

SPEAKING THEIR LANGUAGE

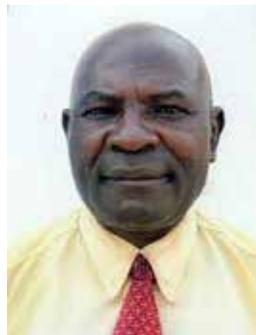
With a restful mind, I decided to try something new. *Why not try to text my Swahili friends in their mother tongues?* So, I wrote to my friend **Samuel Ondieki in Kenya**, trusting my computer for translation.



“Mungu ni mwema!” (God is good!)

“Ninamwomba kuwa mgumu leo.” (I am praying he will touch you today.)

He wrote back with great excitement asking me to call him. Our phone call was full of praise to the Lord for this wonderful tool of communication. Our Kenyan churches will receive news from him concerning some promising new developments.



Then I texted the same message to our friend **Bertin Mwanya in the Democratic Republic of the Congo**. He responded in Swahili “May he touch you, too.” Then he added, “Who IS this?”

I had to laugh. No one expected me to be greeting them in Swahili. He received my name with great surprise and asked me to call him. (Bertin is perhaps our most educated leader of an African conference, proficient in five languages, and he keeps himself well-informed through the ACGC Weekly E-news and the International Prayer Network.) We were soon on the phone together, and I spent the next minutes answering his questions about our works in four different countries. Bertin shared about the established outpost of AC work in Zambia.

Finally, I texted our **Brother Johnson Odoyo in Tanzania**. I did not receive an immediate reply from him, so I decided to attend to some ministry on this side of the Atlantic Ocean and visit a local parish.



Unfortunately in doing so, I left my cell phone at home. I returned to find six missed calls from Tanzania. Rather than to call him after midnight (his time zone is seven hours ahead of ours), I texted him in Swahili with a promise to call him the next day. One minute later, I received a call. I agreed to hang up and return the call, thus saving him some money. He was laughing as he asked me how I knew Swahili. Once again, I explained the wondrous workings of a computer and the Internet to his great delight.

Then he had a story to tell:

(Johnson) – So it was YOU! You wrote to me, *Mungu ni mwema!* (God is so good!)

(Me) – That’s right.

(Johnson) – I thought someone hacked into your phone! You also wrote *Ninamwomba kuwa mgumu leo* (I am praying he will touch you today). We were going door-to-door with the gospel. At the moment you sent that text, I was inside the hut of a witchdoctor. It was full of charms and fetishes. I was in an intense spiritual battle just being inside his house. When I read, “I am praying he will touch you today” I was filled with power. The witchdoctor became convicted of the greatness of God and surrendered his life to Jesus Christ!

Johnson and I had a time of shouting hallelujah that caused my wife Barbara to wonder what was going on.

Thank You, Lord, for these servants.

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PRAYER & PRAISE

*Christmas in October
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“For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy.”

(Daniel 9:18b, ESV)

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PRAY

1. For preparations of Explore Missions that will be held at ACGC in Charlotte in January, 2019.
2. That our AC churches will come alongside our ministry leaders and future missionaries with prayer and financial support.
3. For Agape House Worldwide's ministry partnership in Indonesia.
4. For our African ministries as they serve with limited resources.
5. That our international ministry leaders will be refreshed in mind and spirit through the study of God's Word and prayer.
6. For God's wisdom, guidance and anointing for Director Jeffrey Walsh as he works with our international ministry leaders.
7. For continued growth in all of our outreach ministries.
8. That the needs of our mission fields will be met.
9. For the nine Advent Christian churches that are currently improving the health of their churches through the use of Natural Church Development.
10. For wisdom, discernment and faithfulness for the directors at ACGC.
11. For a full provision for the ministry needs of ACGC and its partner ministries.

PRAISE

1. For two encouraging days of training and planning with our consultant from Converge. He is consulting with ACGC in the area of church planting.
2. For the launch of two leadership development field offices in Oxford, Maine and Tustin, California.
3. God that the gospel was presented to approximately 200 young people and youth leaders who attended the Southern Region's 2018 Big Splash event in Orlando, Florida.
4. For the faithful churches and individual donors who give generous financial support to the work of ACGC.

Please pray for the following ACGC Directors' and Coordinators' Activities

Beth Larkin, Coordinator of Women's Ministries & Event Operations

Matt Larkin, Coordinator of Leadership Development

Steve Lawson, Executive Director

- October 17 – 21: Eastern Region Meetings
- October 25 – 17: Berkshire Trustee Meetings

Justin Nash, Director of Communication

- October 17 – 19: ReNew Conference, Rocky Mount, N.C.

Dawn Rutan, Director of Finance

Jeff Walsh, Director of International Missions

- October 3 – 6: Davao, Philippines
- October 7 – 16: Indonesia