



# Christ Compassion Ministry

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**Word From the Pastor**

## **GOD WHO HEALS THE BROKEN HEARTED**

In the book of John Chapter 16:32-33, the Lord Jesus Christ said: 'Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and 'yet' I am not alone, because the Father is with me.' The Lord Jesus said these words while He lived on earth as we do. He knew that a time of loneliness was coming His way when everyone would leave Him. He however had one assurance; "The Father is with me". Beloved, the world may turn its back on you; all your friends and relatives may desert you, but always know: the father is with you. You may not see Him, but He is. His name is I AM! Omnipresent God, Ever-present God! The Lord Jesus

Christ trusted on this fact even unto the Cross. This is why, when He was hanging on the Cross, in much pain, and knowing this fact, He cried out to the Father; 'why have you forsaken me?' Yet it was necessary that the Father would let Christ go through the Cross alone, but still, the Father did not lose control of the process. Christ knew this too! This is why, at His death He said: "Into Your hands I commit My Spirit" – Luke 23:46 "And Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said this, he gave up the ghost". This reminds us that even when we feel so much alone, so much pained, so much dejected in life; our spirit – our being, is still in the hands of God. God has not and will never lose control of the process. There is life after the Cross! He died and rose again, and today He is alive. And because He went through loneliness, even unto death and rose again, and is alive today, He is moved with compassion to walk with you through the process and bring you out victorious.

David the servant of God makes it plain in the book of Psalms 23:1-4 " Jehovah is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside still waters. He restoreth my soul: He guideth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me". While David speaks of the great places that God takes him to, such as the green pasture, still waters, paths of righteousness and restoration, yet he still talks of the valley of shadow of death. We should never feel cut off at the valley of the shadow of death. Here, the same God who remained in control with Christ at the Cross will be with us too. The same Christ who experienced the pain of loneliness, rejection and death will have compassion on us too. Yes He will come to us, not to take us out of it, but to comfort us through it. So that when we are through it all with much comfort, we may comfort others too: "Blessed 'be' the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort them that are in any affliction, through the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God". 2 Corinthians 1:3-4.

May our hearts be encouraged to know that God may seem silent during our valleys of shadow of death, but just as He remained in control of the process of the Cross, He still remains in control in this seemingly lonely time. Pause and think of these words of David: Yea, thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me". The valley of the shadow of death is not an end of all things, it is a process. Probably a very painful process, but full of comfort from God our Father and the Lord Jesus our Shepherd. Who knows, this may be the way to " green pasture, still waters, paths of righteousness and restoration". The Shepherd who comforts us through this process will never lead us to

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destruction! He leads us to green pastures and still waters.  
Child of God, you are not alone, the Father is with you and thinking good about you. He has great plans for you and want to walk with you through this stage of your life into great heights of accomplishments for His glory! See what Prophet Jeremiah says: *“For thus saith Jehovah, After seventy years are accomplished for Babylon, I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith Jehovah, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you hope in your latter end”*. **Jeremiah 29:10-11**. Beloved, these seventy years of Babylon were not easy years. They were years of pain, sorrow and affliction. Israel sat by the rivers of Babylon during these years and wept when she remembered Zion. Israel hung up her harps upon the willows in the midst thereof and could not worship the God of Zion anymore! They said: How shall we sing Jehovah's song in a foreign land? Psalm 137:1-4. But while they were in this despondency, God knew the process very well. They were not alone and He had sure promises concerning them. God said: *“If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, Let my right hand forget her skill! If I do not remember you, Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth.”* **Psalms 137:5-6**. Beloved of God, you may be weeping like Israel did, but be assured, God has not forgotten you. He has exceedingly good thoughts concerning you, God is thinking about you! He is thinking of your peace and not evil, and hope at the end of it all. Your Babylon will surely come to an end. I know it looks really long, but, beloved it will truly come to an end. God who took Israel through Babylon will also comfort you and take you through. Israel truly came through Babylon: *“When Jehovah brought back those that returned to Zion, We were like unto them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter; And our tongue with singing: Then said they among the nations, Jehovah hath done great things for them. Jehovah hath done great things for us, Whereof we are glad”*. **Psalms 126:1-3**. I pray with you beloved, that if you are going through this nature of life, that the Lord will surely comfort you, assure you of His leading, bring you forth and cause you to reap in joy speedily! **Amen**

## DEVELOPMENT

### *The Vision and Partnerships*

Christ Compassion Ministry Church in Athi River relocated in November 2015. The church is located on a two and half acre land about six kilometers from our initial location in Athi River town. We call it: Christ Compassion Ministry Healing and Empowerment Center – Church on The Hill. This area is not serviced with public transport. The Lord has helped the church to acquire one bus and hires another every Sunday. We believe more buses will come to ease the transport needs. The vision for this relocation is threefold: **1. To set up a sanctuary, 2. To set up a school of ministry and conference facility, and 3. To set up the prayer tower.**

We are currently conducting our services in a tent. There is great urgency to have a more permanent place of worship. The area is highly windy to accommodate the tent, therefore the service urgently needs to move from the tent! The plan is to construct what in the master plan is the dining hall, kitchen and guest rooms first. This facility will in completion be used as the church service hall while the main sanctuary is being built. The Lord has granted us the approvals that were challenging to obtain. We are reaching out to you as dear friends to stand with us in earnest prayers and resources to have this dream come true. Most urgent now is this needed worship hall. The full design and master plan is shown in the picture below:



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Thank you for carefully considering standing with us.

