

UPDATE FROM THE MUUTUKIS

Joe & Elfi in Nairobi Kenya

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Dear friends,

John Calvin once said, “**Send us wood and we would send you back sharp arrows**”, this saying must be from over 500 years ago! Possibly taken from Psslm 57:4.

If I were to take those words literally, I would say that **training students** at *Daystar University* feels like part of my sharpening them. Many students come with very little knowledge about faith in Jesus Christ and want to know more, and some have no faith at all. This happened recently while I was teaching a class on *Foundations on Biblical Ethics*. I was challenging the students to remain true to their faith in the marketplace where they may be forced to sign dubious contracts that do not honour Jesus. One student after long discussions in class came to me after class and said, “*mwelimu*,” a word used in Swahili for teacher, “from now on I want to take my faith seriously.”

The last three weeks we have had missionaries from **Serge** come to teach Adult Sunday School in our Church. The teaching is centered on Bible Storying. We learn and memorize a story from the Bible and then share it with others to practice as a form of Evangelism. This is another way to be sharpened like arrows.

Every Sunday, I have been preaching through the book of Colossians. This has been the most rewarding experience for me to sharpen people’s thinking to differentiate false teaching from right teaching. We are encouraged in Colossians to understand the simple Gospel or

Good News about Jesus Christ and that the use of wisdom and secret knowledge taught by some, which in modern times is like a form of “Yoga,” to attain some form of true spirituality. We need only share the simple word of God; it never comes back without accomplishing its purpose (Isaiah 55:10-11).



The Indian daandia is something we have always wanted to invite Indian friends to join us. This was the first one this year and it was a success!

Did you know
Sikhism is the
5th largest
religion in the
world?

Sikh men are recognized world-wide for wearing turbans on their heads. From October 21-25th there will be a **Global Sikhi Consultation in Edmonton, Canada**. This consultation is being organized by the *Lausanne Committee on World Evangelization*. It will be a time to consult, and strategize on how to make inroads in reaching out to more Sikhs globally.

This is what the convener of this consultation wrote to those attending,

“This Consultation is about connecting influencers and ideas for global missions! It is our prayer that this Consultation will be catalytic to the Global Church for intentional and global engagement of Sikhism— a religious block we cannot ignore.”

I will be attending this consultation. I leave Sunday October 20th and come back on the 29th. I pray that I would be sharpened like an arrow to reach out to more Sikhs in my neighbourhood and in Kenya at large.

We want to see more people reached with the Good News of Jesus Christ than ever.

Would you join me in praying for this trip and for:

- * **Preaching**
- * **Teaching at Daystar University**
- * **Bible Storying**
- * **Canada trip**

Thank you so much for your partnership in prayers and financial support.

With much love from both of us,

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At our ladies' retreat, Each year, Elfi invites women who some are part of the church, and some others who are not, for a weekend with a guest speaker on a topic.



We held an event in October on rock-climbing to raise funds for our ministry to the physically challenged called *Overcomers by Grace*.



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