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## Welcome Letter from the President

Dear OCM Partners and Friends,

As we embark on a new decade, we here at OCM can definitely look back and thank the Lord for His faithfulness and for His never-ending provision. This year we find ourselves embracing the same sentiment the Apostle Paul had when he wrote "...but one thing I do: forgetting that what lies behind and straining forward toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Paul reminisced on some of the great miracles that occurred during the course of his life such as: seeing a young man being brought back to life, escaping several assassination attempts, surviving a poisonous snake bite and a disastrous shipwreck as well as the Lord's faithfulness during his imprisonment in Rome. Yet he counted all things as loss for the sake of knowing the Lord (Phil. 3:8). He expectantly looked forward to the fulfillment of the promise of Christ that "whoever be-

lieves in Me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do..." in his latter days (Jn. 14:12).

Likewise, we here at OCM look forward to a decade of continual fruition and growth as well as the expansion of the Kingdom of God. We expect to see key OCM projects completed before this decade is over: the completion and establishment of our children's home (structured to function as a self-sustaining mission), to build permanent facilities for our 3 churches in Nakuru, to pioneer and plant 3-5 churches and expand our feeding program from 100 to 1,000 children daily!

Brothers and sisters let us embrace this decade with optimism, enthusiasm, faith and perseverance in order to accomplish the goals set before us. We are calling you our OCM family, our partners and supporters, to join with us as we individually and collectively seek the Lord on how we can make these



Founder and President, James Kinyanjui pictured with his wife Esther.

dreams a reality. With our God all things are possible. We thank you in advance for your prayers, support and love.

Lastly, Esther and I would like to personally invite you to join us on the mission field this year. We'll have two trips available and we'd love for to join us as we minister to the people of Kenya.

Sincerely,

James Kinyanjui

Founder/President



*“We look forward to expanding the Kingdom and changing lives through the unchanging Word with you!”*

## OCM Missions Update

Attention friends and partners. This year we have two short term mission trips to Kenya. Our December mission trip will be in conjunction with our longtime friends from Judson University in Elgin, Illinois. Be on the lookout for further detailed information on these trips via our newsletter and on our website. In the meantime, if interested, head over to <http://www.ocministries.org/forms/MissionsProfile.pdf> to complete your personal profile and to <http://www.ocministries.org/forms/application.pdf> to complete an application. We look forward to expanding the Kingdom and changing lives through the unchanging Word with you!

## Partnership



We continue to urge you brethren to jump-in and support the ministry through your monthly gifts, prayers and any tangible support. We urge you to partner with us by using [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) as you surf the internet. Remember to put OCM as the beneficiary. Last year OCM also partnered with ACN and you can easily support us through your cell phone, your regular local and long distance phone or even internet service on monthly basis. Just click at our website for further info. @ [www.ocm.acnrep.com](http://www.ocm.acnrep.com) It's simple way to support a ministry month after month without even knowing it. Call us 704 575 2508 for more info.

Follow this link and find out exactly how much OCM has raised through our partnership with Goodsearch:

<http://www.goodsearch.com/nonprofit/organization-of-christian-ministries.aspx>



# Food for the Soul



## Becoming a ministry of influence.

**Text: Romans 1: 8-14; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-8.**

“No man is an island.” Have you ever read or heard that quote? Time and time again studies show that man is in need of companionship. This is partly the reason why the Lord created Eve (Gen. 2: 18, 22). Consequently, since no man is an island we all have the ability to influence one another whether that is in a positive or negative manner. There are numerous spheres of influences such as: parental influence, peer influence, environment influence, business association, gender, school, etc. Can you think of any other examples?

The faith of the believers in Rome had become something the entire world had heard and known. These believers possessed the God kind of faith a faith that had influenced the entire world. We, of the household of faith, need this kind of faith so that we may be able to influence the world around us. Paul had a burning desire to go to Rome in order to fellowship with these believers, that he had heard so much about, and those that he had been earnestly praying for. He wanted to come and not only see them but boost them even more and in turn he would also be uplifted and influenced by them. When men and women of faith get together there is a sharing of growth, encouragement and power (Prov. 27:17, Heb. 10:24-25, Matt. 18:20). Paul wasn't just going to Rome to uplift the brethren, but to be lifted too. The influence that the brethren in Rome had was something that other believers needed as well. I believe Paul wanted to partake of their spirit of faith, as well as impart his own, and share their testimony elsewhere.

The believers of Thessalonica on the other hand were living as Christ-like believers. They had set an excellent example that many desired to emulate. Their fellow believers desired this kind of godly influence. The testimony of their character was well accounted for throughout the regions of Achaia and Macedonia. And as their brethren in Rome their faith was influential and indefatigable. Indeed, Paul remarked that there wasn't anything that he could add to them because they held the spiritual bar so high.

**In conclusion it's our prayer and desire that OCM becomes a ministry of godly influence. Our faith will be known not only here in our city, and our country but, far and beyond what we can think or even imagine. We desire to be a ministry of Christ like influence.**

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## Prayer

Thank you for joining us in prayer on a month to month basis. The prayer points for the month of January are:

1. That the Lord will add more monthly partners
2. Committed prayer partners.
3. Prayers for pastors in Kenya and for our four churches.
4. Funds for the foundation of the guest house (which will be located on the grounds of the Children's Home).
5. Funds for the new property fence.
6. Our June/December mission trips.
7. Prayers for all our OCM families in U.S. and other countries, especially Kenya.
8. Pray for Haiti.
9. Consider joining us on a missions trip.



## **OCM Ministries**

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**"Go into all the world and preach the  
gospel" Mark 16:15**

For more than 30 years Rev. James Kinyanjui has been passionately winning souls throughout the world! A Kenyan national, he founded OCM in 1976 as an evangelistic outreach based in Nairobi. Since then, the ministry has planted four churches in Kenya and has substantially broadened its donor base through a coalition of U.S. churches and individual partners. OCM headquarters is in Charlotte, NC with field operations in Nakuru, Kenya. Founder James Kinyanjui serves as president.

Visit our website: [www.ocministries.org](http://www.ocministries.org)

If you are ever in the Charlotte area, please join us for service on Sunday at 10:30 at:

**Open Hands Church**

**The Blair Place Building**

**3515-Unit F Highway 74**

**Monroe, NC 28110**

For more information please call Pastor James

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## **Coming Events**

Confirmation of our Summer Mission Trip dates

Confirmation of our December Mission Trip dates.

February Fasting Days are the 15th-17<sup>th</sup>

Testimonials from partners that have participated in past mission trips

State of our ministry address – our goals for the year