**Apostle Enos Radeny**



# GOD OUR REFUGE



By Rev. Cathy Radeny

## Scripture Focus: Psalm 46:1-14

*Psalm 46:1: 'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in troubled)*

A refuge is defined as a place of shelter and protection. It is a place of safety from any trouble that one may be

facing. In a down pour of heavy rain, we run and find shelter under a roof or shade and we keep dry and safe from the rains. Refugees run into a refugee camp to keep safe from the calamities facing them. They know that in this shelter, they will not be attacked by their enemies. Their enemies cannot get to them in this place of protection.

God is our safe place of protection and shelter from the calamities of this life. When we are faced with difficult times and feel attacked by the enemy we need not stay in fear and uncertainty. We can run to the place of shelter in Him and we will be protected. The enemy cannot get to us in this place of refuge; we can escape his plan of evil over us. ([Proverbs 18: 10, 'The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.'](#))

In the place of refuge we not only find safety and shelter but also strength. God gives us His strength to keep following after His purpose for our lives despite the challenges and attacks of the enemy. We can be strong not in ourselves or our abilities, but in the Lord and in His mighty power. ([Ephesians 6:10 'Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.' And \[Philippians 4:13 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'\]\(#\)\)](#) In your time of trouble God is very present and near to deliver you. He is near not as an observer but as a Helper waiting for your call for help and deliverance. He will swing to action on your cry for help from Him.

Reading further in Psalm 46 verses 2, 3: 'Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.'

*Vs 10 & 11: 'Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.'*

These scripture further confirm to us that the Lord is our refuge therefore we do not have a reason to fear. In life we sometimes face problems that look too big to handle. We feel like we will not make it under the weight of the problems that face us. The earth around us seem like it is being removed from under our feet and we have nowhere to stand and find our ground. It feels like the mountains on the earth are being carried and thrown into the midst of the sea, the waters around us are roaring at us threatening to sweep us away into destruction. We feel like we will be swallowed up in all the chaos and will only come to destruction.

These scriptures remind us that in all this chaos, God is a refuge for us. We need not be afraid that there is commotion around us threatening to overcome us. We will not be overcome but will be kept safe and sheltered in the Refuge who is our God. ([Psalm 93:4, 'The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.'](#))

Be still therefore and know that God is God. Other translations of being still have been given as- slacken, cease, let down, faint, weaken. I interpret this as - cease from complaining, weaken from grumbling, slacken from running around trying to save yourself, faint and be weak before the Lord waiting for Him to save you. ([Psalm 27:14, 'Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!'](#)) He will surely save you because He is with you and He is with you as the Lord of Hosts. He does not come as a weak god trying to save you; He is the Lord of the Mighty armies of heaven, the Mighty Warrior strong and great in battle. Call upon Him, He will come and you will be saved. I believe that God is nearer to us in our times of trouble, let us cry out to Him for help for He is a VERY- ([also defined as actual, exact, precise](#)) present help in the time of trouble. ([Matthew 28:20 'teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'](#) Amen. and [Hebrews 13:5' .... For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."](#)) God is your Refuge!

# A brief from Apostle Radeny's message during the May Empowerment conference.

## GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS

*Mark 11: 24 (NKJV) 'Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.'*

Jesus tells in Luke 18: 1 that 'men always ought to pray and not to lose heart'. We should never lose heart, or allow ourselves to be discouraged by the circumstances around us. God is real and He is forever, so focus on Him. Believe in God and you will be established. Always keep yourself in prayer. Prayer strengthens faith, quickens the word that we hear and becomes alive in us. It helps us not to speak ordinary words so that we're delivered from sins such as gossip. Prayer helps us to distinguish who our friends are, it separates us from the multitude and helps us to cling and fellowship with those who pray.

**When you pray, believe that you have received what you are praying for.** There may be a season of delay before you physically receive what you are praying for but in this season of waiting, believe because God has already released your answer. *Romans 8:28 'And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.'*

Jesus used the example of the fig tree to portray the urgency of prayer. In *Mark 11:12-14, the bible narrates, 'Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again." And His disciples heard it.'*

When we pray, we must be confident in this; that God hears and He answers our prayer! 1 John 5:14-15 tells us 'Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.' When you decree a thing, it is a form of prayer.

Going back to the story of Jesus and the lesson on the fig tree, Mark 11:20, 'Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.' Not Jesus, but the disciples, saw that the fig tree that Jesus cursed had actually dried up. His words came to life and what He decreed happened. He had confidence in His word! **What you bind on earth is bound in heaven.** Jesus bound the fig tree on earth and believed that it was done. Whatever door you need to shut or open, do it and believe that it is done.

