

Summary of the Mombasa Work

November, 2014

In February of 1987 the Lord's church was planted in the port city of Mombasa, Kenya through World Bible School follow-up. In September 1990 Ken and Pat Beckloff moved to Mombasa with another missionary couple to work full time with that young church. At that time there were about 15 faithful Christians meeting each Sunday. From that beginning the church in Mombasa has grown to 14 urban congregations and many more in rural areas around Mombasa. **Mombasa evangelists established most of these congregations on their own.** The work in Mombasa is now expanding rapidly, impacting churches from the Indian Ocean to Lake Victoria.

From the beginning the work in Mombasa has had **three areas of focus**:

- Evangelism: campaign teams, WBS, individual teaching
- Local church planting and development
- Leadership Training through Mombasa Educational Institute where Christians are trained in Bible and Ministry

Mombasa Churches of Christ (April, 2014)

Mombasa Urban Area Churches of Christ

1. Island Church of Christ. Part of the original congregation established in February, 1987.
2. Changamwe Church of Christ. Began in 1994 when most of the original congregation began worshipping on the first property purchased in Mombasa. It meets on the compound with MEI and Kimbilio Academy. A good number have been baptized during the past year, including a teacher at Kimbilio Academy.
 - There are 35 children attending Sunday school, several of whom are Kimbilio students. Several Kimbilio parents are now attending with their children.
 - Total attendance is approaching 100.
 - Michael Mutai, on loan from Miritini church, serves as church advisor. Johnson Kombe, Elijah Onyangore, and James Njenga serve as church leaders with Michael. Elijah Onyangore now serves as church minister.
3. Kisauni Church of Christ. Began in 1996 with converts from a MRCC campaign led by Lloyd Deal from Memorial Road church and one family who had been attending across the city in Changamwe.
 - Total Sunday attendance is near 200.
 - Serves as “mother church” to Nzia, Zombe, Kathonzweni, Kisasi churches in Kitui District. Previously was “mother church” to Mshomoroni and Mtwapa churches in Mombasa that are now led by their own leadership committees.
 - Recently converted a denominational church at Mosa in Kitui District, home of leader Julius Mwambu, to become Kisasi Church of Christ.

- Operates Tumaini Kisauni Academy, a nursery, kindergarten and elementary school through 6th grade.
 - Active in evangelism in community and in Kitui District, where it has planted four congregations
 - A 3/8 acre plot was purchased in 1999 and temporary buildings and permanent office erected in 2000. A permanent block building was constructed in 2010 replacing the temporary structure that had served for the place of worship since 2000. In 2006 they purchased a second plot a short distance away for \$33,726, and in June this year they sold that property for \$137,500. They are using these funds to develop the facilities with a block security wall with steel gate, additional classrooms, a nice permanent kitchen, modern toilets, and an additional office already completed. The temporary corrugated iron sheet classroom structure has now been replaced with the ground floor of a proposed three story classroom building. The second floor is now being constructed. They have also used some of the proceeds as investments to purchase a house which was renovated and rented to several families as well as an undeveloped investment plot in Mtwapa where they are planting a church garden and will in the future sell to obtain funds for further development.
 - Moses Gitau serves as the evangelist. Other leaders are Julius Mwambu and Simon Warui. They also have a development committee to take responsibility for more implementation of their development plans.
4. Mshomoroni Church of Christ. Originally began meeting in 1999 through efforts of a convert from the Restoration Radio program from Tennessee. He later fell away and died, and the members requested help from the Changamwe and Kisauni churches so that it was revived under leadership of Kisauni church.
- Attendance from August 2013 averages 203 including 69 ladies, 28men, 34 youths (teens through unmarried young adults) and 72 children each Sunday.
 - 16 people baptized during the past year with four families restored to the church.
 - Constructed church office and improved building with funding from MRCC special contribution in 2005, with additional funding continued work on facilities each year since. In 2010 they tore down part of the building and erected a larger roof and temporary walls. A large new building is now completed except for finishing stages.
 - 4 church leaders completed MEI studies and graduated in 2007 and three more graduated in June, 2011.
 - Operates Bethel Junior Academy for neighborhood children, many of whom are complete orphans who are not charged school fees.
 - Martin Solo serves as evangelist with Joseph Wayuke as youth minister. Others serving on the leadership committee are Alex Puga and Sammy Warume.
 - This is a very evangelistic church that has done much with little. In addition to planting the Bakarani church in Mombasa, in 2008 they planted the Kambe Church of Christ in a rural area outside of Mombasa. They planted two new churches in 2009: Maereni near Kambe and Sophia in Homa Bay on the shore of Lake Victoria in western Kenya. In 2010 they had planted Vikindani church near Kambe and Mikindani church in Mombasa and the Junda church not far from Mshomoroni. Presently they have sent Joseph Wayuke to work as minister with the Junda church.

