

# VISIONARY AFRICAN MAN OF GOD TO TOUCH AND REPAIR TWISTED HEARTS ACROSS THE WORLD

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With the demise of a highly respectable Korean missionary, Rev. younsim lim (13 Dec 1951 – 4<sup>th</sup> August 2012) over seventy Turkana youths she sponsored at various levels of education are now well placed and informed in the areas not limited to law, theology, financial management and social works.

Safe life special correspondent traced and interacted with sections of beneficiaries of younsim's programmes in Turkana County – Kenya, where she (younsim) committed time and financial resources to secure future for over seventy Turkana youths.

In close contact and one – on – one interviews, the beneficiaries built consensus that younsim's legacy should be promoted especially in the field of spiritual growth, development and sustenance.

Rev. Younsim was laid to rest in Lodwar Town as fulfillment of her true love for the Turkana people, true love for humanity and Africa continent as a whole.

“Rev. Lim made a will that at the time of her death she should not be returned to Korea but buried here in Turkana” explains Rev. Betty Lokwaar.

In Lodwar – Kenya, Rev. younsim served under the courtesy of Kenya Assemblies of God (K.A.G) but her sponsorship programmes were independent and personal initiatives towards support for Turkana people to grow and develop like any other communities around the world.

“It's unfortunate that the children's home she established in Lodwar is no longer operational. I think she was laid to rest with that vision” Explains one of the beneficiaries who preferred not to be named.

Rev. Younsim also committed time and financial resources in the establishment of a secondary school in Lodwar. The school opened January 2014 for first registration of students.

“Rev. Younsim has not lived to witness her dream in the establishment of a secondary school 20 kilometers out of Lodwar town” says a group of prayer warriors in Kanamkemer- Lodwar.

To highlight a positive shift and sustenance of younsim's legacy especially in the areas of spiritual growth and development, Rev. Philip Lokwaar Lokaalei has established a church at Kanamkemer – Lodwar with outreach locations of between 10 – 200 kilometers deep inside Turkana County. Safe life special correspondent traced and interacted with Rev. Philip Lokwaar Lokaalei at a church located about 3 kilometers from Lodwar town – centre. Jan 19 - 2014.

## **VISIONARY REV. PHILIP TO HEAL TWISTED HEARTS**

Who is Rev. Philip Lokwaar?

A professionally spoken Turkana young man, born in 1975 to the family Mr Epeta Lonyaman (R.I.P) and Mrs. Epeta Lonyaman Lokaalei

Rev. Philip became an orphan at age zero. "My father passed away when I was two weeks old" says Rev. Philip.

He was raised from California market area in Lodwar town. Due to stiff issues, Rev. Philip found opportunity and guardianship under the establishment of Rev. Younsim Lim who supported him with other 70 Turkana youths.

Rev. Philip studied his degree course in Bible and theology from East Africa School of theology where he graduated in 2003. He is currently for post – graduate course at Africa international University, offering counseling psychology in education. In Turkana County he studied at Lodwar Primary School and Katilu Secondary.

### **HIS UNIQUE VISION**

In 2004 Rev. Philip lokwaar and his wife Rev. Mrs. Betty lokwaar established a small church under Kenya Assemblies of God, located at Kanamkemer – lodwar. The church first operated at a rented accommodation but later one of the members (Mr. Wilson Ejiye) donated land to accommodate the church.

"We started in 2004 at a rented accommodation but one of our members offered land for the construction of church premises." Explains a group of church elders.

Rev. Philip says" I have a ministry in this church born out of my vision. It's the power and the wisdom of the cross. "Corinthians chapter 1 – 17 – 31."

Softly speaking about the ministry, he step – by – step touched on the structure and functions of the ministry.

"This ministry is designed to touch the unreached globally, starting right here from Turkana land" says Rev. Philip

Additionally, it's six told ministries with components herein under; Education, Drilling water, Relief supplies, Medical attention, Provision of shelter and dissemination of God's messages with no discrimination.

Meanwhile, the demand for these components are increasingly high "We have visited refugee camps twice and delivered none – food items to the refugees" says Rev. Betty Lokwaar.

However, their field outreach is being hindered by lack of logistical support. "We lack transport to access remote areas where communities are purely needy" says Rev. Betty, with expression of emotions.

## **VISIBLE ACHIEVEMENTS**

Under the good leadership of Rev. Philip Lokwaar, the nine (9) years old church has in place about 350 committed members, established adult literacy sessions, established early childhood development sessions, procured 50 plastic chairs, constructed a semi – permanent church structure, procured public address systems, planted 2 churches in Kakuma Regugee camp, connected pipe water supplies, constructed 2 permanent latrines, has 16 prayer warriors, fenced the church area, procured water storage tank with capacity to hold 2,000 litres, connected electricity to the prayer hall among others.

## **POWER OF SPEECH**

Rev. Philip Lokwaar is gifted with unique power of speech which keeps his audience still and in admiration of God's gift. He speaks at the rate of about 40 words per minute.

He uses simple dictions and about four different languages to deliver messages across the audience. Rev. Philip is very articulate and informed about many issues pertaining spiritual growth and development. "I come from a humble background. My simple task is to see the world filled with the spirit of God" says Rev. Philip Lokwaar.

"His preaching and power of speech puts him at global ranking without much difficulty" says an elder at Kanamkemer.

## **CONSTRUCTION OF PERMANENT CHURCH STRUCTURE**

The church operates in a semi – permanent structure but efforts are under way to construct a permanent building estimated at USD84, 806 Bill of Quantity. The foundation stones have been laid, with materials available and building plans approved by concerned local authorities.

"Everything is in place for work to get started but we are stuck in the areas of financial support to speedily drive other resources" Explains Rev. Betty Lokwaar.

Some of the prominent church elders include but not limited to GALILEO LOKIRIA, EMURIA JOSEPH, LAZARO ENGOMO, EPEM EARNISON, JACKSON LOKAALA, WYCLIFF EREGAE, EJIKON TONNY, SITATI IRENE AND WILSON EJIYE.

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