**Do not be anxious as anxiety dilutes faith and kills prayer.** (*Philippians 4:6, 'Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;'*

When you have peace, you have no doubt. Peace is a state of waiting on God and knowing that whatever you are believing God for is going to happen. The devil always wants us to be in a state of anxiety so that we doubt and waver. If we waver, we cannot receive from God.

**When God is at work in your life, you see beyond what people see.** There is a conviction that comes from the Spirit of God that makes us see things that other people do not ordinarily see but things that are freely given to us. The Spirit of God allows us to speak to God according to his will. He enables us to pray for things which in the natural eyes are impossible to do.

When you feel doubt is coming:

- Pray,
- Read the Word of God
- Continually be in the fellowship of those who believe
- Sing songs of praise and,
- Keep speaking about what you are believing God for in faith.

Let the name of the mountain change into something that is already done. Call it as you would like it to be. Be in the company of faithful men. We are children of destiny and we should not allow destiny killers to come near us. *Romans 4:17, '(as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations" in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;'*

The difference is in believing in God. God loves to manifest in hopelessness. Refuse to consider the state of where you are. Those who do not believe God are wicked and those who believe are righteous. **God wants to prosper you so that you live to fulfil His purpose. Your purpose is not dependent on other people but your commitment to God.** People fail because they do not know their purpose. Today, choose to believe what God has said and pray in faith!

*Empowerment conferences take place every last weekend of the month, it is a time to empower workers for effective ministry. Purpose to attend ever last Saturday of the month.*



## COMPASSIONATE SACCO EDUCATION DAY



The Compassionate Savings and Credit Co-operative Society held an education day for its members and the church in general on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, which was facilitated by Bro. Dominic Muindi. The aim of the training was to enlighten members on importance of saving, expand their scope of thinking in regard to finances, change their mindset towards investments and generally understanding what a Sacco is and how it operates. Below are highlighted areas that were discussed:

### Different kinds of SACCO's:

1. *Employer based*  
These are composed of employees working for the same organization
2. *Sacco for projects*  
These are Saccos formed by a group of people who come together with the general goal of making acquisitions like buying land, property, or beginning a profitable initiative that will benefit its members
3. *Sacco for investments*  
This is a Sacco that is formed with the general goal of making investments, for example e.g. stima investments

### Why Join a SACCO?

1. Loan interest is low as it stands at 1% per month totaling to 12% per year
2. It allows for equal voting of its member; 1 share: 1 vote. This allows non-discrimination of members
3. Sacco accounts are audited on annual basis allowing for transparency and security of

- members' savings
4. Saccos hold annual general meetings which gives a platform to all members to discuss the Sacco accounts
5. A Sacco is good for saving for retirement benefits
6. In a Sacco, you can get your savings back anytime you want them.
7. A Sacco is good for mobilizing resources. Once a member has saved for stipulated period of time, for example six months, one can get a loan three times his/her savings

### SACCO Membership:

- Registered members  
These are members who have joined a Sacco by paying the registration fee and left it at that
- Willing and active members  
These are members who have gone beyond registration and have begun saving
- Willing, active and have the capacity  
These are members who have registered, made good savings and are in a position to mobilize their resources for useful investments or ventures

### Things to Remember:

- When borrowing funds as a group, be of the same mind and objective. Why are you borrowing the money, what are your targets? How well do you understand what you want to venture into?
- Join a Sacco to save, to start or expand a business. Do not just join a Sacco without a goal in mind
- Save for an objective, do not just save. Have long term goals in mind. How do you want to benefit from your savings?

Remember that there is no comfortable saving. It takes sacrifice; you have to be able to deny yourself to be able to save. It is not easy but it is worth it.

# PHOTO GALLERY

## Ground Breaking



*It was a dream come true when CCM broke ground for the commencement of the vision at the CCM Healing and Empowerment Center. The vision encompasses construction of the Sanctuary, School of Ministry and the Prayer Tower. The ground breaking begun with the construction of the Dining Hall and Kitchen, which will initially be used for Church services and meetings before the Sanctuary is constructed*



## Child Dedication

**Baby Zeal**



**Baby Jayden**



In CCM we rejoice in receiving children in the Ministry by dedicating them to the Lord. In April and May, we welcomed Baby Jayden, son to Elder Felix and Loise Kiptoo, and Baby Zeal, daughter to Min. Dan and Rebecca Njuki. It's amazing how the babies smile as they're being dedicated to the Lord. We're blessed that our children's ministry is growing

## CCM Couples Ministry

*In the Month of May, CCM couples were treated to a wonderful luncheon and get together at Masaai Discovery Hotel in Kitengela. The couples took time to discuss marriage matters and re upon their families, through the Wheel of Life exercise as well as go deeper in prayer after watching the movie 'War Room'. Apostle Radeny led the discussions on importance of praying together as a family and how our children get affected by what they see and hear.*

*(photos for Couples day...Elder Felix, please send more photos, especially where people are laughing, eating, hugging and during worship.)*



## PHOTO GALLERY

### Pastor Cathy's Temporary Office dedicated



**Pastor Kurien & his wife  
Suseela from India during their visit to CCM**

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