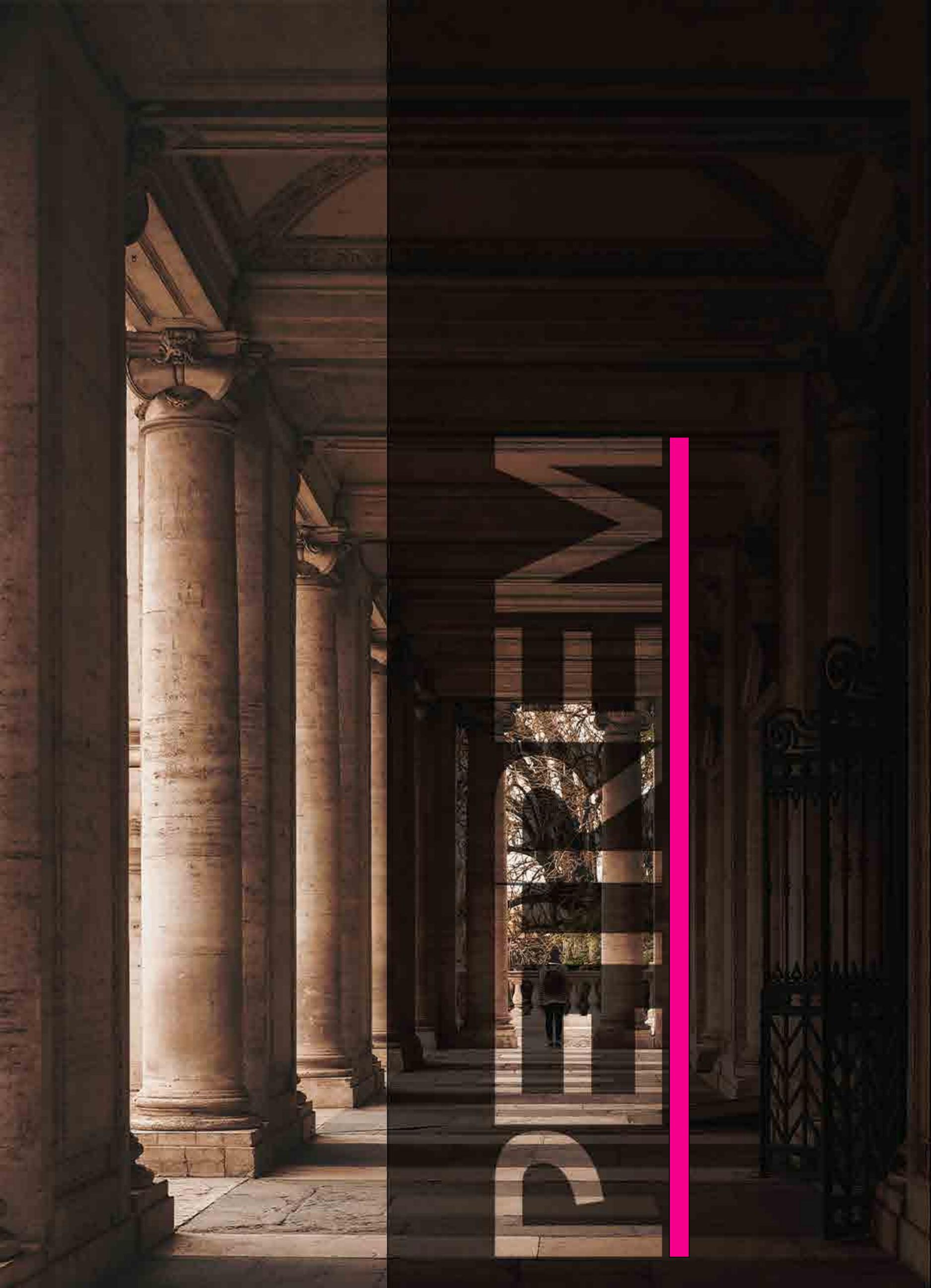
**b. Humility**

Leaders sometimes forget that all they have accomplished is by and through God and so they get puffed up with pride. Acknowledge God's hand in everything you have been able to achieve/deliver. Humble yourself before the Lord.

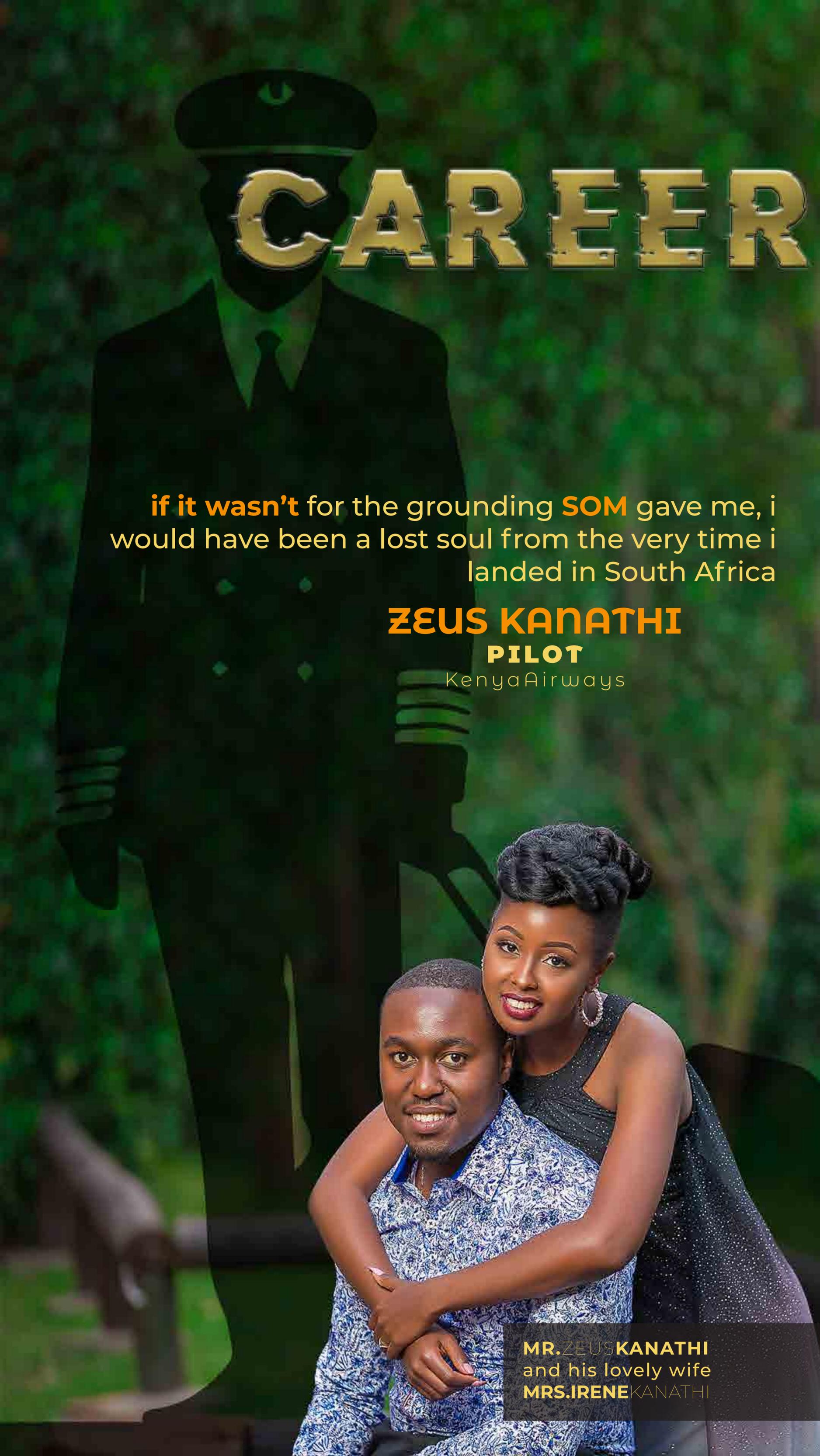
A leader who masters integrity and humility will always remain relevant.

### 5. How important is spirituality in leadership?

Spirituality is the foundation and the conscience of all leadership. All leadership is meant to point people back to God. While we are supposed to maintain spirituality as leaders, we should not forget to balance spirituality and mentality. Spirituality without mentality is slavery, Mentality without spirituality is vanity. Ensure that as a leader you are leading people with a current/up-to-date mindset. As the famous saying goes, don't do things the same way and expect to reap different results. As a leader, set people up for growth.



