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Location: **Nairobi, KENYA**

Mission: **Christian education**



Christian Union Patrons

The Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) is the sponsor of 500 High Schools within Kenya. Caring for the spiritual needs of the students in these schools is a task the church shares with ordinary teachers who take on the additional responsibility of being the Christian Union (CU) patron. A first meeting with the CU patrons was recently organised by the PCEA Director of Christian Education. During the session, they filled out a questionnaire and here are some of their responses:



Question 1: What motives and brings you joy as the CU patron?

Mary wrote, "I know it is God's calling on my life. When I was in campus (university) I felt sure that wherever God would lead me to teach is my mission field. I serve willingly knowing it is God's work." Her joys include: "Mentoring them in reading God's Word, in prayer, in carrying out a discipleship course with them and seeing a student rely on God when facing challenges."

Nancy remarked, "To see the lives of these teenagers being transformed and impacted by the Word of God. - Giving their lives to Christ and continuing their Christian walk/life even after leaving school."



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Question 2: What are the challenges you face?

Elizabeth shared, "The main challenge is when a student receives Christ, you rejoice and mentor them but after the holiday you find that they have backslidden, and you start all over again."

Ben confessed, "At times, I feel overwhelmed. At times I am not able to balance; my wife and children are living in another area and I have to travel and see them on some weekends and the other teachers are unwilling to help."

Timothy remarked, "Time is never enough for fellowship, guidance and counselling but I appreciate the time that is available."

Hannah mentioned, "Inadequate resources, e.g. Bible study books."

Points for Prayer:

- Thank God for the successful meeting with PCEA CU patrons and pray that their responses will inform the church on how best to serve, equip and support them in their vital ministry.
- Thank God for his answer to a prayer request shared in April - circumstances have changed, and we no longer need to move house this summer!
- Praise God for his answer to a prayer request last month - the revision of the Child Rights and Advocacy book is complete! Ask that it will encourage and equip readers to put the knowledge into practice.
- Pray for momentum to be sustained as the TEE writing team restarts work on the Bible study guidebook called "No Other Gospel".