

## Kenya East Africa Jurisdiction Department of Women Church of God in Christ

### **2015 Annual Report**

### "Commissioned to Develop Ministries for Changing Times" Daniel 2:20-23

Kenya East Jurisdiction is a newly formed Jurisdiction under the ordinances of the Church Of God In Christ. Many of our foundational ministries and leaders are seasoned in ministry work and encompass a broad range experience. In April 2014, the Jurisdiction was endorsed by the General Assembly and in November 2014 the Kenya East Jurisdiction was formally commended with Bishop Jerry L. Ivery being consecrated as Jurisdictional Prelate. After prayerful consideration, Bishop Ivery selected Evangelist Valerie Daniels-Carter to serve as Jurisdictional Supervisor and she was consecrated Jurisdictional Supervisor by Mother Willie M. Rivers – General Supervisor of Women in May of 2015. As women of God, we have a indict and obligation to advance, maintain, and keep a strong and well balanced spiritual, physical and family life, while constructing and pursuing the work of the Lord. In order to accomplish this objective, we must be prayerful and empowered by God's Holy Spirit. One of the means by which we gain additional spiritual insight is through our Jurisdictional Department of Women. We are delighted to report, that over the ensuing year, we achieved all of our targeted goals while proclaiming, developing and planting biblical communities and glorifying our God. We continue to be strong, aligned, vigilant and vivacious.

#### *Dr. Valerie Daniels-Carter* Jurisdictional Supervisor

Evangelist Shondell Douglas-Robinson Jurisdictional Assistant Supervisor

Evangelist La Toya Wimpie Executive Secretary

Judge Paula Ellis Ambassador Chairlady (Domestic)

Missionary Mary Muriithi Missionary Hildah Kivuti Executive Advisors (Kenya)

Dr. Arnita Bright Sister Annette Lenox Executive Committee Members

Dr. Lisa Winters-Smith Dr. Regina Flippin Medical Team Advisors



# 2015 Achievements Kenya East Africa Department of Women

- Planned and coordinated the Inaugural Banquet for Bishop Jerry L. Ivery.
- Planned and coordinated the Celebrated Service of Installation and Inaugural Banquet of Supervisor Valerie Daniels-Carter.
- Appointed Department of Women Executive Staff.
- Celebrated the licensing of Jurisdictional Assistant Supervisor Douglas-Robinson.
- Opened treasury bank account for department.
- Provide monthly financial support to Jurisdiction of \$550.00 to assist with orphanage expenses.
- Designed and coordinated the Jurisdictional Website: <u>http://cogickenya.org</u>
- Traveled to Kenya in August with a delegation of 14 individuals committed to assessing the sundry needs of that area.
- Held our first organizational women's meeting in Kenya and spoke at a women empowerment session with over 300 women in attendance.
- Meet with the wife of the Vice-President of Kenya and her cabinet to discuss empowering women in Africa.
- Hosted our first annual Safari.
- Hosted our first annual Medical Camp Day at Cornerstone Church Of God In Christ in Nairobi, Kenya.
- Purchased thousands of dollars of building supplies/equipment to secure orphanage habitation. This consisted of rebuilding walls, roofing and floors; installing windows and providing plumbing and materials for the girl's bathroom.
- Purchased new mattresses, bedding and bed frames for Joy Valley Orphanage.
- Financially seeded into the bakery business of Pastor Muiithi.
- Purchased a van to assist in ministry and various transportation needs.
- Purchased all medication for Medical Camp Event and distributed over 2,200 pairs of prescription eye glasses.