5. Miritini Church of Christ. Began in 2000 with some families who had been attending at Changamwe, Lloyd Deal campaign converts, and converts from a Nairobi Great Commission School evangelism practicum.
 - Attendance of about 45 adults and 35 children. Attendance is down as several members are assisting the new Mazeras church and also the Changamwe church as it rebuilds.
 - Purchased 2 acre property in 2005 from MRCC special contribution funds and constructed a building in 2006.
 - Reorganized into eight ministries with ministry leaders and appointed Elijah Mwambu as church minister. Elijah graduated from Nairobi Great Commission School in December, 2009.
 - Preachers include Morisho Mutupeke, Michael Mutai and others. Morisho is the speaker for a World Radio sponsored program on the Mombasa Christian FM station. He is also active in evangelistic campaigns in many areas of Mombasa and Kenya. He has now been sent to minister to the new Mazeras church planted by Miritini church so is no longer worshipping at Miritini.
 - Became first congregation in Mombasa with Biblical appointed elders when Michael Mutai, Elijah Mwambu, and John Onyango were ordained in June, 2010.
 - Operate Ken-Pat Academy for neighborhood children who cannot afford school fees to attend regular schools.
 - In 2009 they established the church in Pap Onditi through a contact with family members of a Miritini church member. They regularly conduct evangelism campaigns in this area of Kenya.
 - In 2012 they planted a church in Mazeras, the first town toward Nairobi from Mombasa, with a family of Miritini members who live there. Miritini members continue to help there, which has reduced the attendance at Miritini.
6. Likoni Church of Christ. Also began in 2000 when John Ochieng moved to Likoni and started meeting in his home with one other member from Changamwe and contacts from a Nairobi Great Commission School evangelism practicum.
 - Property purchased and new building constructed in 2005 from MRCC special contribution funding
 - Augustus Kimanzi serves as a self-supporting minister. A 2009 graduate of Mombasa Educational Institute, Augustus graduated from the Nairobi Great Commission School at the end of November 2011. He barely survives on his small business and needs some support.
 - Augustus and a number of Likoni members are now working to restore the Likoni church after declining with the founding minister, assisted by faithful Mombasa church leaders.
 - In late 2013 established the Kaye-Waa Church of Christ as the preacher and all the denominational congregation were converted through teaching by Augustus Kimanzi.
 - Boyani Church of Christ began in August 2014 after teaching by Augustus. This was also a former denominational church that decided to follow the Biblical pattern and committed to follow Jesus and the New Testament.
7. Mtwapa Church of Christ. Began in 2003 from an evangelism practicum by students of Mombasa Extension Center and volunteers from Mombasa congregations. The Kisauni church served as “mother church,” providing a preacher and leadership. Reuben Volemi

serves as church minister. The Mtwapa church has grown dramatically from a Sunday attendance of about 20 in 2005 to more than 50 in 2009. In 2009 a plot was purchased and a building constructed. Mtwapa is the fastest growing area of Mombasa and is often spoken of as “sin city,” with numerous prostitutes supported by the tourism industry. Mtwapa is just across the border from Mombasa in Kilifi County, but is part of the Mombasa urban area served by Mombasa public transportation.

