

## Wulguru Uniting Church

August/September  
2025



### !!!NEWS FLASH!!!

**Pastor Fabian was seriously injured in what appears to be a “hit and run”. He is currently in the Christamarianne Mission Hospital in Kisii Town. He has head injuries and a severely broken left arm.**

**Please pray for Fabian, his wife Moureen, his two children and the other children at the orphanage. Times will be very difficult for them.**

### *A few thoughts...*

**This month is a bit of a travelog.**

Before I continue, I would like to thank both Stuart Hall and Brian Venten for taking their respective Sunday Services. It is a real blessing to be able to leave on a mission trip / holiday and know that the Sunday Message is in the hands of people who will, as the Apostle Paul writes in 2 Timothy 2:15, “rightly divide the Word”. It was very much appreciated.

#### **Kenya**

Dad, Mum, Kathryn and myself flew to Nairobi in Kenya; via, Brisbane and Dubai in the UAE arriving about 10:30pm. I had arranged a hire vehicle and after some time and difficulty we started driving from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi to Ogemba in Kisii County, Kenya. Which takes from 6-11 hours depending on the time of the day. As it was midnight we stopped at a little lodge/motel, appropriately named the Zambezi Hotel, and we arrived at Ogembo in Kisii County around midday the next day, all 330kms.

That afternoon we had planned on a simple visit to the Ekeiriri Orphanage run by Pastor Fabian Matthew and his wife Moureen. We were wrong. Fabian had planned a whole welcoming agenda.





Over the next two days we had a number of planning and strategy meetings. As well as being welcomed by 7, maybe 8, of the local Clan-Chiefs (a bit like Council Mayors) and government department directors who deal with Children, Health and Children's Homes in particular.

On the Sunday I was invited to preach at Fabian's Church where we were again welcomed. We were honoured to have the Kisii County Deputy Governor (like our state Governor) come to the church and welcome us. Privately he explained that the Governor would have come; however, he had unfortunately been tied up in the Country's capital, Nairobi, on official business.



Interestingly for me, I was contacted late Sunday night by the Director of Child Protection for the County offering any help he could provide in developing the Orphanage. God is Good.

## Ethiopia

In Ethiopia, most of our travels were more personal in nature. Dad and Mum reconnected with some of their other "kids"; and, Dad had reunion after reunion with past friends and students. Students who are now outstanding in their respective fields.

Of notable mention is my "brother" Zebdeos who is the Ethiopian director of "Lifelong for Orphans" a number of mission schools that both feed and educate over 1800 children daily at different campuses in the cities of Adami Tulu and Ziway.



I also had the privilege of meeting with Eyasu Endashaw, the General Secretary of the Gamo Zone Kale Hewat Church. Eyasu oversees the running of over 750 churches and also is the Principal of the KHC Bible College in Arba Minch. He is a godly and humble man. (... and did ask me to come back and teach at the Bible College.)

Some of my earliest and fondest memories are in Ethiopia. So, forgive me if going back to Ethiopia feels like “going home”.

### **The “Take-a-way” from the trip.**

We often think of the unique challenges and opportunities that facing lack of need presents especially when confronted by it at every turn. In those situations we are faced with the choice of trusting God for provision, or grumbling as the Israelites in the wilderness did.

However, what is less frequently recognised, until you return to your affluent country, are the dangers that abundance and prosperity bring.

Keeping in mind what Paul wrote in Philippians 4:12

“I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.”

Here are four simple things that we do need to be actively spiritually aware and careful; when living in a culture that is prosperous and abundant. Like the one in which we live.

We need to be careful that **our hearts don’t love what God has given us more than God himself.**

The more that we have, the easier it becomes for us to find our greatest joy in those things rather than God. Jesus warned us of this danger when He said in Matthew 6:19-21:

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

We need to be careful that **we don’t let our guard down against the enemy.**

We often think that Satan is more dangerous when we are facing trouble. The truth is that he is just as dangerous (perhaps even more) when we are prosperous. Suffering tends to sharpen our spiritual senses, driving us to realise our need for God. When things are going well, we blindly cruise through life.