- Financially allocated funding for Thanksgiving meals for orphanages.
- Financially allocated funding for Christmas meals and gifts for orphanages.
- Financially allocated funding for additional medical attention for children of Joy Valley.
- Submitted an Official Mission Report to General Supervisor, Mother Willie Mae Rivers.
- Financially sponsored Christmas dinner for seniors and widows in Kenya.
- Designed a Training and Developmental Certification Workbook for Evangelist, Deaconess and Aspiring Missionaries who represent the Church Of God in Christ – Kenya East Africa.
- Established (3) Foundational Pillars by which we will equip individuals for selfsufficiency.
- Presented congratulatory gift for the marriage of Jurisdictional Prelate, Bishop Jerry Ivery.
- Hosted Kenya East Africa Department of Women 5K Walk-A-Thon in St. Louis, MO. during the 108th Holy Convocation.
- Developed and Funded Self-Sufficiency Project and funded 5 women in chicken farming business.
- Stored donated computer and IT equipment.

This year afforded us the opportunity to rejoice and work towards developing platforms for excellence in women's ministry; by visiting Kenya East Africa and assessing the immediate needs. We purchased beds, mattresses, toilets, a new roof and other building material to provide habitable conditions for the orphans. The children now have clean water and facilities that are improved. In addition, a transportation vehicle was purchased for the Department of Women Executive Advisor in Kenya, Pastor Mary Muriithi to continue rescues of homeless children to orphanages. We also hosted a medical camp day, purchased all needed medications and supplies, and served over 500 children and adults. The donations of 2,200 eye glasses were distributed to families after their eye examinations.

The department created a Training and Developmental Certification Pamphlet for Evangelist, Deaconess, and Aspiring Missionaries in Kenya East Africa. This booklet is an outline intended to ensure consistency for women who currently engage in ministry within the Department of Women, as well as a training tool for women desiring to become jurisdictionally certified. Supervisor Carter held a special Department of Women Meeting during our August visit, and each woman in attendance received this pamphlet.

The overall August mission trip encouraged us to delineate a subset of distinctive and pivotal objectives in order to fulfill our God given mandate. These are the pillars upon which Kenya East Africa Department of Women will continue to build and equip individuals for self-sufficiency:

- Foundational Pillar #1 Education and Training
- Foundational Pillar #2 Ministry Initiatives and Evangelism
- Foundational Pillar #3 Medical Assistance and Nutrition

The department established a self-sufficiency project by funding 15 chicken farms. We purchased 250 chickens, food and medicine per farmer. Chickens are raised for 6 to 7 weeks and then sold at the market place. Proceeds are then shared allowing the farmer to reinvest, earn a wage and a final allocation to the department. At the point at which the farmer has completed their repayment we request that they assist another female to establish her business while growing their business which affords self-sufficiency for the people of Kenya East Africa. After full a rotation is completed, this same process will be utilized as we expand this Jurisdictional ministry funding, mission.

The Department of Women Walk-a-Thon was held during the 108th Holy Convocation in St. Louis, MO and it was a great success. All net proceeds from the walk aid the KEADW in our ongoing initiatives. Our Jurisdictional Prelate lead individuals from across the U.S. as they with a giving heart registered and walked the 5K miles in support of our Jurisdiction. We are thankful to our sponsors. Because of their support we exceeded our goal. In 2016, we will create platforms for which the Department of Women can supply aid and resources in Kenya. Our focus will be directed toward the pillars and programs that accentuates autonomy, resourcefulness and ultimately long-term independence, allowing the people of Kenya to feed the hungry, cloth the naked, give medical attention to the less fortune; in addition to training and education, assisting in providing shelter for homeless children and empower the believers in this region to stand firm in the faith. It is of vast prominence that we continue to provide the equivalent inspirational and instructional model as the women before us have lived their lives, dedicated to serving God and helping others.

Moreover, we would like to invite every member of the Church of God in Christ to support the Kenya East Africa Women's Department. We need everyone's support and assistance in order to meet our objectives and continue in success. It is our earnest prayer that every man, woman, boy, and girl, plan to share in our activities, missions and initiatives. Thank you for your support of our ministry as we embrace our Godly mandate and address the sundry needs of our jurisdiction, community, and world.

Humbly and Prayerfully Submitted,

Kenya East Africa Jurisdiction Department of Women Penned by Evangelist La Toya Wimpie Department of Women Executive Secretary