



# THE GREAT COMMISSION



## WHY BAPTISE?

Baptism is one of the elementary doctrines which serves as an entry criteria into a religious organizational membership. It symbolizes a union with Christ, by recognition and acceptance of being a sinful nature and ready to renounce your old past by taking a cover of Jesus Christ. Similar to the insurance covers people take, Jesus is the cover, in this case who will carry all your sins, dip them in the waters, and get out a new, allowing the Holy Spirit to reign over the rest of your life.

By baptism we therefore

confess our trust and faith in death and resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ. This marks the beginning of newness into spiritual life, while testifying in public of the death of sin.

We do believe in the ordinance of water baptism by immersion after self actualization leading to repentance. The word baptism is borrowed from Greek 'baptizo' meaning

"immersion." John introduces water baptism as a sign of repentance leading to eventual remission of sins.

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in

the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Mathew 3:1-6.

John the baptized chose a particular river, for simple reason that there was enough water. John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized. John 3:23.

## FOLLOWING JESUS EXAMPLE

Jesus was baptized by John regardless of being sinless, to show an example to his disciples and generations to come.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Mathew 3:13:17.

## 21 NEW SOULS ACCEPT JESUS THROUGH BAPTISM



At the Church of God, Igwera, on the April, 13th. 8 souls made a decision to bury the old and be a new with Jesus Christ as their personal saviour. It was a joy witnessing this confession. There was joy in heaven, we now continue teaching them as Jesus commanded.



On the June, 12th. 13 more souls at the Church of God, Giribe surrendered to become a new through baptism. We continue with the command to teach as instructed.

# TEAM BUILDING STRATEGY



Church of God International, Africa Chapter is working on building a strong and united team to reach out to the whole country and to Africa as well. The challenge is the slow uptake of MIP/MAP due to internet connectivity and literacy level. We have embarked on face to face training, We will be going through our lessons in the

language best understood by all. This will be held three days in a month at three different allocated areas, where leaders can easily access, hence minimal costs.

## TABITHA OUTREACH FOUNDATION AND THEIR DAILY BREAD US BASED ORGANIZATIONS CHANGING LIVES OF THE NEEDY AND ORPHANS IN KENYA

Touching one life at a time is the surest way of preaching the gospel. For the last two months, the presence of our Lord has been felt, through friends and well wishers through the two organizations named above answering to the call from the book of James 1:27;

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

During my trip to the US for my ordination, I was hosted by Mike and Dianne Webb. Our connection came through the education program for orphans and needy children in South West Kenya, who were in 22 different high schools. The challenge faced was tracking the performance of 43 students. The most challenging issue that strike my mind was they were not allowed to worship on Sabbath and keep the Holy Days. One day while Dianne was driving a phone call came from Kenya, one of the

students had been chased away from school, for not having paid 50 dollars building fund, and this kid was a candidate. Dianne was angered and disturbed, she asked me what could be done to have our own school to avoid all these unnecessary disturbances. I remember telling her, that, I will take that up as my project when I came back to Kenya. I just did not know how to do it.

I started praying over the issue and the rest is history. I thank God for what He has done for us, within a month after I came back to Kenya, God answered my prayers. We now have a school of 55 students form one and two all boarding, 8 teachers, 4 school workers. This is the new church that I pastor. It has not been easy, but there we are, I request for your prayers. See the photos posted.



Tabitha Outreach Foundation Academy is now in place, though at rented buildings, with your help and the will of God, next year we will be at our own home.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRIES PARTNERING CHURCH OF GOD INTERNATIONAL TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL PRINTING OFFICE AND BASIC BIBLE TRAINING CENTRE AND CGI OFFICE.

Christian Education Ministries have already delivered a Copy printer, Bizhub printer and Brother Robert donated

a digital electric guillotine. As soon as we have the furniture and other

equipment, our operations will start and this will aid our training for Elders.