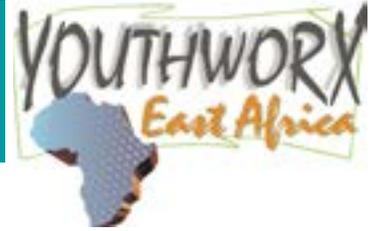


YOUTHWORX EAST AFRICA NEWSLETTER



Dear Partners,

This year is moving so fast, probably because much is happening. I had the “pleasure” of tracking through the accounts of the past year last week. Our comparatively low resources are stretched amazingly to accomplish much, month on month. A kind of re-enactment of the “Loaves and Fishes”. Thank you so much. What you give is achieving a lot.

Our focus today is the NAYNET conference that took place from the 3rd to the 5th of September in Nairobi. Collin and Winnie attended on behalf of YEA. I hope you enjoy reading about it:

The NAYNET conference took place from 3rd September 2014 to 5th September 2014 at Nairobi chapel on Ngong road. KAYNET was invited to attend the conference and we had four people representing the team. That is, myself, Winnie Apio, Jackie Masaba from Deliverence church, Patrick Bongole from African Bible college and Collin from YEA.

We meant to have another representative from ALL Saints church Kampala but he got a family emergency last minute. I was privileged to also be a part of a pre-conference meeting that gathered youth pastors and workers from different churches around East and South Africa including Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and Swaziland and this took place on 1st and 2ND September.

The meeting was very educative and inspirational especially because it taught me that the challenges faced in our churches here in Uganda are not specialized to just us. It also addressed one of my concerns about how to make a network grow especially when it has churches with different backgrounds.

Pastor Nick from Nairobi Chapel narrated to us about how they

started the network, the challenges they faced and how, with God’s grace and a willingness of a few to carry the work forward, they were able to have NAYNET in its present form. E encouraged us to stand firm if and when we faced challenges because ideally for a network to be successful we would go through FORMING, NORMING, STORMING and then finally PERFORMING. E

each stage had its own characteristics but if we stay diligent, prayerful and faithful to the work and to building the network, we will reap great benefits for the kingdom when it gets to the performing stage. Among the different youth workers present, we also discussed the possibility of having a network that unites, first of all all youth workers in East Africa and then work on one that unites the whole of Africa too.

That was a very exciting prospect for us all; especially because we all realized that being connected even for that short meeting, allowed us to share experiences, suggest solutions for our different challenges as well as move and work as a team.

The conference was under the theme, ‘MONEY, ME, MINISTRY’ and the different speakers who took us

through the sessions opened our eyes to a lot of things concerning our ministry and money. I was especially challenged by the lesson that as youth workers, we need to learn how to be able to manage money for the sake of the Kingdom. We need to be investors and not takers; to be financially knowledgeable enough to create our own businesses that can allow us to grow a community of Christian investors.

Not just to be able to impact the church but also to be able to change our different communities and countries. I have countless highlights from the conference but I think the greatest experience for me was the connection we were able to have with the different youth workers from across East Africa and south Africa.

And I am looking forward to meeting them again, hopefully in their different churches and countries.

Winnie

PS: We are almost out of Bibles to donate.

The current stock has run low very fast. Any specific donations towards this cause are welcome.

Eugene