**PILLARS**



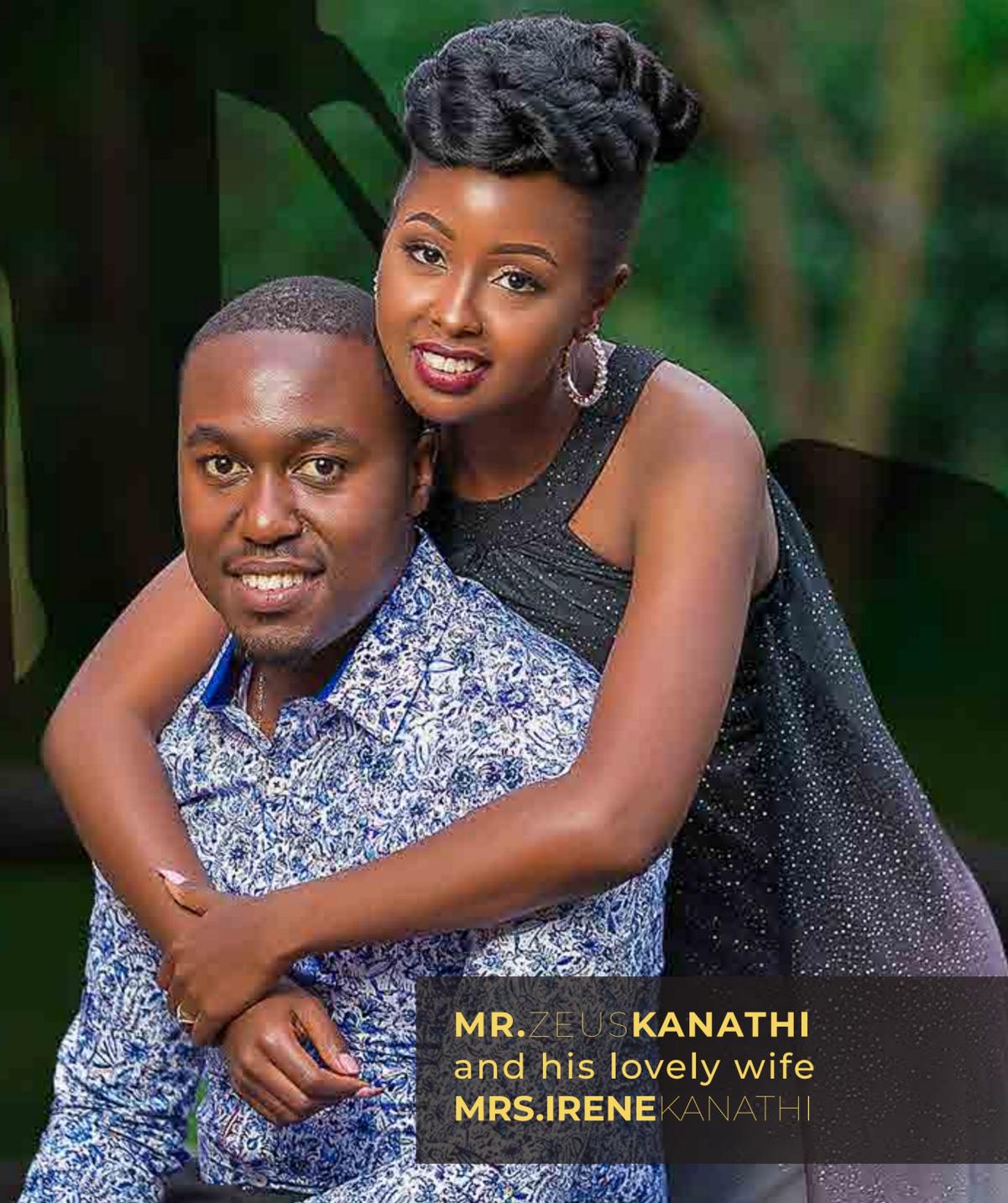
# CAREER

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Kenya Airways



**MR. ZEUS KANATHI**  
and his lovely wife  
**MRS. IRENE KANATHI**

# CAREER

Every person has a dream ingrained in their system and for one Zeus Kanathi who at 29 years is a bona fide pilot in the full flush of his career. For years Zeus always had a dream of being a pilot but he was not sure of how it would play out when he had finished high school and had been called to university to do a course in actuarial science. But the course was short lived when he did an online application for a scholarship program called Ab Inito that Kenya Airways offered at the time. The program catered for flying school, training and then offered employment.

“I applied online then I was shortlisted and did a total of six interviews,” Zeus Kanathi says. In 2013, twenty of them were picked to go to South Africa for training. “I was there for 17 months. I trained and got my flying license; came back to Kenya then went for the Netherlands in 2015 for more training and eventually jetted back to my motherland for training for a month then started working.”

Over the years, Zeus has learnt some key spiritual lessons in the market place. One of them is that God at the center makes everything better. “Faith without works is dead. The market place respects and responds to results. Use your faith to stir up your God given ability to perform,” he explains.

A mistake that he has seen believers do; is have a notion in which they believe that because they are children of God and because they walk in favor, they don't put in the work required. “Unbelievers put in the work; they research, they hone their skills, they put in long hours. This is not to negate the favor of God because sometimes we end up in places where we aren't qualified for. Like how I was shortlisted and made it for flying school?”

But how much more can we succeed in the market place when we put in the work and still carry the favor of God?” he states. The pilot learnt this lesson the hard way when he saw how unbelievers put in the work. He insists that as much as an individual has a gift, one should work on it. “In the work environment, people will employ you when they can see what you can do for them and not by how much you can quote scripture.” He says that it is important for one to invest in themselves and their skills so that they can bring forth value.

When Zeus went to South Africa for training, he realized that it was a whole new environment with different values and cultures. “There was a lot of secularism. For me it was a huge culture shock. I realized that there is a foundation that one year in SOM gives you that grounds you for a very long time. For you to go wayward, you need to intentionally go against what has been deposited in your heart for the past one year. Probably you were in SOM but your heart wasn't in it. Unless you came for the wrong reasons,” he states. Zeus insists that if it wasn't for the grounding SOM gave him, he would have been a lost soul from the very time he landed in South Africa. A lot of things were thrown to him and all at the same time. It was a place where he didn't even know where he would go to church on Sunday's. It took him a while before he knew where he would attend service. “After a period of time, people I trained with started going to church because of me,” he recalls.

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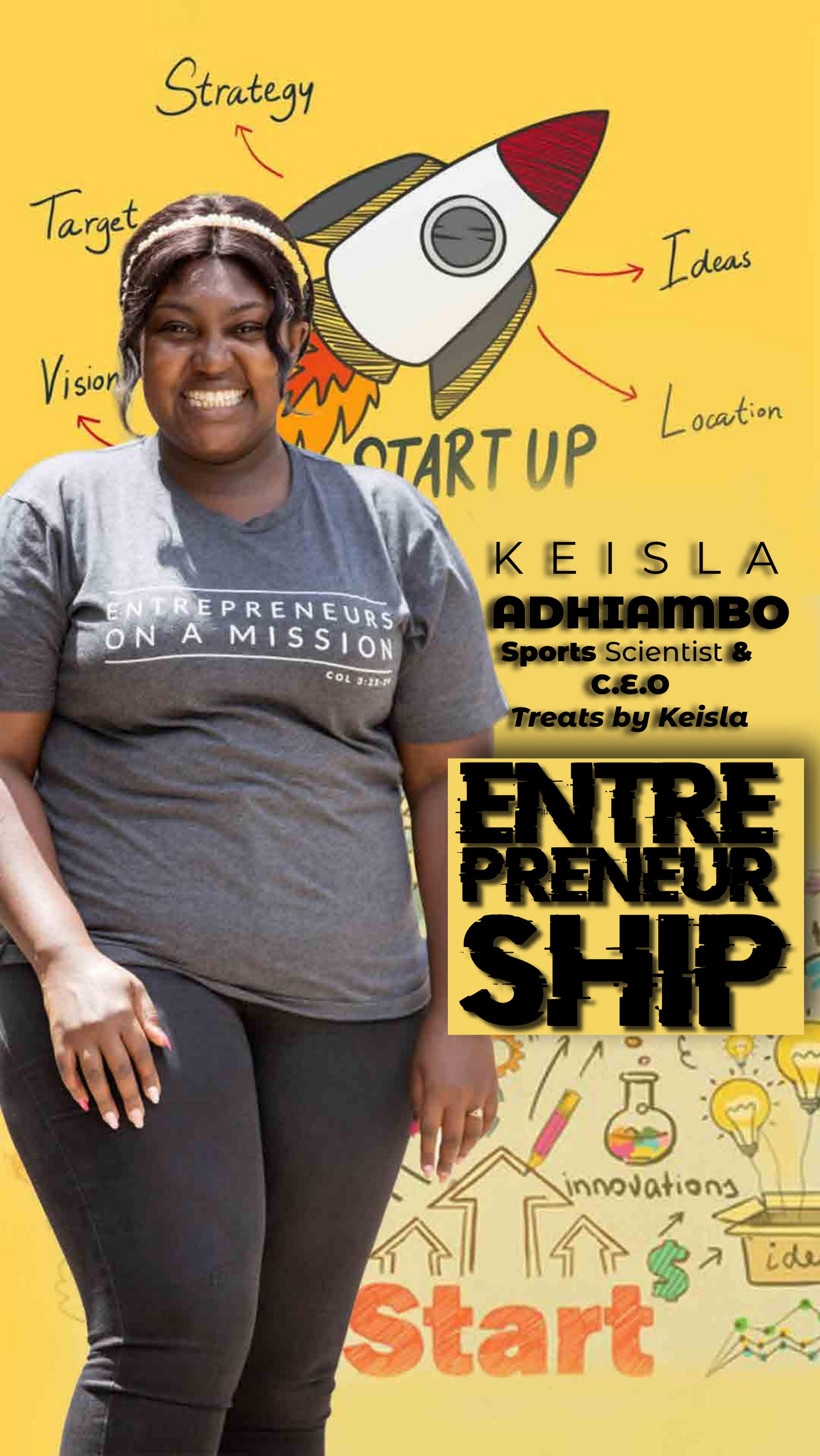
While he was there, he strived to maintain a consistent schedule of prayer and reading the Word. After some time, he joined another church where he joined the praise and worship and started playing the keyboard. "The Bible says that we shouldn't forsake the gathering together of brethren. Interacting with other believers, really helped me. Because it is very dangerous for you as a believer to stay alone and not attend church. It's only a matter of time before you will be influenced by the world," he states. Zeus attributes to his spirituality keeping him grounded. It has given him a strong foundation and anchor that has guaranteed him stability when uncertainties, storms, trials, temptations and tribulations hit.



