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Expanding Kenyan Ministry Celebrates 10 Years of Helping Others in Homeland

The Mission Society Honors Ministry that Assists Thousands

NORCROSS, Ga. -- Michael Agwanda once heard a saying that guides his mission work: "It is not about what Christians say, but what they do."

For the last decade, Agwanda has taken that saying to heart as he works to create a brighter future and a better today for the people of Kenya, his homeland. From providing basic child care, Agwanda's ministry, Life for Children Ministry, has expanded to feeding street children, to providing micro-loans to women entrepreneurs, to building a school.

"God has a mission for each and every one," said Agwanda at a recent celebration of his ministry. "That mission is to reach the rest of the world with the word of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Agwanda's ministry, Life for Children Ministry, www.lifeforchildrenministry.org, was honored on its 10th anniversary at North Springs United Methodist Church in Sandy Springs, GA.

An affiliate of The Mission Society, Life for Children Ministry provides assistance each day to 246 children, part of a continuing stream that has been growing since 2006.

The ministry also feeds 100 to 150 street children every Sunday while spreading the Word of the Lord. Since it began the Sunday meals five years ago, more than 36,000 have been served to needy youths.

In addition, Agwanda's ministries have purchased 10 acres to build a school and have made micro-loans to approximately 1,000 women entrepreneurs. "We bring more than the word of the Lord," added Agwanda. "We strive to bring the compassion of Christ to their everyday lives."

For Smith Ouma, a street boy of Kisumu, that compassion is leading to a better life. Ouma began living on the street when both his parents died, but he had a dream. He wanted to build on his 9th-grade education, and he asked Life for Children Ministry to help.

After ascertaining that the boy was dedicated, the ministry found a school to accept him, where he excelled. Today, he is studying computer science, with a focus on information technology, at Kisii University. "That's just one of hundreds of stories I could tell you," said Agwanda.



The Rev. Max Wilkins, President and CEO of The Mission Society, knows the conditions are harsh.

“Sometimes the temptation would be there to give up,” said Wilkins, keynote speaker at the event. “Despite the hardships, we can give thanks to God for this partner in the gospel.”

Wilkins added that, just like early Christian mission efforts, God will provide the necessary strength and spirit to create disciples as commanded by the great commission.

For more information on the ministry for daily care, go to www.lifeforchildrenministry.org. For information about caring for street children, go to www.streetkidsofkenya.org. For more information about the ministry’s micro-loan program, go to www.heartfor100.org.

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Max Wilkins, head of The Mission Society, celebrates Michael Agwanda’s decade of service.

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