8. Ujamaa Church of Christ. Began in 2009 by the Soweto church from neighbors of John Chege who were impressed by the love of the Soweto church during the hospitalization and death of John’s wife. John bought a plot and completed an unfinished building for the church with excess funds from the fundraising for his wife’s medical and funeral expenses. This church has grown to more than 30 members. It is in a predominately Muslim neighborhood.
9. Mikindani Church of Christ. Began in late 2009 through the efforts of a former Mshomoroni church leader and MEI graduate Martin Ojuang who moved there.
10. Junda Church of Christ. Began in 2010 by the Mshomoroni church in a nearby area where several Mshomoroni members live. In 2013 the Mshomoroni church sent one of their ministers, Joseph Wayuke, to focus on that new church full time.
11. Liberty Church of Church of Christ started in 2012 by Daniel Anyango and Joseph Wesonga, and others from the now defunct Soweto church. Several new people have been converted and a number of former Soweto members now fellowship with this church that meets in a rented facility.
12. Mazeras Church of Christ. This church was planted in 2012 by the Miritini church with one family from Mazeras who had been attending at Miritini. They have sent Morisho Mutupeke to be the evangelist there. Morisho has moved to Mazeras to be able to minister there more effectively. They operate John Wilguess Academy that has mostly nursery and pre-school children.

Churches Established or Being Helped by Mombasa Churches

Coast Province

Kwale District

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| 13. Lunga Lunga Church of Christ. | 16. Kaye-Waa Church of Christ |
| 14. Kidomaya Church of Christ. | 17. Boyani Church of Christ |
| 15. Ukunda Church of Christ | |

Kinango District

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| 18. Gandini Church of Christ | 21. Chigato Church of Christ |
| 19. Lwara Church of Christ | |
| 20. Kikomani Church of Christ | |

Kaloleni District

- 22. Chilulu Church of Christ
- 23. Mwabayanyundo Church of Christ
- 24. Daikunze Church of Christ
- 25. Kaembeni Church of Christ
- 26. Makomboani Church of Christ
- 27. Maziachenda Church of Christ

- 28. Kibojoni Church of Christ
- 29. Rainbow Church of Christ
- 30. Kambe Church of Christ
- 31. Maereni Church of Christ
- 32. Vikindani Church of Christ

Kangundo District

- 33. Mikoikoni Church of Christ
- 34. Katelembo Church of Christ

Kilifi District

- 35. Msumarini Church of Christ
- 36. Dzitsoni Church of Christ

Malindi District

- 37. Sosoni Church of Christ

Taita-Taveta District

- 38. Lushangonyi Church of Christ
- 39. Wundanyi Church of Christ
- 40. Mwatate Church of Christ

- 41. Voi Church of Christ
- 42. Sanga Church of Christ

Eastern Province

Kitui District

- 43. Nzia Church of Christ
- 44. Zombe Church of Christ
- 45. Kathonzweni Church of Christ
- 46. Kisasi Church of Christ, Mosa
- 47. Kavaani Church of Christ

- 48. Nzambani Church of Christ
- 49. Kivaki Church of Christ
- 50. Kavonge Church of Christ

Machakos District

51. Itetani Church of Christ

Nairobi

52. Dagoretti Church of Christ

53. Kangemi Church of Christ

Western Province

54. Bulanda Church of Christ

55. Bumamu Church of Christ

Nyanza Province

56. Sophia Church of Christ, Homa Bay

58. Shauri Yako Church of Christ, Homa

57. Pap Onditi Church of Christ, Nyakach

Bay

Rift Valley Province

59. Church of Christ, Tindiret

Ministry Workers Supported from MRCC

Ministry workers supported through MRCC are in partnership arrangements with MRCC and the local church or institution. Local churches are directed by church elders or a church leadership committee for those churches not yet having biblically qualified elders. Mombasa Educational Institute is governed by a board of directors with day to day operations under the Institute administration. All support funds are sent to the church or institution account, never to the individual being supported. All church or MEI employees are employed by and are accountable to the local leadership group.