"In life, there are a lot of uncertainties, but with God you will pull through. You learn to count it all joy. But without a good foundation, it is very easy to give up," he states. In the coming years, Zeus plans to cultivate personal growth that will produce positive impact on the people around him, his family and generation. "The horse is prepared for the day of battle but deliverance is of the Lord. Always have a plan but remember at the of the day, God is the one who gives you sure success."

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**Sports Scientist &  
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**ENTREPRENEURSHIP**



# ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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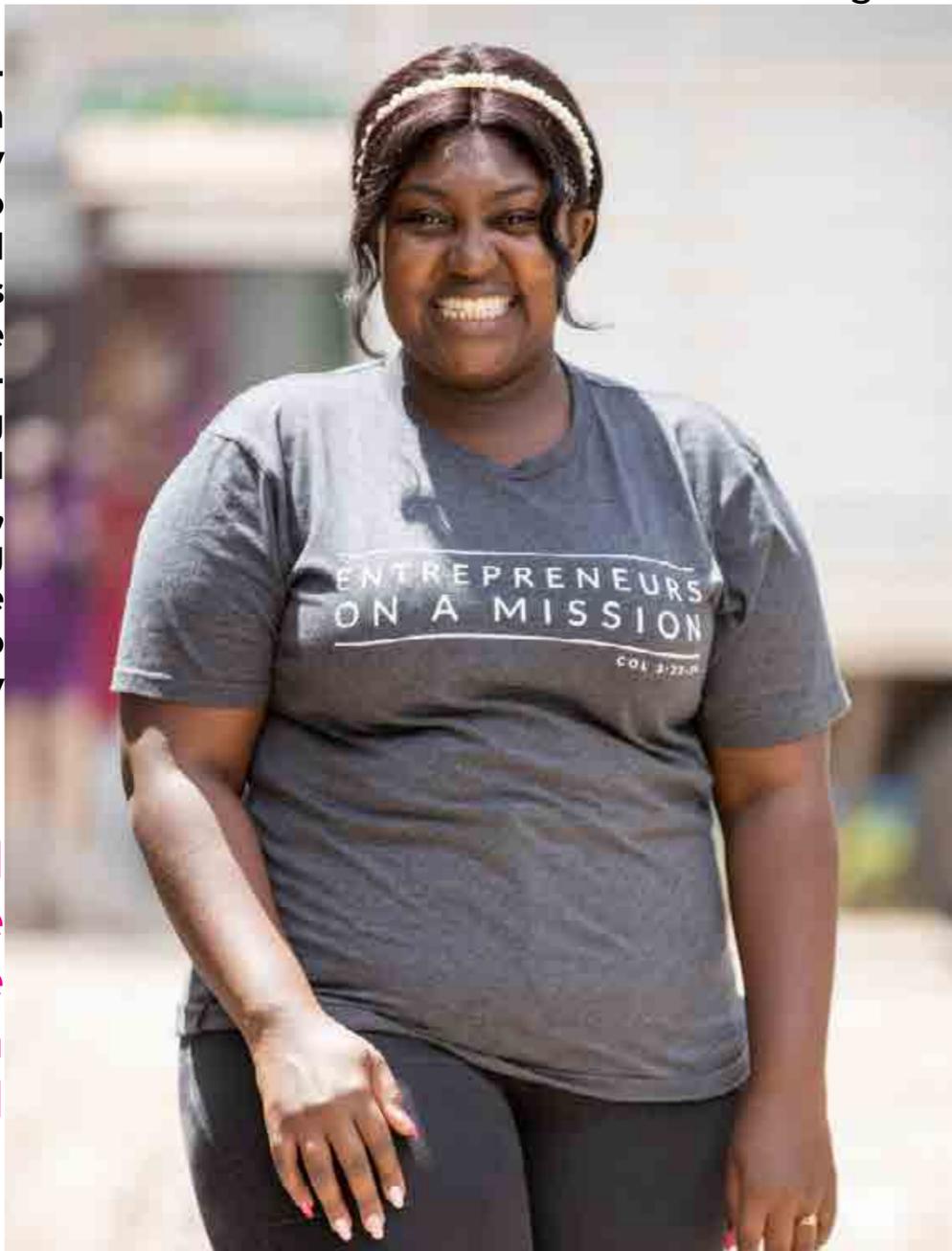
My name is Keisla Adhiambo. I am a Sports Scientist by profession and I also run a home-based bakery called Treats by Keisla. I specialize in baking custom order cakes – according to clients’ request and preferences. In future, I plan on expanding and opening a cake shop, as opposed to baking commercially in my house.

**1. When did you realize that this is the business idea you should pursue?**

I wouldn't say baking had been an initial passion of mine. It's something I acquired from having taken Home Science as a subject in High School simply because it didn't involve a lot of theory but mostly practical lessons. My mother wanted me to do Business as a subject instead but it didn't make sense to me when I could just cook in Home Science and pass the exam. Looking back at it, I am actually so glad that I made that decision because it is making me money today.

I also happened to fully settle on this during School Of Ministry in 2015. SOM served

the purpose of opening me up to what God has called me to do and what dreams I wanted to pursue. I gained an understanding of the direction I was meant to take in life.



When I decided to start the business I had just freshly joined campus and it was so difficult to balance books and my baking business. I also happened to be living on Campus and it wasn't as though we were allowed to

have kitchen appliances like ovens so whenever I got an order, I had to rush home to bake then deliver the order and go back to school.

**b. Lack of proper business systems.**

I enrolled for a business course in 2016 just to learn how to operate business effectively and that's when I realized I had actually been making losses since I started. Business was just not making sense to me. In 2017

however, I mastered how to put systems in place to manage the money earned from the business, knowing how to budget for baking items, utilities, being able to pay myself from the profit earned as well etc. the business can now run itself firmly.

**2. What are some of the challenges you have faced in the business?**

It has been an exciting journey since I began in 2015 accompanied with its own set of challenges, of course. Some of the challenges I have experienced are;

**a. Balancing books and business.**

# GENERATORSHIP

### 3. How important is spirituality in business?

If spirituality is a part of you then you cannot separate yourself from it. Disciplines like tithing have always been a part of my business since I started. I also believe that God is the one who has been sustaining my business and I wouldn't want to misrepresent Him in any way. He makes my clients trust me enough to deliver their desires so I always do my best to make sure I deliver excellently. It is all for God's glory. My spirituality has helped me uphold excellence and good reputation.

### 4. What are the key lessons you have learnt in business?

a. Always pray for your business.

b. Ensure you keep growing. Make sure you go for more knowledge in your area of business and learn new trends. Keep yourself up-to-date because if you stop learning and growing you stop being relevant.

c. Always give 100%. Do your best. If you are not in a position to deliver a job excellently you'd rather let it go instead of doing things half-heartedly. Take up jobs with the intention of delivering work well done.

### 5. What are some of the best practices to adopt in a business?

#### a. Get your money right.

When I started business I didn't know matters as regards accounting. Accounting plays a huge role in every business. If you are venturing into business make sure to develop disciplines of accounting, or hire an accountant, or adopt accounting systems like Mpesa Till that can generate statements to help you separate personal money from business money and ensure you are aware how much money you are making.

#### b. Be social-media savvy.

The world is digital nowadays and many businesses are making themselves known via social media. Learn how to thrive on social media platforms and if you are able, you can employ a social media manager for your business who will market and engage with your audience online.

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# n\$TWORKING

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MITCHELL **ODHIAMBO**  
Corporate Finance expert  
[in **Financial Modelling**  
& **Data Analysis.**]

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Mitchell Odhiambo - a Corporate Financial Professional with over 5 years of experience doing expert Financial Modelling and Data Analysis for growth companies in East Africa.

## 1. What is Networking?

It is the art of interacting with others for the purposes of adding value or exchanging information to build your social or professional network. In my opinion, it is for everyone.

You are only as strong as your social capita. As the saying goes, no human being is an island. We all need people who can be a source of help to us or who we can be of help to.

If you have dreams and aspire to go far in life, networking is necessary.

Networking is about building a community that will exist on long term basis. It is more effective when you make connections that go beyond a particular forum or event.

## 2. What are Some of the Essentials of Networking

a. Define your field of interest and build on it.

This will define what kind of network you build. Invest in that particular field of interest e.g acquiring knowledge on it, to ensure you are well versed in the area and can well engage with your networks on the same.

b. Before you ask for help from someone who is in a position to help you as regards the dreams and career aspirations you have by the virtue of them being in that particular career or field of work, find some value to add onto them first. Get to listen to them and know how you can be of help.

c. Make good use of social networking platforms like LinkedIn to build your brand. Be consistent in tailoring your profile or content according to your interests.

## 3. Key Points to Note about Networking

a. Networking is not about one's personality or age. It is for everyone. It is not innate but an art that is acquired and mastered by actually doing it. It's as practical as it can get and demands that one cultivates it.

b. In addition to networking with the people in your field of interest, reach out to those in different industries as well. They might be carrying the solutions that are needed in your industry on different levels eg technological solutions. This brings in different perspectives and gives room for more growth.

c. Learn to network with people who are 3 levels above you, those who you are where you aspire to be, in order to grow exponentially in the field. They have encountered different challenges and lessons that have shaped their outlook of life. Don't just stick with your peers. Someone has to be doing better than you are.

