

NBC Kibera Newsletter

Four Years of God's Faithfulness and Grace



Smile: Rev Evans Mutamba, his wife, Christine and Elder David Maina after his ordination.

This is wonderful moment as NBC Kibera marks her fourth anniversary.

The journey that started on March 31, 2013 has been characterised by God's love, mercy and faithfulness. We have witnessed the church growing from strength to strength, ranging from spiritual to numerical growth coupled with socio-economic transformation of the

communities in some of the six villages in this informal settlement.

As an agent of transformation, NBC has been on the fore front in initiating programmes that seek to empower and bring stability within the community.

Among these are: uniting Kibra churches/pastors, peace forums, Baby care centre, discipleship, entrepreneurship and evangelism programmes.

These initiatives are yielding fruit and making an impact beyond expectation and we give the Lord the glory. The initiative to unite Kibra churches/pastors started 2014 when seven pastors came together, prayed and set it as an agenda. In 2016 pastors were challenged to embrace each other with the purpose of making bigger impact in the community. As a result of that initiative, over 200 pastors started meeting together under the umbrella of Kibra Pastors' Forum Association. I am glad to announce that NBC Kibera is a major player in ensuring that this unity is nurtured and enhanced.

Kibra is known to be a hot bed of politics, violence and destruction of both properties and lives.



Through peace initiative forums Nairobi Baptist Church is seeking to change the narrative of violence.

It is said the wounded person wounds others; this could be true of many persons in Kibra. We started organising workshops in the community on healing wounds of ethnic conflict in September 2016.

So far over 1,000 people have been trained with overwhelming results. Among those who have undergone the training are: Pastors, church leaders, Non Government Organisations (NGOs) and Community Development Office (CDOs) workers, chiefs, assistant chiefs, village chairmen and *Nyumba Kumi* Initiative leaders.

This programme has been blessed and has been replicated to 10 other informal settlements in Nairobi City, which is also the capital city and a County. They are: Kawangware, Kangemi, Mathare, Huruma, Korogocho, Dandora, Kayole, Baba Dogo, Mukuru and Kariobangi.

Another big challenge Kibra women face daily is generation of income and taking

care of their babies. Many women work to make ends meet for their families as they take care of their babies and children.

It is in view of that reality that NBC Kibera started a Baby Care Centre earlier this year with one toddler. The numbers have grown to 20 babies in the last count. This means twenty mothers have been freed to go out and earn a decent living for themselves and their families. Many mothers are extremely grateful for this intervention.

Many residents in Kibra are not regular church-goers or do they profess being born-again. Several initiatives have been put in place to draw some to Christ, like: house-to-house evangelism, Dance Friday, Family Fun and Sports Day, school outreach programmes among others. Through these initiatives many men, women and children have continued to know Christ and to accept Him as their Lord and Savior. Most of these activities are held on a monthly basis.

Nurturing of believers in the faith has been a critical role of NBC Kibera. We believe in growing big by growing small. Many church members are put in small groups, so that they are able to study God's word in a more relaxed and interactive manner.

This takes place in Home Group Fellowships, weekly Bible study and monthly ministry fellowship.

We have observed many people growing in their walk with the Lord and increased participation in the ministry.



The 28 NBC Kibera members and their relatives after baptism at NBC Bethel Sanctuary on Ngong Road.



NBC Kibera ladies at NBC Fun Day, at Toi Primary School.