



## "Behold, I am making all things new"



The Spring rains have returned to Kenya and with them new life is breaking forth. Everywhere we are surrounded by a rich multiplicity of green from the deep shades of the acacia tree to the vibrant leaves of the tea bush. The words of Revelation 21:5 seem near: "Behold, I am making all things new."

Along with the newness of this season, there are a number of important new CBM initiatives that are getting off the ground this spring in Africa. Two major programs have been a labour of love for us over the past few years. Together with our CBM Africa team the **Certificate of Integral Mission** and **Kamp Tumaini** programs are finally in the air!

Both of these ministries are important ways of helping Canadian and African leaders to work and learn together in partnership. We want to thank you for your prayers and generous support that is providing for our family and the work of CBM in Africa.

# The Certificate of Integral Mission

It is often said that “experience is a great teacher”, but the truth is that we DO NOT learn from experience. We learn, rather, from **reflecting upon our experiences**. Reflection is a discipline that needs to be a part of the individual and corporate rhythms of the Church. One of the underlying purposes of the CIM program is to facilitate such a community of reflection among Canadian Baptist Ministries and our partner churches -- A safe place where we all learn with and from each other.

For this reason, CIM is using a praxis approach to education, which emphasizes a dynamic cycle of action and reflection as practitioners of integral mission meet and learn together every six months over the next two years. Instructors and participants learn together in this process of mutual learning, sharing and encouragement. In May, we launched CIM with our first cohort in Kigali, Rwanda. This group is composed of 27 leaders from our partner churches the *Baptist Churches of Central Africa*, the *Association of Rwandan Baptist Churches*, and our CBM colleagues based in Rwanda. The second cohort met the following week in Machakos, Kenya, with 30 representatives from our partner churches the *African Christian Church and Schools*, the *Africa Brotherhood Church*, the *Faith Evangelical Baptist Churches*, and our CBM colleagues based in Kenya.

The first of the four CIM modules was focused on “Understanding and Articulating Integral Mission”. It was a privilege for us to prepare our sessions with several of our colleagues who also presented. We are very thankful to our colleagues Jonathan Mills, Darrell Bustin, Andre Sibomana, Polisi Kivava, Sharlene Craig, Ruth Munyao, Wayne Morgan, and Margaret Kisilu for their collaboration and contribution as lecturers in this module.

Please join us in praying for these leaders and for the ministries that they are dedicating their lives to in East and Central Africa.



CIM Rwanda/Democratic Republic of Congo Cohort, Kigali



CIM Kenya/South Sudan Cohort, Machakos

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Please keep this ministry and the leaders with whom we are working with in your prayers. We are thankful for the opportunity we will have to walk with these young leaders over the next two years. We also would appreciate your prayers for the other ministries that we are currently serving in the area of grassroots leadership formation including the BRIDGE program (for ministry in a Muslim majority community) and the Bible College programs with many of our partners. Aaron will be teaching a course on Christian Ethics this fall at the ACC&S Bible School in Thika, Kenya.

## Kamp Tumaini Counsellor Training

In April, we had the great pleasure of facilitating the African counselor training for the **Kamp Tumaini** program with our friends and colleagues Samuel, Phyllis, Wayne and Maureen. The anticipation is building as the camps draw near!



This August, the Kenyan counselors will be joined by Canadian volunteers to lead two summer camps for the orphans and vulnerable children of the Guardians of Hope HIV and AIDS ministry.

The 2015 camps will gather 96 children from the *African Christian Church and Schools (ACC&S)*.

The camp will take place in the beautiful hilltop grounds of the Gituru Secondary School in Kenya's central highlands. This historic church and school was both the birthplace of the ACC&S, and in 1970 the site of CBM's first partnership in Kenya. It is very exciting to return to this very hilltop as we begin this new ministry during marking the tenth anniversary of the GOH program.

Muwe na furaha katika tumaini lenu, na katika dhiki muwe na subira.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer Romans 12:12

You can learn more about Kamp Tumaini and find our most recent updates and prayer requests on our blog at [www.fivekennys.blogspot.com](http://www.fivekennys.blogspot.com) and to learn more about the work of Canadian Baptist Ministries in Africa and around the world please visit our website at [www.cbmin.org](http://www.cbmin.org)

## SNAP SHOT

Tristan as Ruben in the Rosslyn Academy production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.



Thank you so much for your continued support, both Prayer and Financial. If you wish to become a Partner in Mission please contact Barbara Keys at [bkeys@cbmin.org](mailto:bkeys@cbmin.org) or you can use the address and phone number listed below.