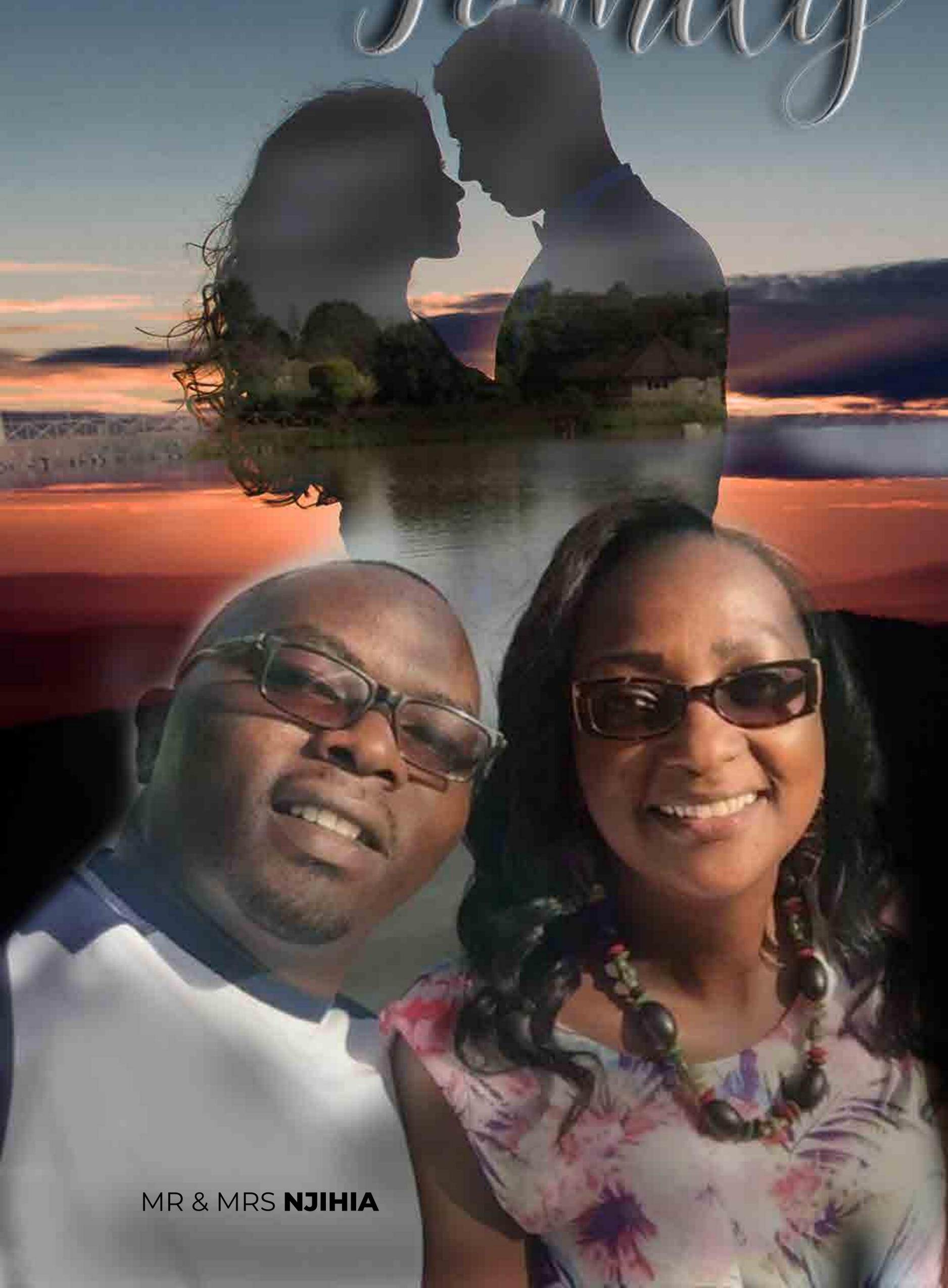
## 4. Importance of Networking

a. It brings about personal and professional growth through the many opportunities that come with it.

b. It makes you be a better leader because you are able to appreciate cultures like diversity and inclusion having interacted with diverse people.

c. It saves you time and money.

# Relationship & Family



MR & MRS **NJIHIA**



# Relationship & Family

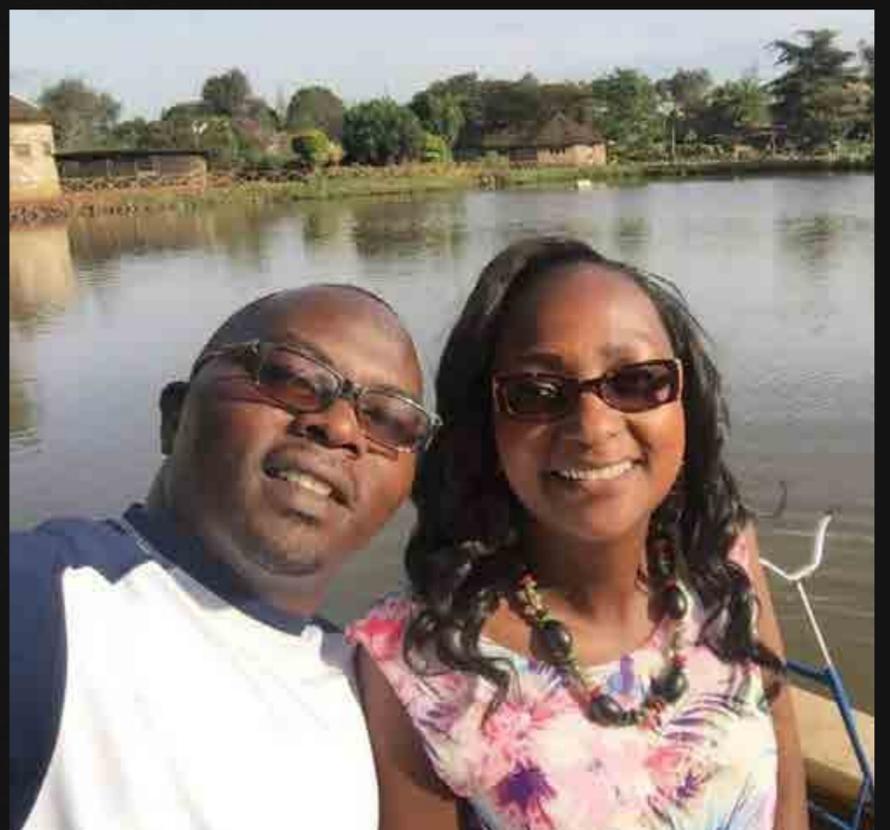
Boy meets girl in church, they serve together. Boy approaches girl and before you know it, they fall in love and get married. That's the story of Mr and Mrs. Njihia. An alumni of the School of Ministry 2001, Mrs. Ruth Njihia now works with an insurance company and is a praise and worship leader. She is married to Reverend Stephen Njihia of KAG Ongata Ronga who is also a Chaplain of Beacon of Hope based in Ongata Rongai.

Mr and Mrs. Njihia met in church but used to go to different churches but all under the Kenya Assemblies of God umbrella. Ruth served in praise and worship while Rev. Steve at the time was preaching and leading prayer. They would occasionally meet in the district meetings. Rev. Steve recalls, "I wanted someone who is dedicated to God and the work of God. For some weird reason I had a bias towards people in the worship team but that soon faded off when I met my wife." Ruth describes the husband, "He came across as a quiet guy. I gravitated towards him because I didn't expect he would do anything. So I felt comfortable around him. So you can imagine my shock when he started being very smooth with his words."

Ruth was the only lady in the sectional and district meetings where they would meet and plan. That's how Rev. Steve got to know more about Ruth. They proceeded to court for two years. I ask Ruth how she got a confirmation that Rev. Steve was the one and she told me that Apostle Ken prayed for her when they attended a particular wedding. Apostle Ken told her that she would do a wedding in four months. "The whole time I kept wondering what if God delays? Why are we putting a specific timeline on God? So I forgot about it, then one day when I was in service, God placed a sure confirmation about my husband and after the four months, it came to pass and I believed that it is actually God who had spoken," she says.

The courtship period was lengthened by the parents of Ruth being away. It was also during this courtship period that they learnt each other's temperament; that Ruth is a choleric and Rev. Steve is a melancholic. "What helped us get our grounding was the premarital classes that we had and our best couple's advice," Rev. Steve states. Ruth reiterated that it is important for any couple to find a couple that they can walk with because the advice they give is very personalized. The best couple is able to keep tabs through the different seasons of life which is an added advantage to premarital counseling.

I ask Ruth what she loves most about her husband and she says, "I love his heart for God. As a girl, the first man in my life was my dad. My father being a pastor, I saw him preach and love God and I wanted someone who was like my dad. I am in insurance but I am fully immersed in ministry and I wanted someone who knew me from the church perspective."





