

## **OUR MISSION**

"If I were to look at what has made Mt.Kenya Baptist Church such an influential church in Kenya, at the top of the list would be a passion for reaching the lost with the Truth of God's Word."

We celebrated our 40 years of impact as MKBC on 25th August 2019. What achievement to which we give God all the glory! All Christians around the world are called to faithfulness and commitment to Jesus Christ. As Jesus prepared to ascend back into Heaven, He gave His disciples, His followers, one last command. He told them to go with His power and authority into all the world to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that [He had] commanded [them]" (Matthew 28:18-19).

In this verse we are also called to make disciples. A disciple is a student, one who studies the commands of a teacher and then put them into practice. We make disciples by sharing the Gospel,

the Good News about Jesus Christ. Jesus left heaven and was born a man. He lived a perfect life without sin, showing us how we were created to live. Then he gave His life in death on the cross to pay the price of our sins. He raised again back to life, proving that He had the power to overcome sin and death. This is the foundation of what it means to be a Christian. A disciple is someone who chooses to accept these truths and follow the way of Jesus. Our mission at MKBC is to share the Gospel with everyone so that more will become disciples as we have been commanded. When someone truly

becomes a disciple, we then baptize them. This declares to the world that they are now a follower of Jesus and shows that they are now a part of the Christian community, the church. It also helps them identify with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. In Jesus's death, the penalty of our sins was paid for. In His burial, we see that His death was complete, and our sins were forgiven once and for all. In His resurrection, we know that death was defeated so that we can be made righteous again. We baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit because God is one.

A person can be a disciple who is committed to the teachings and way of Jesus, but obedience is a whole different matter. People often know the right thing to do but struggle to do it. Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments" (John14:15). After a person has given their life to Jesus and learning His commands and has joined the church in baptism, the final step is working together to help each other in daily obedience to all that Jesus commanded. We need accountability in this. We must teach each other to observe and obey Jesus's commands, all of them. This is a summary of the truth found in God's Word. We are called as a church to bring this Gospel to lost and broken of the world. So, as we celebrate 40 years of MKBC, we are celebrating 40 years of lives being transformed in the power of the Gospel of Jesus. As we give God the glory for what He has done, may we continue this mission for another 40 years and beyond, and may sharing the Gospel always be at the center of all that we do.