

Kisumu Church Pastors



John & Pamela Omondi
Bishop: Ahero



Tobias & Elizabeth Juma
Deacon: Ahero



Charles & Pamela Ochieng
Pastor: Ahero



Willis & Sarah Agalo
Deacon: Chulaimbo



Maurice & Mary Omondi
Pastor: Dinya



Dickson & Janet Okumo
Pastor: Dinya



Joshua & Millicent Ochieng
Pastor: Kajulu



Tobias & Millicent Osur
Bishop: Kasongo



Washington & Milka Otieno
Pastor: Kasongo



John & Anna Ochieng
Deacon: Nyakoko



Joel & Milka Lusi
Pastor: Nyakoko



Jacob & Benter Obiero
Pastor: Ombeyi



Maurice & Anna Ogwe
Pastor: Ombeyi



Paul & Risper Oda
Pastor: Oroba



Thomas & Susan Amata
Bishop: Rabuor/Kajulu



William & Rosemary Ondeyo
Pastor: Rabuor



Lucas & Irene Otieno
Deacon: Rabuor



Jackson & Mary Okwero
Pastor: Ugunja

Worker Needs

KENYA

- 3 Missionary pastors

EL SALVADOR

- 1 Missionary pastor

BELIZE

- A missionary pastor/couple for Haynes Street. This position has a lot of variety, but includes helping with the deaf ministry that continues to grow at Haynes Street.



Lamp & Light Office

Financial Report:

Checking Account Balance: August 31, 2025:

\$76,269.20

August - September Receipts: \$189,850.07

General Fund total: \$266,119.27

August - September Distributions: \$208,257.43

Checking Account Balance September 30, 2025:

\$57,861.84

Savings Account Balance September 30, 2025:

\$158,160.50

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Bontrager to Oroba, Mark Kuepfer to Ahero, Tim Yoder to Migingo, Ivan to Kasongo, and Andy as circuit preacher, free to assist as needed.

Recognizing the instability of rented rooms, the mission began purchasing land and erecting permanent church buildings, first of stone and later with concrete or steel frames. As national leaders were ordained, expansion continued: Kajulu began with members from Oroba and Rabuor; Nyakoko with members from Oroba and Kasongo; and Lela with members from Ahero and Rabuor.

Political unrest also shaped the work. After the 2007–2008 election violence, displaced believers from Nakuru resettled west of Kisumu, leading to the founding of CBF Nyagondo in 2008. From there, outreaches began at Ugunja and Chulaimbo. In 2014 Nyagondo experienced a painful upheaval when dealing with corruption involving a pastor. The congregation relocated to Dinya center and continues today as CBF Dinya.

Thanks be to God, who continues to build His Kingdom with believers from all nations with imperfect people and methods. May there be those from the Kisumu area churches who will carry on the faith of the Lord Jesus until the end of time.

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If you would like to recommend a name for possible recruitment, please contact the appropriate board member from the list above. If your recommendation is not country specific, contact the coordinator. We covet your interest in filling the various important needs on the field. We believe that where God leads, He provides the resources to do His work. That includes people.

Current checking account funds are

insufficient to cover anticipated needs for the month of October.

We look to the Lord to provide as He deems appropriate. If He is nudging you, we'd love to hear from you.

Amish Mennonite Aid

September - October 2025



AMA Beginnings in Kisumu

Ivan Peachey

It was a Saturday morning in early February 1994. From Nakuru, James and Ruth Yoder were transporting a young missionary family three hours west to the region beside Lake Victoria. As the vehicle descended from the Kericho highlands, the expansive Kano plain came into view. Scattered among fields of sugarcane and maize were the thatch- and tin-roofed homes of the Luo people.

Among them lived two men, Sylvanus Hongo and Eliud Aloo, who had enrolled in the Lamp and Light Bible correspondence course after seeing an advertisement in the newspaper. When AMA board members later visited, the men expressed interest in fellowship and the establishment of a church that practiced what they were learning.

Though AMA based its mission near Nakuru, missionaries maintained contact with these men, their families, and others. Instruction classes began with Sylvanus and Eliud as default leaders. Plans for baptism, however, were halted when it was discovered that Eliud had two wives. The missionaries decided church planting should wait until resident pastors could move to Kisumu.