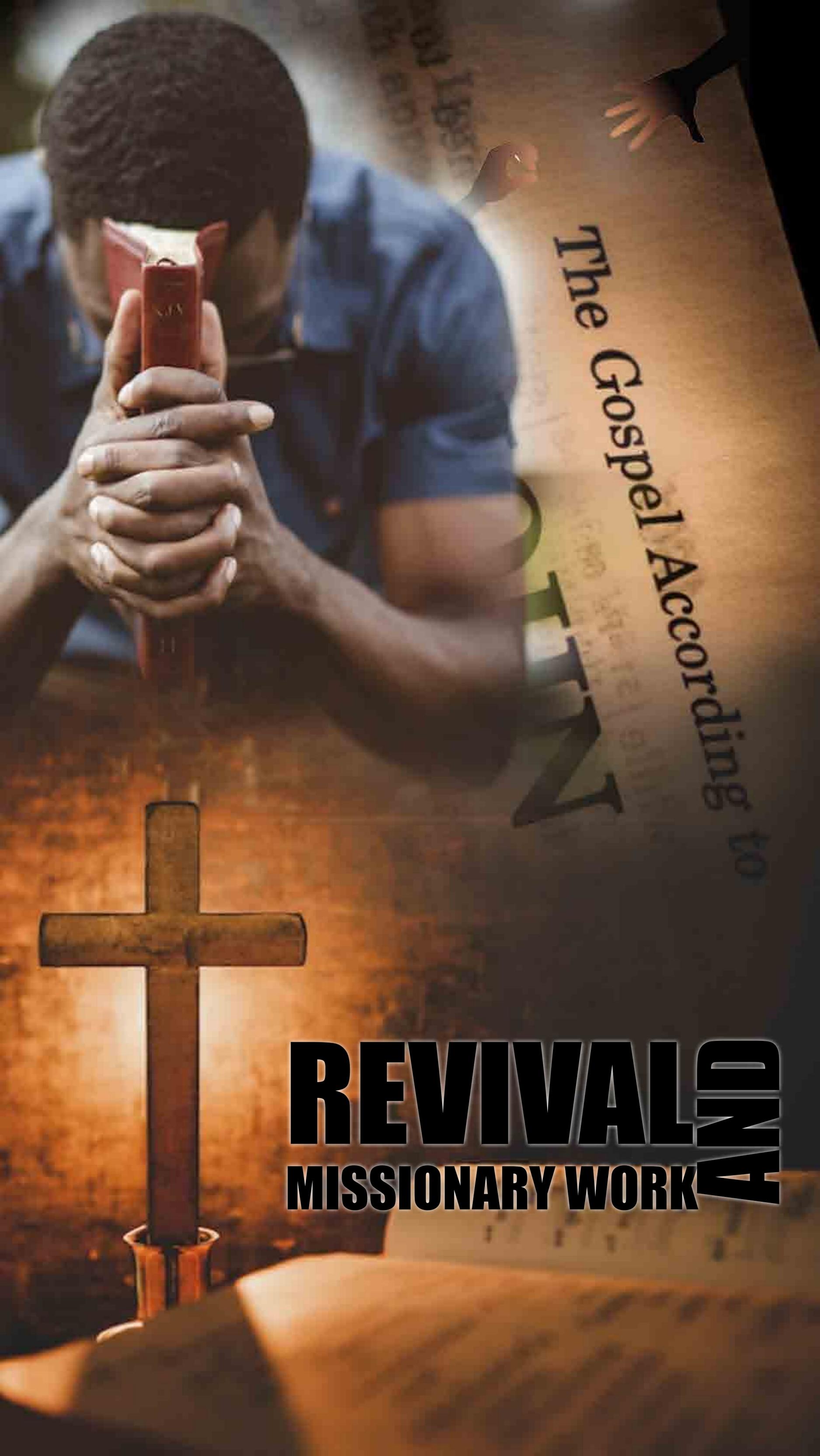
# Relationship & Family

So what is Ruth's greatest takeout from marriage? "Praying together," she states. It has kept her focused and it has matured her. She states that it has placed them in a position where other couples look to them and shifts the focus to where it's not about them. As for Rev. Steve, he explains that marriage is a good platform where one can build the other financially, spiritually, emotionally etc..

"Marriage is different in Christ. The foundation is in Christ. Everybody in the house has a day to lead devotion including the children. That is how it is different in Christ; raising up children in the ways of God. And for the two of us it is my responsibility to ensure that my wife makes it to heaven and vice versa," Rev. Steve says..

Fast forward to twelve beautiful years of marriage and the couple has been blessed with four children. Three biological and one foster child. "A couple of things change when you become a parent. Our prayer time changed. You also realize that there are people depending on you and as a result we make our decisions very seriously. We like to have one common front. We got our foster son six years ago when he was eight years old. He is older than our first born. That also changed the dynamics of our parenting and him fitting into the system that was already laid out," Ruth explains. On the other hand Rev. Steve says that every child has a different temperament. This as a result has pushed them to know more about parenting. "We have done parenting classes online and physically under various ministries. Our children have also helped us to know who we are. We have also learnt that punishment isn't always the only means of disciplining. We really strive for our children to know if what they did was wrong. That's the most important part," Rev. Steve reiterates.





THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO  
MATTHEW

**REVIVAL ONLY**  
**MISSIONARY WORK**



VICTOR **OSALLO**  
**SENIOR PASTOR**  
WORD OF LIGHT NAIROBI

S.O.M had its first granduands in 1998. This is the team which pioneered the ministry by doing training in bus stops, buses, matatus, slums, villages, schools etc.

When we began, our burden was to see God anoint us with boldness, fire, wisdom and excellence in the word. I thank God because SOM class of 1998 laid a foundation on which PETREM was to be built years later. PETREM and the Word Of Light churches have had missionary work as one of the main pillars from its inception in 1996. The first missionary work began in South Africa through

Ap. Kennedy Owino, when he launched the first Word Of Light church in South Africa, Johannesburg, Gauteng province.

In 2001, after a soul winning crusade, Word Of Light Eldoret was launched and left under the pastoral leadership of Pst. Pancras Ogomo Ngira. The services were held at Uasin Gishu Primary school. Later on in 2003, Word Of Light Nairobi was launched with services being held at a hotel in town, CBD. In 2017, Word Of Light Thika was launched under the custodian of Pst. Daniel Ngure, with the recent Word Of Light church being WOL Kisumu under Pst. Jeremiah Ng'ong'a. To this day, PETREM continues to engage in missionary and evangelical work through programs like SOM in schools as well as local communities.



## **A Word From S.O.M Dean Pst. Brian Muganyizi**

The **PETREM School of Ministry** aims to equip one with God's wisdom for life. After many years of impacting the world, the program is still ongoing. The pandemic brought to our attention the importance of the online classes thus we currently offer both in-person and online classes. We have also endeavored to improve our curriculum and our methods of communicating our content by tailoring it to fully equip every student.

# SOM HISTORY

The SOM begun in 1998 and back then, it was known as Solid Word Foundation School of Ministry. It was still informal at that time and meetings were only held on Fridays with different ministers coming to speak to us. We also had missions we did as part of this class training. Our Dean then was Apostle Kennedy Owino.

This was the first class of what is now SOM and it graduated in December 1998.

In January 1999, the formal classes commenced with Pst. Pancras Ngira as the Dean. The class graduated in December during the Latter Fire Conference. Pst. Pancras was the SOM Dean for 2 years (1999-2000) assisted by Pst. Victor Osallo to whom the mantle was passed over to in 2000 up to 2002.

In 2003 Pst. Paul Okello served in SOM as Dean up until 2009 after which Pst. Daniel Ngure was the Dean in a tenure that lasted til 2016.

Throughout the years SOM has been enrolling many students most of whom are form 4 leavers from the high schools that they go for missions to which is considered good fruit for the seed that the missions team sow in these schools. There has been great returns.

In all of SOM history, the years 2020 to 2021 have been one of the toughest due to the COVID 19 pandemic but at the same time new systems and strategies have been created to ensure that students can still enroll and participate, introduction of online classes being one of the new strategies, which has seen students nationwide and internationally are enroll and be a part of the program. Physical classes also resumed and are ongoing with Pst. Brian Muganyizi as the Dean since 2017 to date.

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**Pst. Pancras  
Ngira**

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CHURCHES KENYA  
SENIOR PASTOR**

# SOM DIPLOMA COURSE

The PETREM SOM Diploma course is a vision from the heart of Apostle Ken. It is a building on of the certificate course that introduces the students to the solid Word foundation as the premise of godly living and purpose fulfilment. The Diploma course is designed to establish the pillars that will secure the students' destiny in society - the idea being practical application of the lessons learnt. The student is empowered with knowledge along the following lines:

## 1. Role model families.

The student is prepared for purpose driven relationships aimed at strengthening the family unit. There is a communication of the various family and relationship dynamics that make for fruitful family life.

## 2. Kingdom leadership.

The student is informed of the role the kingdom of God plays in their particular vocation and area of calling. This is to empower the student to rise as a force and influence for God where they are.

## 3. Christian ministry.

The course is designed to strengthen a sense of missions and missionary work. For those with a call in church organizations the course will equip to better accomplish that mandate. For those involved in lay ministry, there will be an impartation of greater sense of agency in supporting and participating in ministry work with dedication and willingness.

## 4. Entrepreneurship.

This study is to encourage venturing into business as a form of sustainable living and self reliance. The greater objective is to give a sense of greater liberty for ministry work and also establishing organizations that will impact society and act as a platform for witnessing for Christ through productivity and social impact.

The prerequisite for the Diploma course is the one year certificate course. All willing to directly undertake the Diploma class are therefore to expect a two year study period.

All the details about registration, current intake and timings are on our website [PETREM.org](http://PETREM.org).



**Pst. Daniel Ngure**  
**SENIOR PASTOR**  
**WORD OF LIGHT THIKA**

# THE SOM ALUMNI DEPARTMENT

As an Alumni of the School of Ministry (SOM), I always appreciate the magnitude of its impact in my walk with GOD. Many destinies have been ignited and activated from SOM. No man is self-made, at some point there are those we meet that speak words, teach us, and selflessly labor in our lives and greatness is unlocked. The impartations in SOM has bulldozed many and made them a wonder in their spaces of operation. It is wisdom never to forget where we have come from and how it changed our perceptions. It is wisdom to remember those that have labored in our lives. It is wisdom to also know the part God calls us to play. As an Alumni you can:

Commit to be praying for SOM. Have a strong petitions for SOM. Prevail might-

day set where you bless and make ily in prayer for SOM.

Be an ambassador for SOM. brought their friends, brothers, sis-parents. Let it be in your heart to

There many that have ters, children, and even recommend it to many.