Mombasa Educational Institute:

1. Michael Mutai, Principal/instructor, Miritini church elder
2. Julius Mwambu, Deputy Principal, Kisauni church leader
3. John Ongwae, Clerk, Miritini church leader
4. Jeremiah Mramba, Registrar/instructor, Changamwe church minister
5. Others: secretary, security guards, part-time cook

Kisauni church:

6. Moses Gitau Mbugua, evangelist (largely supported by Parkview church, Sherman, TX)
7. Others: security guards (both active in ministry), part time secretary and receptionist

8. Onesimus Muli, Nzia church evangelist, Kitui District
9. George Munyoki Kavuvu, Kathonzweni church evangelist, Kitui District
10. Alex Maluki, Zombe church evangelist, Kitui District

Mshomoroni church:

1. Martin Solo, evangelist
2. Joseph Wayuke, youth minister, now posted to new Junda church as evangelist
3. Others: security guards, one of whom serves in ministry

Mtwapa church:

4. Reuben Volemi, evangelist
5. Other: security guard

Miritini church:

6. Elijah Mwambu, evangelist (partially supported by Ridgecrest church, Midwest City)
7. Morisho Mutupeke, World Radio speaker, traveling evangelist and church trainer (supported by North Tenneha church, Tyler, TX) Morisho has been sent to serve as evangelist of the Mazeras church.
8. Others: security guards

Mombasa Educational Institute

Mombasa Educational Institute operates in Changamwe as one section of the registered NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) Mombasa Educational and Development Services (MEDS). Other sections are Kimbilio Academy consisting Kimbilio Junior School (nursery, preschool, kindergarten, and primary school) and Kimbilio Senior School (high school). MEDS also provides services to Mombasa congregations and the community. MEDS is governed by a board of five Kenyan members, with Michael Mutai serving as Executive Director and Julius Mwambu as Deputy Director.

Mombasa Educational Institute is the major focus of MRCC Mombasa support. The institute essentially operates two divisions: Bible and Missions Training and Vocational Training. Computer operation and dressmaking/tailoring are taught in the vocational section. The vocational courses are funded by fees paid by students.

Bible and Missions Students, April, 2014

NAME	CONTACT.	COUNTY
1. Julius Ooko	Fort-ternan church of Christ.	Kericho.
2. James M. Matheka	Kitui Mosa church of Christ.	Kitui
3. Edwin Omondi	Nairobi, Kibera Church of Christ.	Nairobi.
4. Bii Rechard	Barsaiyan church of Christ.	Kericho.
5. Frankline Omondi	Liberty Church of Christ.	Mombasa.
6. Vivian Achieng'.	Liberty Church of Christ.	Mombasa.

7.	Godfrey Licha	Homa-Bay Church of Christ.	Homabay.
8.	Benjamin Mugalo	Narobi Riruta Church of Christ.	Bungoma
9.	Joseph Ogutu Licha.	Paponditi Church of Christ.	Homabay.
10.	Richard Sang	Barsaiyan Church of Christ.	Kericho.
11.	Elizabeth Otieno.	Mazeras Church of Christ.	Mombasa.
12.	Daniel Nyapola Kasala	Ebwaliro Church of Christ.	Kakamega.
13.	Joseph Osore Kulubi	Ekeru Church of Christ.	Kakamega.
14.	Daniel Indikula	Nyaboga Church of Christ.	Kakamega.
15.	David Meli	Kaptebengwa Church of Christ	Nandi

Kimbilio Academy

Kimbilio Academy provides nursery, preschool, kindergarten, and full primary school through 8th grade. In 2012 they added the first year of secondary school, the second year in 2013, and now have the third year. In January are to add the fourth year so as to have a complete secondary school. With Kimbilio now under the board of Mombasa Educational and Development Services, the school is well managed and growing. Michael Mutai serves as the Director of Kimbilio. For the 2014 school year there are 342 Students enrolled from nursery through 8th grade in the junior school, and the senior school (Forms 1-3) has 92 students.

