



East Africa regional family of churches is located within Eastern Africa which is situated on the mid-eastern part of the continent of Africa. Eastern Africa is made up of 13 countries of which 6 countries i.e. Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Tanzania, Rwanda and Ethiopia, form the East Africa Regional family of churches.

Spreading the gospel

The churches yet to be planted within the East Africa family are Somalia, Djibouti and Eritrea. This region has been destabilized with insecurity which has affected the other countries as well. We previously had disciples in Somalia and Eritrea but they had to leave.

We pray for peace to prevail in these areas so that they may be evangelized again. The population of East Africa is approximately 293.3 million people.

Out of the 7 cities with a population of over 1 million, we have churches in 5 of them. This poses an overwhelming challenge for us here and we request for prayers so that the church may grow in the area of missions. This will help us to be focused in growing teams that can be sent out to plant more churches in the coming years.



Nairobi Church service on Sunday

Nairobi Church and MTA

The Nairobi Christian Church in Kenya was the first to be planted in 1989 by the New York City Church. It now has 1,450 members being served by 12 full time ministry staff members. We are so grateful to God for the many lay leaders who have risen up to offer overwhelming support to the staff who would have found it extremely challenging with a ratio of 1 staff member to 120 church members. In this respect the Ministry Training Academy (MTA) that

has been running in East Africa for the past 5 years has had tremendous impact in equipping the lay leaders and building the capacity to support the ministry staff. Presently the entire family in East Africa comprises 15 churches with a total of 2,400 disciples and every year over 100 members register for the training offered by MTA. Pray for us that the upcoming session in June of this year 2018 will enlist larger numbers and that the sessions will be even more successful than the previous ones.



The need for more staff

The churches outside of Nairobi are being served by a total of 17 full time staff members. We have 14 volunteer staff members who lead some of the churches. We praise God for the hearts of these volunteer leaders who have been serving with full time hearts for many years even though they hold full time secular jobs. It is our prayer that God will open doors for our financial giving and support so that we may either employ more into the full time ministry and have others get into the ministry in order to build these churches and take them to greater heights.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We request for prayers in the following areas:

1. For our Youth and Family ministry to thrive especially for our teenagers to make it and become disciples. We have only 92 teenage disciples out of a teenage population of 351.
2. For the church in Nairobi to stem the decline in membership experienced in the last 3 years and start on the incline. This has also affected the finances in the Nairobi church. We pray that the church membership and the giving will and lead to the church being self supportive.
3. For our 3 elders in training in order that we may end up having elders in the Nairobi church before the end of this year 2018.
4. For churches that have remained small to grow in number. The Addis Ababa Christian Church was planted in 1992 and for over 20 years, the membership is still less than 20 disciples. The Arusha Christian Church which was planted in 1996 has a membership of just over 20. We pray for both financial and spiritual capacity to have committed teams to train and build these churches.
5. To raise more leaders from the congregation who will heavily support the ministry staff. We have seen growth in this area but much more is needed in order to close the gap of the loss of members.
6. To have full time staff for the 5 churches that are being taken care of by volunteers especially the Eldoret Christian Church with a membership of 103 and overseeing 2 other churches with a total of 44 members.
7. Stability in the political landscape in Somalia, Sudan, Rwanda, Burundi and Kenya. This will create a conducive environment for the disciples and growth of the church.

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