



THE KRAPF PROJECT

RESOURCES FOR RURAL PASTORS

Pastor's Profile

Peter Mbutia

Pastors in rural Africa are bi-vocational - they support their families and ministries through their own shambas (farms) and selling to the local markets, while others have retail businesses. Time and resources for study are limited and there are few opportunities to further their studies, or to build a library.

This is where the Krapf Project can help. Alongside providing resources, it is important for us to build relationships with these men, to get to know them and their families and to support and encourage them in the ministry. These are some of the men we work with.

This is pastor Joseph Mbutia and his wife Margaret. They have three children. Joseph is 38 years old, and he is the pastor of Heritage Baptist Church in Kibunja, Molo, Western Kenya, which he planted in 2019 in a rented house. It is affiliated with the Baptist Convention of Kenya. In 2022, Joseph sold his car to raise funds for a church plot. He then held a harambee (fundraising) for the construction of a semi-permanent structure.

Back in the summer of this year (2024) Joseph heard of the Krapf Academy workshops and connected me. He organised and hosted a workshop in Molo. The workshop was funded almost entirely by the local pastors themselves and afterwards Joseph received this message from one of the pastors.

"How awesome and wonderful the workshop was. I take this opportunity to thank our facilitator for a tiresome day he had with us ... I had received many messages from my fellow pastors like this."



Heritage Baptist Church is right on the side of the main highway between Mombasa and the Ugandan border. With the constant stream of trucks coming to and from Mombasa Port, there is a high level of immorality and prostitution. As a result, there are many single mothers and hungry or abandoned children. Part of the ministry of Heritage Baptist is a free feeding program for the hungry children.



Joseph asks for prayer

- That God would bless my evangelism to reach many people to Christ.
- For provision to be able to support as many children as possible.
- For provision for the construction of a permanent house of worship and make a centre of excellence in training the clergy.
- That God would bless my family.

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