Other Christian Schools

The Kisauni church operates Tumaini Kisauni Academy. The school is registered with the government and has 260 pupils, 12 teachers, 1 caretaker, 1 cook, 1 deputy head teacher and 1 headmaster. The school supports itself. Two of the teachers are Kisauni church members and also committed Sunday school teachers in the church. The cook and the caretaker are also members. The two security men are married men who are graduates of Mombasa Educational Institute and serve in church ministries.

- Bethel Junior Academy is operated by the Mshomoroni church. They have three teachers who provide education for poor children in the community. Many of the children are orphans who can pay no school fees. Some pay reduced fees, and a few pay full fees. They now operate classed from nursery school through grade five. They have five classrooms, 10 teachers, one caretaker, and one cook. Bethel has an enrollment of 160 children, of whom 50 are very poor and unable to pay any school fees.
- The Miritini church began Ken-Pat Academy with volunteer teachers to serve the needs of the community for children unable to attend school because of poverty. There are five teachers with 80 pupils in nursery school through fifth grade.

Two additional schools were begun in 2013 by Mombasa area churches. John Wilgness Academy was begun at Mazeras, and Miujiza Academy at Mtwapa.

All the Christian schools contribute to the growth of the church, as the children attend Sunday school and bring their parents to the church. Several parents have been baptized from this influence. They are a great tool for evangelism and for building good will in the community. Most of these schools have a good number of students from Muslim families.

Mombasa Children's Fund

Mombasa Children's Fund was established in 2006 in response to increasing numbers of orphans in the Mombasa churches. These churches provided great love, care, and guidance for these children and did what they could to meet their physical needs but lacked the resources for all their financial needs. Therefore, several families in America partnered with the Mombasa churches to provide school fees, books, uniforms, and a few living expenses for these children.

From the beginning with children from three families Mombasa Children's Fund has now grown to assist over 80 children, most of whom have lost at least one parent, and all are in very adverse financial conditions. There are several other needy children on the waiting list that have been recommended by Mombasa church leaders.

The backbone of the program is the work of local churches in Mombasa. Each church involved has set up a benevolence committee which recommends needy children, provides counsel to the children and their families, and administers the funds to insure they are used for the intended purpose.

Primary school children sponsorship is \$25.00 per month or \$300.00 annually. A secondary school student may be sponsored for \$600.00 annually or \$50.00 per month. Continuing education is nowadays essential to obtaining employment, so sponsorship for vocational training to university degree programs is provided from \$800.00. Students making high marks on their secondary school national exams to qualify for reduced tuition to government universities may receive \$1,200.00 or \$600 per semester.

We have also begun seeking sponsors for qualified students to attend teacher training colleges. Several have graduated from teacher training colleges with credentials to teach in primary schools and are now employed at Kimbilio Academy, Tumaini Academy, Bethel Junior Academy, Ken-Pat academy and another school. This program enables the church members to obtain employment and also provides teachers for our Christian schools in Mombasa.

In 2014 the program includes 26 students in primary school, 29 in secondary school, 6 in vocational school, 7 in teacher's colleges, and 10 in university for a total of 78. Four have earned Teacher's Certificates and one a bachelor's degree. One graduated from university in December 2013, with three others now in the final semester. Six are now teaching in schools.

Children are normally dropped from the program when a widow or widower remarries, when they leave Mombasa and are no longer active in a church of Christ, when a minor child's parent is no longer faithful, or when they finish secondary school and do not qualify or have plans for continuing education.