

# Ministry Partnership between the World Christian Outreach and Cistern Ministries

## Preamble

The divine partnership between **World Christian Outreach** and **Cistern Ministries** has existed many years and we have all reasons to praise the Lord for the good work the WCO is doing in Kenya, East Africa and Africa at large. The President of WCO Ev. Stanton Herpick, together with his Africa director Pr James Kariuki, has been very instrumental in organizing events for pastoral gathering and evangelism. World Christian outreach has commissioned projects which have transformed and impacted many lives in Africa. We feel honored to partner with World Christian Outreach as we share in a small way in this esteemed ministry.

Cistern Ministries have the core objective of reaching God's people behind bars in the Kenya prisons (Hebrews 13:3), by offering biblical courses to nourish the inmates with the word of God. We also in the ministry have a production department where we translate Christian literature from one language to another. We also offer publishing, printing and distribution of Christian books in Kenya and Africa.



After the Presidential general election held in 2008, there erupted violence in Kenya and thousands of people were displaced. Our ministry has been reaching out to the IDP (internally displaced person) in their camps with the word of God. We also minister to Orphaned children and destitute. However with all these activities, we would not have achieved

much had it not been for partnership with World Christian Outreach under the wise leadership of President Herpick. They have given out their time, skills and resources immensely. Through this partnership, we have been able to achieve many goals together. Thousands of people have been healed physically and spiritually. These ministries to the whole man have brought big impacts in Kenya and beyond. We have five main areas of partnership where we have seen and experienced great impacts in Kenya's people.

**W**orld Christian Outreach has sponsored several medical camps in Kenya prisons. These are the first ever medical operations to take place in the history of prison command. The medical camp involves doctors, nurses, surgeons and pharmacy technicians from both the USA and Kenya. In the course of offering these treatments, the word of God is preached and many accept the Lord as their savior. Inmates suffer greatly due the pathetic conditions they live in behind bars. There are many communicable diseases because of the over crowding of inmates. We have been able to attend and treat thousands of prisoners whose lives have been changed. It is through these medical camps that WCO together with Cistern Ministries have helped the Kenya government in its effort of rehabilitation programs in Kenya prisons. Beside the medical camps in Kenya prisons, World Christian Outreach has also sponsored and funded the construction of baptism pools where after the inmates receives Christ, they are baptized. This has really been a great boost to the chaplains in Kenya prisons as they lacked the facility to baptize the converted inmates due to lack of baptismal pools.

**M**edical camps to the internally displaced people (IDP) have brought a big impact in Kenya people. World Christian Outreach has not only sponsored the medical camps, but has also given the humanitarian relief to the IDP. These include food, cloths and medicine. During the medical camps at IDP camps, the sick are given treatments and counseling classes are offered. World Christian Outreach also has donated reading glasses in all the medical camps for those with eye problems.

**T**he New Dawn Community in Laikipia, under World Christian Outreach, has eminently changed the lives of many orphaned children in Kenya. We have jointly held medical camps in Laikipia as the residents do not have health facilities near them. Some have to travels many miles when a word goes around that there is a medical camp. The New Dawn secondary school in Laikipia has been in Kenya news for the last 2 years because of the impressive performance in the form 4 level exams. World Christian Outreach has partnered with Cistern Ministries in giving the students medical checkups during the form 1 intakes and also general health of all the students in the school. We have also held counseling sessions with the orphaned students to help them in various needs in their lives. We also work together in form 1 intakes, interviews and short listing of the qualified students.

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