So it was that Ivan and Kay Peachey and their two young children were on their way to be introduced to these house churches as the first of two resident missionary families coming to live among them. Andy and Edith Mullet arrived two months later. The first introduction that Saturday was at the Hongo home in Buoye, several miles from Kisumu. Sylvanus

and family welcomed the travelers warmly with chai and lots of good food. A small mud-walled building nearby served as our church sanctuary. Before the day was over, Ivan was given a Luo name, Omore, because he was happy, smiling a lot.

The next morning they visited Eliud's home near Miwani for Sunday worship. Though his polygamy prevented baptism, he remained a de facto leader of the house church. Soon Andy, the experienced missionary, and Ivan, the learner, began dividing Sunday responsibilities—one at Buoye, the other at Miwani—while both attended midweek studies.

As the work grew, some members from the Ahero area requested a church closer to home. Afternoon services began in a rented building in Boya, east of Ahero. Eventually, AMA requested a third missionary couple. Tim and Lois Yoder arrived, and the circuit preaching system gave way to appointed pastors: Andy at Boya, Ivan at Oroba, and Tim at Migingo.

Meanwhile, some felt uneasy meeting in private homes, where subtle issues of influence arose. Congregations began renting neutral spaces: Buoye at Migingo, Miwani at Oroba School, and Boya east of Ahero. In time, each moved to permanent sites—today known as CBF Rabuor, CBF Oroba, and CBF Ahero.

Requests for new congregations continued. Members walking from Kasongo asked for a church in their village. AMA sent two more missionary couples. Services began in a rented mud-walled building, and assignments shifted: Linford

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Kisumu Churches Today

Rodney Weaver

But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee. Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this? In Whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind. Job 12:7-10

Recently we had a family day here at the Kisumu compound. These are days during the school year, when school is cancelled, when families can spend time together. If we are not intentional in planning, they don't happen, and family time is hard to accomplish. So as a family, we travelled to Ruma National Park. The park is very large and contains many species of African wildlife. One of its special animals is the roan antelope, nearly gone from Kenya but now making a comeback.

As we see these animals, we realize what Job was saying. God made all things, gave them life, and they bring glory to Him. What about us? Are we bringing glory to our Creator and telling others of His love? That is the work here in Kenya—not just traveling to parks, but bringing glory to God and pointing others to Him. The work is great, but it is His kingdom's work, and He is with us.

In the Kisumu area, we have 12 churches scattered from Nyakunguru in the east to Ugunja in the west, a two-and-a-half-hour drive apart. Kisumu is near the

center. Some churches are older, others young. The newest, Nyakunguru, began in 2022.

These churches are led by both national and missionary pastors, including 2 mission bishops, 3 national bishops, 5 mission pastors, and 16 national pastors. Recently, leaders from Kisumu and Nakuru spent parts of two weeks together learning how to lead and what to base teaching on. Wayne Yoder (Wytheville, VA) and Philip Beachy (Millersburg, OH) taught the classes, and we were blessed as we learned together.

There is hope for an outreach from the Dienya church in the near future. There is a number of people who are faithful members from an area known as Kanyadet. This group, including a pastor, have a long walk to church and would like to have a church in their area. We currently do not have the staff available to help that work move forward. We pray for God to direct and open doors as He sees best.

The 12 churches support one another in burials, weddings, and annual events such as Special Offices Seminar, Christian Believers Pastors Conference, Family Seminar, Christian Believers Youth Conference, clothing and book sales, and Minister's Meetings. Other regular gatherings include pastors' meetings, unit meetings, Wednesday Bible studies, and joint unit meetings with Nakuru, joint mission pastors meetings with Nakuru and many more.

As mission pastors, we meet every Monday for a Pastors Table. Though we see each other often, these meetings allow us to discuss difficult issues together.

Our Monday meetings are a key element in empowering new missionary pastors. Once a month the national bishops join us, giving invaluable cultural insights and guidance.

We also host a weekly sewing class, helping women gain skills to support themselves and serve the churches. Some graduates now sew for clothing sales and other orders.

Lamp and Light Bible courses, part of the mission from the beginning, continue to grow. Courses are sent out and returned for checking, helping many learn the Bible in new ways. Some now attend our churches because of what they have studied. They want to be a part of a church that follows what they learned in the courses. With growth, a new office is being planned for Kisumu, as the current one is a rental.

There are 7 mission families in Kisumu, all young families with many children. The oldest child is 14, the youngest 1, for a total of 27 children. This makes for great friends who meet on the lane and spend hours playing together. The school has 11 students and we have two teachers. We also have a social worker that helps on the compound with many different jobs. We plan to add another social worker soon.

