

## Nyuma Kumi Tribal Messiah system in East Africa

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*Three-day workshop for African national leaders in Africa and core members*

Last August, Rev. Kathy Rigney, True Parents' special emissary to Africa; and Dr. Dong Ho Cho and Rev. Camara Bakary, the regional presidents of West Africa and East Africa, respectively; joined other leaders in attending the World Summit, held in Seoul, South Korea. For a week after the summit, they attended the FFWPU International Headquarters' National Leaders World Assembly, which focused on strategies to accomplish Vision 2020 and explained that our tribal messiah mission comprises the core activities needed to achieve victory.

After attending the meeting in Korea, the special emissary and both regional presidents met in Côte D'Ivoire and devised a course of action for tribal messiahs' activities in Africa. They made the decision to hold a three-day workshop for all national leaders and core members in various areas and to teach them how to engage in tribal messiah activities and how to fulfill vision 2020.



*Attendees upon completion of the workshop*

After his return to the East Africa Region, Rev. Bakary decided to have a seven-day workshop instead of one lasting three days in order to have more time to teach the leaders. He held the first workshop in South Africa for eight national leaders, followed by another in Kenya for ten national leaders, elder members and former leaders. From what we have heard, these seminars inspired and touched the hearts of the participants.

Centering on the special grace from True Mother to all of us through the theme "Forgive, Love and Unite," the workshop marked a fresh start for the members. The material presentations given in the workshop included, An Explanation of Vision 2020, How to Become Owners of Cheon Il Guk,

Tribal Messiah Activities, and Practical Organization of Tribal Messiah Activities.

At the end of the seminar, we divided all families into home group teams of four families each. Beginning on October 20, all members started 120 days of concentrating on tribal messiah activities, with each family focusing on reaching out to 430 families and raising them to a level where they would have the faith to go through the Blessing Ceremony and be blessed by our True Parents.

The activities began with workshops for those members that could not attend the initial workshops, so that they too could understand the significance and intent of our Vision 2020 efforts and take up their responsibility as

tribal messiahs.



*Members recite a resolution to fulfill their mission as heavenly tribal messiahs.*

In Kenya, activities began with writing introductory letters to the area's government officers to inform them of the families' outreach activities and to request that their families and the local government work as partners. The responses were supportive because the letters explained the need to teach the community about peace and harmony and to give True Family Values seminars. The local governments provided letters of authorization to the teams.

The teams were asked to choose a method of reaching out to families among various strategies such as door-to-door visits, contacting families in community-based organizations, churches, the workplace or neighborhood associations called "Nyuma Kumi" (meaning ten-house associations) each under one coordinator.

The ten-house neighborhood associations were initiated by the Kenyan government last year in October to help the families meet their neighbors often so as to create good relations, improve security, create a good environment and peaceful neighborhoods. This kind of infrastructure is ideal for witnessing in our tribal messiah work.



*Members exchange opinions during the home group seminar.*

In several areas, members are using this strategy -- reaching out to these Nyuma Kumi, witnessing to their members and teaching them as a group. The members had many wonderful testimonies after meeting families belonging to these Nyuma Kumi. For example, a home church team under Mrs. Susan Kone has adopted the strategy of approaching the Nyuma Kumi during their meetings.

She uses a meeting as a forum to introduce the FFWPU Vision 2020 and to teach Core Family Values to the families at the meeting. After meeting the Nyuma Kumi members, they are invited to visit the families where they give lectures. This strategy is producing amazing results and many families are so appreciative to our members and always look forward to their visits.

As a result of this activity, the team working in this area held a two-day workshop from November 28 to 29 with sixty-two participants. Breakthrough International Church was the workshop site. The bishop allowed us to use his church for the duration of the workshop and some partners in the community donated food and drinks. Other institutions are ready to work with them and willing to invite them to teach local families. The team is also

involved in community development programs and social programs; thus, they have become part of the community. The upcoming program in December will be a large end-of-the-year event on December 29, with all of the Nyuma Kumi coordinators, to whom we will give *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*.

Since the start of the 120-day condition, more than 2,525 families have received introductory lectures in the East African Region and 525 have attended a two-day workshop.

This is a deeply inspiring time and marks a new beginning of revival and hope for all African members as we strive every day to be one in heart with our True Mother through the theme of Forgive, Love and Unite.