NextGEN Worship Center: Light on a hill that can't be hidden

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Now



Finish line

The Pilgrim Wesleyan Church, Kanyama Central leadership team, had a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing with 18 leaders from Pilgrim Wesleyan Church, El-Shaddai Congregation (formerly John Howard), led by their pastor, Rev. Richwell Mudenda last Sunday, 11th February, 2024. The meeting took place in the reception area of our NextGEN Worship Center.

Our visitors were eager to learn how we have managed to build the NextGEN Worship Centre, as they are motivated to also build a modern church. It is humbling to realize the positive impact the NextGEN project is having, even before it is completed, and so we gladly shared the lessons we have learned and encouraged them to pursue their dream to the glory of our Lord.

Of course we can only give God the glory for this remarkable achievement within the time we set to complete the project. When we conceived this vision, we set a goal of two years to complete this exciting project. We started construction on 3rd May, 2022 believing that the project would be completed by May, 2024.

And true to the faithfulness of our God, we had a powerful and well attended DEDICATION AND OFFICIAL OPENING SERVICE on 14th January, 2024. Pastor Walker Schurz of Miracle Life Family Church gave a very uplifting opening prayer. Bishop Juden Siachitema led the jubilant congregation in the dedication litany.



Mphande sisters- Nakawala and Elizabeth

Who would forget the well-articulated poem by the Mphande sisters - Nakawala and Elizabeth from Pilgrim Wesleyan Church, Cornerstone, Chipata? Brian Maydew, the Guest of Honour declared the NextGEN Worship Center officially opened. He was accompanied by his daughter Brianna, Tera his daughter-in-law and his friend Brian Peterson, whom we named Brian 2.



Rev. Dr. Harrison Bell. Passionate preacher.

A very powerful and challenging homily was effectively delivered by Rev. Dr. Harrison Bell, Senior Pastor of St. James Methodist Church in Montgomery, Alabama, USA. He was accompanied by two leaders, namely James, Henry and 13-year-old Adam. It was a joy to celebrate this day with these two teams who ably represented our international partners. It was indeed a wonderful day that was concluded with the news reading by Bwatu Lyapapa (His real name is Victor Makandauko).



With our international partners

We also set May 5, 2024 as the day of our **COME AND SEE CELEBRATION OF COMPLETION SERVICE.** And it is now clear that the construction of the NextGEN Worship Center will be completed by the end of March. That will be two months ahead of schedule. We marvel at how God's people, our members and partners, local and international, have allowed God to use them to build the Lord's House in record time. Here are some of the 111 comments received from our members and partners in response to my recent FB update on NextGEN construction.

"Moving toward the finish line." Muumbe Kalembo, Lusaka, Zambia.
"Awesome!" Boyd Hakubeja. Petauke, Zambia.
"To God be the Glory." Kortu K. Brown. Monrovia, Liberia.
"Fabulous. Like Fanta. One of its kind. God bless the works of your hands." Choma, Zambia.
"The power of vision! I remember the old site." Jerry Anze, Carrollton, Georgia, USA.
"Looking very beautiful." Pastor Walker Schurz. Lusaka, Zambia.
"This is a marvel in the Pilgrim Wesleyan Church. Thank you for always helping us believe." Rex Lisimba, Lusaka, Zambia.
"Beautiful building!! To God be the glory." Sioux City, Iowa, USA
"GLORY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!." Walter Albritton. Wetumpka, Alabama. USA.
"Beuatiful and wonderful work for the Lord. Praying many souls will be saved." Therese Wright. Lincoln Park, Michigan. USA.
"A testament of God's faithfulness." Amelia Williams. Mt. Nebo Baptist Church. Louisville. Kentucky USA.
"We are blessed to have you as our Bishop. Great job and may God be with always." Mary Moono, Lusaka. Zambia.
"So lovely. To God be the glory." Bishop Juden Siachitema. Lusaka, Zambia
"You are really a blessing to us in Kanyama. We give glory to God." Matilda Njovu, Kanyama, Zambia.
"This is how far the Lord has brought us." Precious Lweendo, Kanyama, Zambia.
"Wow! This is excellence at its best." Davis Mwanamoya, Lusaka, Zambia.
"This is so exciting. Praise the Lord!" Marge Connor. Former Wesleyan missionary to Zambia, Indianapolis, Indiana.
"Wow!" Joseph Watkins. Former Wesleyan Missionary to Zambia. Indianapolis, Indiana, USA.
"The marvel as it unfolds." Charitt Siakaloba. Mazabuka, Zambia.
"Very nice. Awesome is our God." Lloyd Roy Djendje. Paramaribo, Suriname.
"Congratulations in advance, more grace brother." Chuwang Davou, Jos, Nigeria.
"Maa! What an achievement!" Paul Teddy Malesu. Choma, Zambia.

We are truly thankful for the support and encouragement.

This reminds us of the Apostle Paul's declaration to the Christians at Ephesus in Ephesians 3:20, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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Bishop Juden Siachitema



Brian Maydew. Guest of Honor.



Deacon Gerald Samboko. Gave a vote of Thanks.



Honourable Monty Chinkuli. Kanyama Member of Parliament. Appreciated the development in his constituency brought by the Pilgrim Wesleyan Church and partners.



Bishop Dr. Shadreck Chisulo. Gave an inspiring Benediction



News reader. Bwatu Lyapapa(Real name Victor Makandauko).

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Part of Kanyama church leadership team.



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Mphande sisters. Namwala and Elizabeth. Power of poetry.



Sam Mukando and Hope Lisimba. Our NextGEN.



Part of the congregation.



Maliya Zilombo, my 92 years old mother couldn't miss the historic NextGEN Worship Centre dedication and official opening

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Voice of The Truth. Our Praise Team. Leading the congregation in the song. "See What The Lord has done.



Ambassadors of Kanyama Church.



Part of the congregation



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Our meeting with 18 leaders from El-Shaddai.

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