Come back to be a testimony and current students. When students see become it impacts them to contin-their walk with God. Your interactions will be a strong evidence of what God

an encouragement to the who and what you have ue and be consistent in with the students can do.

See how your expertise can help grow SOM. There are those that have helped in setting up amazing structures and serve in the Dream Team. There is no end to growth and development, and your expertise could the missing piece.

Give financially. There are payment plans available in our Sponsorship & Partnership docket (petrem.org) and we are glad at the alumnis who have been able to sponsor students to attend SOM year in year out. As an Alumni, your financial gift can go a long way in helping the SOM to operate efficiently and effectively and by the leading of God you, as an SOM alumnus, can know how best to participate in making SOM better every year.

**Pst. Kevin Mulati**  
**PASTOR**  
**WORD OF LIGHT THIKA**



# Upcoming Events;

1.



## The Latter Fire Conference

8th & 9th December 2022

2.



## Form Fours Leavers Meeting

13th January 2023

3.



## School of Ministry Intake

17th of January 2023

We look forward to hosting you. **Tell friends to tell friends**

# MEET THE

# Dream TEAM

## 1. What is the SOM Dream Team?

The SOM Dream Team is a selection of 20 key industry professionals that are either members of or affiliated to PETREM International, united by a vision to build PETREM School of Ministry into the program of choice in Kenya and beyond, for students seeking to grow their gifts and build ministry & professional skills.

## 2. How are you affiliated with the Dream Team?

With the support of my co-chair Joel Kobia, I am the Head of Strategic Planning & Policy Development in the Dream Team, a role that provides strategic oversight and guidance into the day-to-day operations of the developing policies to ensure longevity and sustainability.

## 3. What are the goals of the Dream Team?

By the year 2023, the Dream Team aims to:

- Increase student enrolment to 100+
- Introduce a hybrid (On Campus & Remote) learning model
- Build financial independence and sustainability of the School of Ministry.

## 4. What can we look forward to from the Dream Team?

The realization of our vision which we are confident will surpass expectations.

**STEPHANIE WAMBUI**  
**HEAD STRATEGIST**  
Planning & Policy Development

# A Word From

# THE FOUNDER

Welcome aboard the journey to GREATNESS. Thank you for taking keen interest in knowing more about **PETREM** School of Ministry and Leadership. **This is the beginning of the great destiny that God has for you.**

This Bible institute is not just a bible school but an encounter with God Himself. We are grateful to God that you have chosen to be part of this life transforming journey which involves lessons on the knowledge and impartation of God.

For the last 20 years, PETREM School of Ministry and Leadership has been training Christians in ministry and leadership in the market place. Every born again Christian has a God-kind of DNA. This DNA has the potential to bring forth God-kind of results in this present life. God has uniquely designed us so that we may do His will while here on earth. You are the only one to discover, understand, become and do the purpose God has called you to do in this life.

Romans 8:30 Moreover whom He predestined these He also called, whom He called these He also justified and whom He justified these He also glorified.

In short, your destiny/journey is:

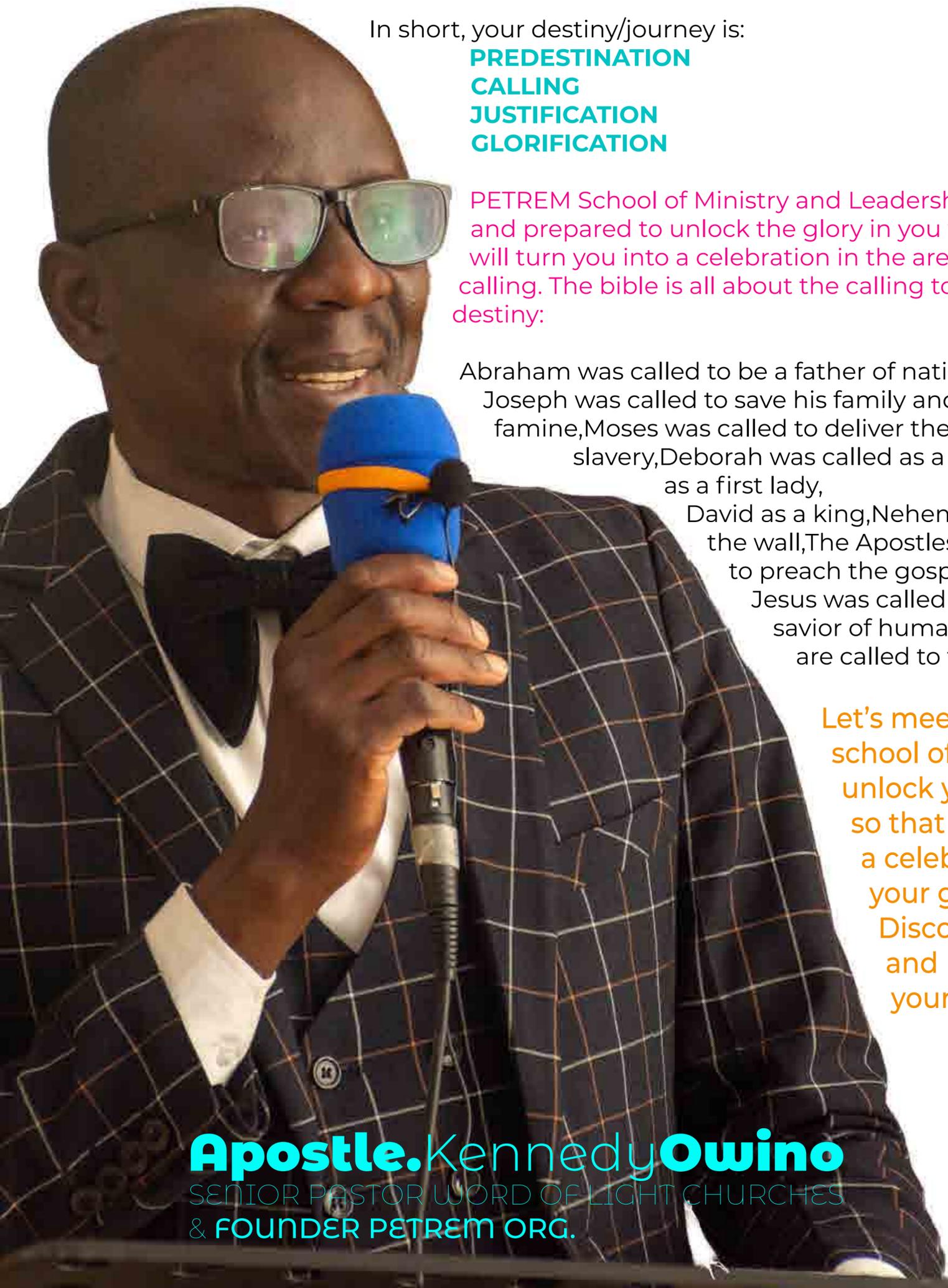
**PREDESTINATION**  
**CALLING**  
**JUSTIFICATION**  
**GLORIFICATION**

PETREM School of Ministry and Leadership is willing and prepared to unlock the glory in you which will turn you into a celebration in the area of your calling. The bible is all about the calling to fulfill one's destiny:

Abraham was called to be a father of nations,  
Joseph was called to save his family and Egypt from famine, Moses was called to deliver the Israelites from slavery, Deborah was called as a judge, Esther as a first lady,  
David as a king, Nehemiah to rebuild the wall, The Apostles were called to preach the gospel to gentiles, Jesus was called to be the savior of humanity, You too are called to fulfill destiny.

Let's meet at the school of ministry to unlock your calling so that you may be a celebration to your generation. Discover, Define and Accelerate your destiny.

**Apostle. Kennedy Owino**  
SENIOR PASTOR WORD OF LIGHT CHURCHES  
& FOUNDER PETREM ORG.



# IMPART TRANSFORM AND IMPACT

Our goal is to bring positive and tangible change into the world for we like to see lives transformed and a real difference made. It's a joy really. It has become exceedingly evident in the years that there is no better way to see this come to pass as effectively as imparting the people whose lives we are entrusted with in the ministry with the substance and life of God Himself. There is always a guaranteed outcome in this. One of the things that I strongly believe is that you cannot give the world what you do not have and when you have God there is nothing that you cannot give to the world. That's where the transformation comes in. Lives are changed when we preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and the people we impact later go into the world and share the same gospel which continues to realize an eternal impact. The results of this gospel in my life were tremendous to the extent that I went back to serve in the School of Ministry immediately after graduating and since then, I have been serving God in ministry work. I could call it the joy of seeing people's lives changed.

## & DISCOVER **DEFINE** ACCELERATE DESTINY

One could never bring real impact and change to the world if they don't know who they are let alone that they have a part to play in causing change. SOM however serves the purpose of opening one's eyes to such possibilities and realities and puts an individual out on the road to discovering themselves and defining their path in life. Here we empower young people with the ability to choose from the different paths that may present themselves along life's journey. With the knowledge acquired one is able to walk into the world with agility and without distractions magnifying their ability and impact - this is what we refer to as acceleration of destiny. I'm a testimony of this because my path as a man was shaped here at the School of Ministry. Because of being able to define my destiny, I am part of a platform known as Authentic Man which was an initiative of a couple of my friends after we completed SOM. It is a platform through which we help each other as men to navigate the issues we face in our journey of manhood and to celebrate the joys therein also. Our goal as a ministry has been to make life easier to navigate and to impart the nations with the power of God. Each of us is doing so in our own small or big way in the places that God has assigned us to by His grace, be it in business, ministry, politics, etc. We work to make Him known and to make people discover themselves in God.

**PASTOR. KEYA Brian**

ASSISTANT PASTOR  
WORD OF LIGHT CHURCH  
NAIROBI.