Never forget that what the Apostle Peter wrote in 1 Peter 5:8:

“Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”

We need to be careful that **we don’t start to think that our prosperity is the result of our godliness.**

God does tell us that obedience and faith will lead to blessing. Just as He also states that disobedience and unbelief will lead to their own consequences.

However, the Scriptures also teach that God's choice is not based on our merit but on His love, grace, and sovereign will.

We read in 2 Timothy 1:9:

[God] "who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works **but because of his own purpose and grace**, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,"

We need to be careful that **our confidence is NOT placed in our possessions rather than God.**

Paul wrote in 1 Timothy 6:17

"As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy."

We need to be careful that in our abundance, our trust in God, our security, isn't in our prosperity.

Our security rests not in our current financial situation but in the one who loved us and gave himself for us.

We find our security in Christ alone!

Galatians 2:20:

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Blessings,

Andrew

## *Missions .....*

### *Missions ..... Kenya*

#### **Needs for the orphanage:**

- \* Funds to help bring the infrastructure up to Kenyan Government requirements: a boundary wall, running water and transportation
- \* Funds for furniture and bedding
- \* Funds for clothing and food

#### **Needs for the church:**

- \* Ekigusi language bibles
- \* Teaching materials



### ***Bible College ....Ethiopia***

#### **Needs for the Bible College:**

- \* Funds to complete the second teaching classrooms
- \* Books for the Library
- \* Teaching materials

### ***Missions ..... West Africa***

Please continue to pray for **David, Taryn, Micah, Noah and Caleb Price in West Africa**

You can find more information on the SIM Australia website  
<https://sim.org.au/davidtaryn/>



### ***Church Prayer Meetings***

Every Sunday at 8:30am in the hall  
 Every Friday at 8.45am in the Church Hall  
**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at 7.15pm –**  
 Combined Church Prayer Meeting

### ***Church Craft***

**Please Note:** This has changed to the first Tuesday of the Month in the Church Hall

### ***Bible Studies***

See below the Bible Studies for June and July. Plan ahead and consider coming to the Bible Studies. If you are wary of driving at night, perhaps we can arrange a pickup and delivery. Or, you could always watch the live stream. (Though you will miss out on the discussion afterwards.)

**Also please note:** there may be a few studies that are postponed or cancelled in July and August.



## *Online.....*

### *Facebook*

This ministry is growing. Thank you for following Wulguru Uniting Church on Facebook. And please continue to pray for this ministry from Wulguru. Also, please feel free to send links to others.

If you are a regular Facebook User we would truly appreciate if you would check out our You Tube Channel ([YouTube.com/@wulguruuca](https://www.youtube.com/@wulguruuca)) and click the subscription button.

### *Live Stream*

We will continue to Live Stream both the Sunday Service and Tuesday night Bible Studies (and occasionally the monthly Combine Prayer Service) because people are watching.

If you happen to miss a particular sermon, do not despair. The sermons are uploaded to Facebook, You Tube and Vimeo and are normally available within 24 hours.

The URLs for Facebook, YouTube and Vimeo:

**Facebook:** [Facebook.com/wulguruuca](https://www.facebook.com/wulguruuca) **You Tube:** [YouTube.com/@wulguruuca](https://www.youtube.com/@wulguruuca) **Vimeo:** [Vimeo.com/anff](https://www.vimeo.com/anff)

WUCA Website is [www.wulguruuca.org.au](http://www.wulguruuca.org.au).

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### *Church Bank Details*

If you would like to give your regular weekly offering via direct debit then our details are:

BSB: 633000

Account: 191 685 221

Bendigo Bank

## Lectionary Readings

Available on the table at the back of the church

## Bottles and Cans for Cash

Please save your empty bottles and cans.

Normal milk bottles are not accepted but flavoured milk bottles and cartons are as well as fruit drink cartons and bottles.



## Memory Verses



Each week we are being challenged to learn and remember a memory verse.

31 August – John 8:31-32

7 September – John 10:10

14 September – Jeremiah 32:40

21 September – Psalm 73:25-26

28 September – Proverbs 4:23-24

5 October – Proverbs 4:25-27

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