# SOM IN A NUTSHELL

to mobilize and **equip saints** for the work of ministry.



# MISSION



to develop all rounded saints through theoretical and practical **teaching** for effective ministry in the marketplace and mission field.

A central text block surrounded by various icons: hands pointing, a coffee cup, a smartphone, a pair of glasses, and markers. The text includes:

MISSION

learning and continuing in the ideal **teachings of Christ Leadership**

**PETREM**

**CORE VALUES**

**Discipleship**

ACHIEVEMENT

Integrity: proactivity in taking responsibility

Character & Integrity

Impartation: a deeper understanding of the Word of God.

skillfulness in handling matters.

Anointing: the power of the Holy Spirit to empower a believer to walk

nurturing trustworthy people

# OUR OBJECTIVES

**Create deeper biblical understanding.**

**1**

**Develop a lifestyle of prayer.**

**2**

**Create a platform for mentorship for students.**

**3**

**Create exposure for practical life solution.**

**4**

**Stir students' passion for service and missions.**

**5**

**Provide an environment for social maturity and emotional intelligence.**

**6**

**Commission the students for transformative living.**

**7**



# We Build a Peer-to-Peer Support Network. ”

# PETREM

## Investment Family

PIF is a group under PETREM ministry whose mission is to use our skills and resources to support the growth of PETREM Ministry and WOL churches. It started in late 2020.

We accomplish our mission in the following's ways:

Supporting development and operation of a strong and effective administrative culture at PETREM

Investing in souls by supporting missionary and church planting activities by PETREM and WOL

Raising financial and other resources to support infrastructure projects at PETREM

Empowering ministry and church members financially through a vibrant SACCO



BRANDWELL MWANGI  
PIF CHAIRMAN

# BUSINESS AND FINANCE KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Through PIF Business and Finance department, we managed to register Nuru Family Self Help Group (SHG) whose objectives are:

- i. To empower members financially to grow their businesses and economic activities.
- ii. Build a Peer-to-Peer Support Network.
- iii. Provide proper access to Credit and promote a good saving culture among members.
- iv. To foster unity within the PETREM and Word of Light churches

We have finalized Nuru Family SHG by laws, have an online deposit through the cooperative account

We have 30 registered members in the SHG with over 150k savings. The goal is to reach a membership of 100 and over Ksh.1000,000 saving by the end of 2022

Successfully managed Dream team finances/Mission to date

In partnership with the Ministry, were able to hold successful business and entrepreneurship forum and Nuru Family SHG members education day in 2021

In the process of registering the SHG to a fully-fledged SACCO

## IT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Developed PETREM School of ministry Website which continues to run up to date without issues

With the help of Dream Team, we set up a Social media team to handle publicity for the school.

In the middle of a project to develop and adopt a digital system

## MISSIONS

Through resource mobilization and individual contribution, Kisumu church continues to receive monthly support through the Preterm investment family

## ALUMNI & PARTNERS

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## BECOME A MEMBER

You can Join as a partner and choose to either to do Mission or School ministry partnership

You can join as professional and serve in either of the listed department where your skills are best suited.





# SCHOLARSHIPS & PARTNERS

SOM has always had its doors open for all truth seekers and has never turned students away, even when they lacked school fees. Without a doubt, running an institution costs money and as such, we make appeals to donors and sponsors to facilitate needy students.

# Scholarship **Unit**

PETREM employs the Targeted Free Tuition (TFT) system in awarding scholarships to its students. The spirit of this criteria is to award scholarships based on need, whereby the neediest students receive the scholarship first. The scholarships are awarded on a pro rata basis, which is dependent on available funds. We apply the cost sharing criterion in awarding scholarships - whereby the students and school share the unit cost of the program.

## The Scholarship Award Process

1. An eligible student shall apply for a scholarship by filling the relevant documents detailing the specific reason why they are unable to raise the full amount of school fees required and stating how much they are able to raise.
2. The form(s) shall then be critically examined by the Scholarship Awarding Committee (SAC) to determine eligibility of the student(s).
3. Depending on available resources, the SAC will then prepare an advisory to the head of finance for consideration and approval.
4. Finance department shall then make their decision and give the feedback to the SAC.
5. SAC shall then contact the student(s) who applied for the scholarship and give them the news on whether they will be awarded the scholarship or not.

If you would like to sponsor a student?  
visit [petrem.org](http://petrem.org)

under the Scholarship tab and select Sponsor A Student

# PARTNERS

We welcome you to partner with us. Since 1996, PETREM has been steadfast in reaching the nations with the Gospel of Christ and planted several churches (Word of Light Centre) in Kenya and South Africa. In addition, hundreds of young people trained through the PETREM School of Ministry are actively serving God in churches and the marketplace globally. Thank you for considering giving to PETREM Ministry. As the ministry grows, so do the needs and your prayers, support and encouragement enable us to continue reaching countless people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and equip young people to become effective ministers of the Gospel through our School of Ministry. We are therefore inviting you to prayerfully consider giving towards this course. To know how you can participate in this, visit [petrem.org](http://petrem.org) under the Alumni & Partners tab and select your preferred partnering scheme.

#TogetherWeCanDoMore





## TESTIMONIAL

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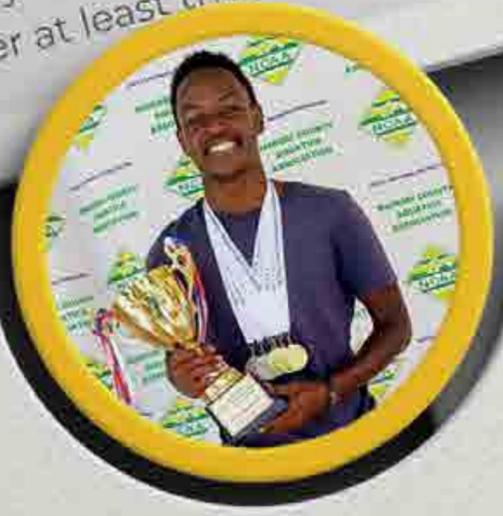


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## TESTIMONIAL

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I attended Karatina University where I did Criminology and Criminal Justice and graduated with a Bachelors' Degree in 2018. I am currently working with a Christian organization called Hesabika Trust under Public Service, attached at National Youth Council. The goal of Hesabika Trust is to build and develop value driven leaders in all professional spheres.

I heard about SOM while in high school – State House Girls High School – form 1 during a CU weekend challenge. I was serving in the YCS (Catholic) so when I got born again I attended CU services and weekly fellowships to grow more in Christ. In 2012, I was able to attend Latter Fire Camp which opened me up to the possibilities of being in ministry.

My background wasn't as rich in Christian faith so my growth had been a little limited so when I enrolled in SOM for one year it was like a theological school for me as it answered many faith and life questions that I had. SOM gave me a sense of stability and grounding in my faith, I am glad I didn't have to hop to and fro churches because what I learnt in SOM addressed every sphere of my life. Through the many impartations we had I gained boldness and confidence to take up leadership roles in campus. I was class representative, CU Secretary and in my final year, CU Chairperson. I desired to go for political positions in campus but due to already demanding leadership positions in the CU I decided otherwise. SOM charged me to be a Christian in every sphere of life. I was made aware of myself. I am still learning as life is about learning

To anyone doing life, SOM is the place to be. For the same purpose it did for me, I encourage you to join this one year program and experience life transformation. To the young people especially, SOM will get you good Christian grounding as you prepare to join campus and join the market place or ministry as God has called you. SOM gives you courage to walk life boldly. I assure you it is not and will never be a waste of time.



**LAUREEN JANEX  
BARASA**

Criminology and **Criminal Justice**  
Expert

**SOM 2014.**

# REALTIME ALUMNI TESTIMONIAL

I studied Law at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), undergrad and advanced to postgrad at Kenya School of Law after which, was appointed an advocate of the high court of Kenya. I am also an entrepreneur who is running a home bakery. I am married to one handsome, loving husband – Isaiah Gaithuru Maina. We were classmates in SOM 2010.

I learnt about SOM from SOM'ers who had come for a mission in our high school – Gatanga Girls. There was something special about them, a different and attractive aura surrounding them, and they spoke in so much wisdom, young as they were. That is what stirred a desire and interest in me to attend SOM after high school.

When I joined SOM I was a very shy and naïve girl but by the time the one year was spent, I was greatly transformed into a bold and confident lady in life. The leadership in me was elevated, my purpose in life became so clear. I learnt that I have great value in God's eyes. As a bonus, I also got a life partner in SOM who truly loves God.



I encourage all form 4 leavers to join SOM as it will give them life wisdom before joining campus. You will get a deeper understanding of who you really are in God. You will also meet people who will polish and challenge you to be a better version of you. Had I gone to campus without all the wisdom gained from SOM, my life wouldn't have turned out to be anything that it is today. I'd have made so many wrong and careless moves and fallen victim to so much negative things. SOM gave me a clear understanding of where I was going in life and what was expected of me. While you can't always be shielded from life experiences, the truths you get exposed to while in SOM preserve you from some dire experiences in life. I'd say that everyone should attend SOM if they have a chance to.

**THELMASHIUNDU  
GAITHURU**

Advocate Of **The High Court Of Kenya**

**SOM 2010.**

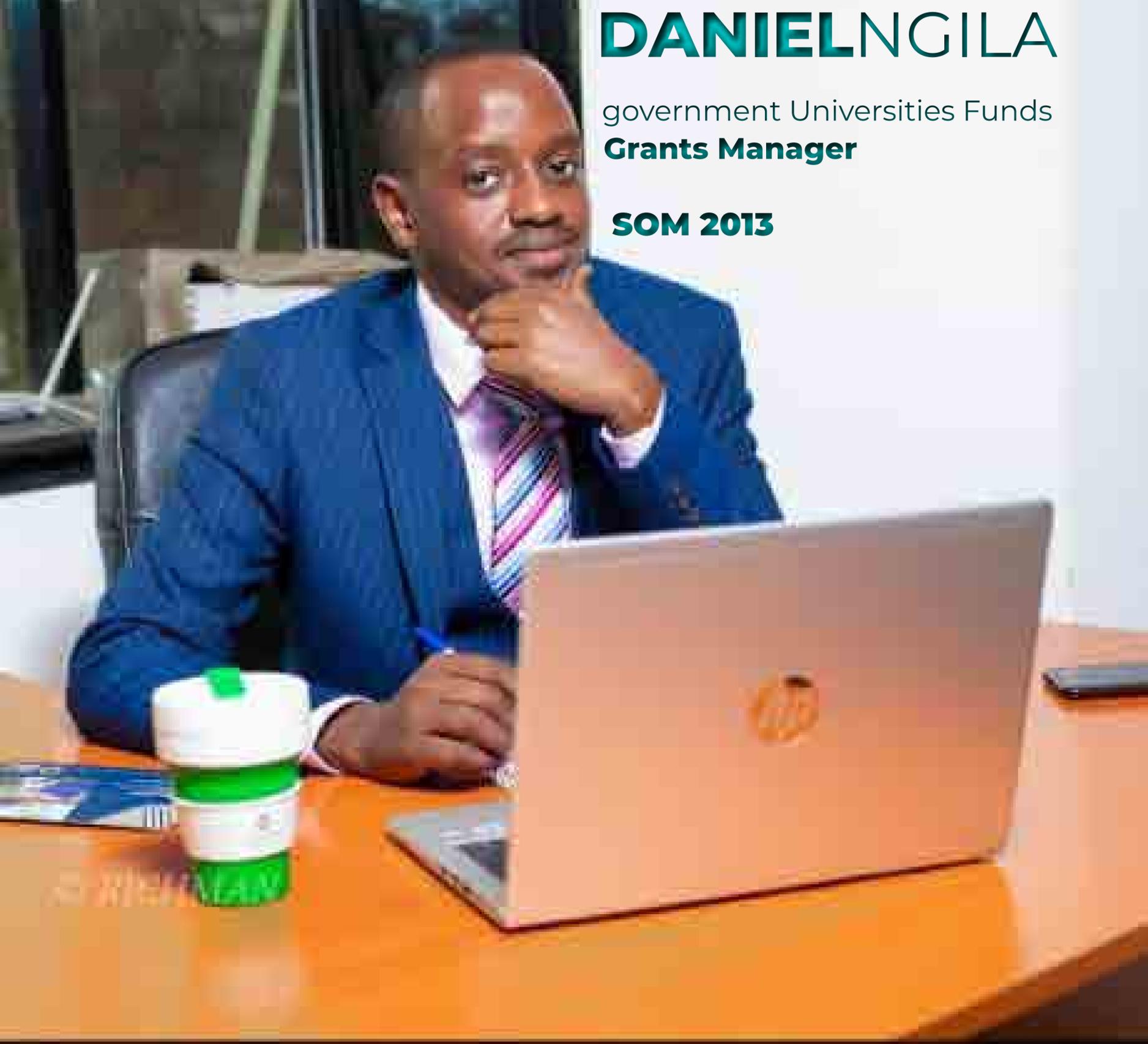
# REALTIME ALUMNI TESTIMONIAL

I am born again and Spirit-filled. I work with the government under Universities Fund where I'm a Grants Manager which entails funding universities.

I learnt about SOM in high school through a classmate. He was and still is born again and I admired his lifestyle so I befriended him to get to know what it is that made him so different. Through befriending him, I got to know the kinds of meetings he attended in the Christian Union and by attending them as well I got to know about PETREM School of Ministry. In 2011, I attended my first Latter Fire Conference.

SOM was a turning point for in my life. I thought I knew the word of God and read it diligently until I joined SOM and got to participate in faith-growing disciplines like Bible Journey – reading the bible cover to cover at least three times a year. I learnt that God had a plan for my life. My walk with God was greatly strengthened as I exercised what I learnt in SOM daily. I got a strong desire to want to live out God's word practically, as my lifestyle. By the grace of God, I happen to always stand out in any arena I find myself in, even in family gathering I am always the one who is called upon to pray and preach God's word.

SOM is not a place for the 5-fold ministry but a place for everybody to know their identity in God because you will need that knowledge regardless of wherever God has called you to function in life.



## DANIEL NGILA

government Universities Funds  
**Grants Manager**

**SOM 2013**

# REALTIME ALUMNI TESTIMONIAL

I am currently a final year student of Psychology at Kenyatta University, a professional swimmer and musician (bass guitar).

I first heard I'd been invited by my cousin and the experience was very impactful giving me an opportunity to learn more about God and the School of Ministry.

about the School of Ministry at the 2017 Annual Latter Fire Camp. I was very confused about the purpose of my life and what to do with it. I had made plans, chosen the course I wanted to do, set a few accomplishments, goals and targets for myself that I wanted to fulfill. But all those things were just for the purpose of doing, and not for fulfillment or purpose. I wanted to live my life according to the standards of the world, and attain success by the standards of the world. All of that changed after joining the School of Ministry.

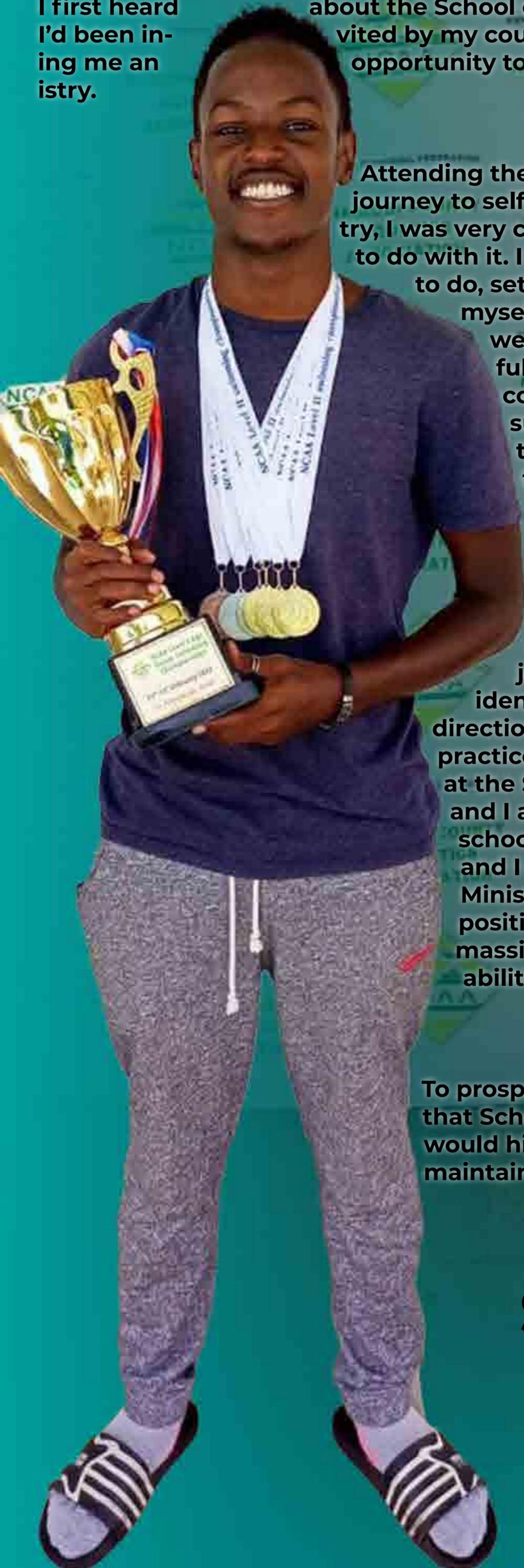
Attending the School of Ministry for me, was the start of my journey to self-discovery. I wanted to live my life according to the standards of the world, and attain success by the standards of the world. All of that changed after joining the School of Ministry.

In School of Ministry, I got to learn that God made me with a design and intention in mind and that He also has a plan for my life. My journey there helped me realize that I have an identity in God, and that God has a desired direction for my life. The principles and practice of reading the word and prayer that I learned at the School of Ministry have helped me till date and I am happy that I took the chance to attend the school of ministry. Today, I live a purpose filled life and I can credit it to attending the School of Ministry. School of Ministry helped me achieve a positive self-image as a child of God, which has massively built my confidence in myself and my abilities.

To prospecting individuals and students, be assured that School of Ministry is the right place to be and I would highly encourage you on the importance of maintaining a humble and open heart as you learn.

**SAMUEL NDERITU**  
Professional Swimmer And Musician

**SOM 2018**



# **SOM 2020 || 2021 GRADUATION CEREMONY.**



While 2020 and 2021 were uniquely difficult years due to the COVID 19 pandemic we managed to see SOM 2020 and 2021 students through the course amidst the challenges and tough times and we are truly grateful to God, every parent or guardian, the SOM lecturers and the whole SOM fraternity for the support they accorded these exceptional students. It couldn't have been possible without you.

The students were able to graduate this year, **15th April 2022** in a beautiful ceremony that was held at Swiss Lenana Hotel, Nairobi.  
Hurraaaaay!



**SOM Class of 2022 graduation is on 14th  
January 2023  
UMEKARIBISHWA!!**

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OFFICIAL PETREM ALUMNI

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