

VISION MINISTRIES KENYA, NAIROBI REGION

CONFERENCE REPORT 2021

'CELEBRATING A DECADE OF GOD'S FAITHFULLNESS'

10YRS

VENUE: FAITH A LIVE CHURCH MOWLEM

DATE: 6TH – 9TH, OCTOBER, 2021

Theme: God says, 'Try It! Put Me to The Test! Malachi 3:10 NLT



More, effective, flourishing churches!

INTRODUCTION

Covid – 19 situations in Kenya and the world at large stopped many ministry activities. Many ministries and organizations adopted the virtual means of carrying out activities as a new normal strategy.

In the last year's conferences, our Canadian speakers were not able to travel to Kenya. They however facilitated the conferences through pre-recorded videos while the Kenyan brethren facilitating the conference physically. This year's conferences were very unique. Nairobi and Kajiado regions had the privilege of hosting most speakers physically. It is only Brother David Ralph and Brother Chris Atkinson who were virtual in these two regions.



Conference delegates on the first day



Canadian speakers pose with VMK Director and the admin team after registering for the conference

Conference theme

'Try It! Put me To Test!' Malachi 3: 10

When brother Gord shared the theme proposals for the year 2021, we settled on the above mentioned. We were really thinking of what could fit the ministry after witnessing the past 10

years of God's faithfulness in establishing this work in Kenya, and the Covid – 19 situations in the world. For us it was a time to Put God to test for the future.



(Sister Molline Ochieng' giving her footnotes speech during the conference)

In reviewing the number of leaders reached, churches planted, young leaders mentored, projects accomplished, conferences held, new ministry ventures, counties reached, evangelistic outreaches hosted, new friends and partners , we can confidently say that our God has been faithful



Conference hospitality team serves the leaders a meal during the conference

Conference attendance Data

DAY	NO OF CHUECHES/ MINISTRIES	NO.WOMEN	NO.MEN	TOTAL
THURDAY	17	31	30	61
FRIDAY	10	25	30	55
SATURDAY	9	26	35	61
SUNDAY	6	No data	No date	Approx. 250

Conference venue: Faith Alive Church, Mowlem

NOTE: A total of 25 churches / ministries were represented at the conference. Not all the twenty five churches/ ministries attended the conference regularly. Some could be absent a day or so as you can witness from the table.

Partnership Status: New member (joined VMK in August 2020)

Conference Day one;

- The delegates started streaming in as early as 7:00AM. A team of young men and women serving in the registration desk, media and praise team arrived earlier than 7:00AM.
- Once a delegate arrived he/ she was issued with a name tag, a not book and a pen courtesy of the ministry
- Several books , shirts, caps and bookmarks were being sold at the registration desk at a fair price
- Worship team was terrific
- The dances were such amazing. The energy and enthusiasm in the dances were compared to that of David to the Lord God.
- Children attended the conference too. They were in the Sunday school classroom with their local teachers since we did not have them in the conference program. They joined the conference delegates during the songs, dances and the meals



Administration team registering the delegates on arrival

Trainings;

After the terrific praises and worship, the VMK director and the host pastor proceeded to introduction session. Formal introduction of pastors and church leaders attending the conference.

- Director Ishmael had a foot note speech after which the Canadian speakers and Dr. Elloit were introduced.

- Brother Gord Martin was the first speaker on this day. He introduced the conference main theme, God Says, ‘Try It! Put me to Test!’ Malachi 3:10.
- From Gord’s joke on a light note, it was surprising to note that this theme was his worst from the list he proposed to VMK board. Sounds strange and amazing at the same time.
- Brother Doug Love Day presented the topic ‘The answers of Jesus to the church in Malachi.
- Brother Eloi S. Dague introduced, Mission amidst pandemic topic.
- Since IT team had issues with the screens, Brother David and Chris Atkinson were not able to virtually facilitate their teachings on this first day.



Highlights from the teachers;

1. Gord Martin

- ✓ Is putting God to Test Right or Wrong?
- ✓ Why did God say, He be put to test?
- ✓ Why did He say this about 40 years after the temple was rebuilt?
- ✓ Was He saying this to us?
- ✓ God is looking for those who fear him. He hears them

2. Doug Love Day

- ✓ The church in Malachi was full of complaints instead of being thankful
- ✓ The problem evident in this church was disobedience to the Lord God.



✓ Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus
 ✓ Test God
 in everything
 ✓ Trust God
 with everything
 ✓ Finally,
 Zakar
 (remember)
 because it is easy
 to forget

3. Eloi S. Dague

- ✓ The proclamation of the Gospel should continue in every corner of the World. Nothing should stop the good news.



- ✓ Jesus told his disciples to go and make disciples ‘Go ye and Make my disciples...’
- ✓ The good news is the message of Jesus Christ. The message of salvation

DAY TWO

- The day started well with vigor. Praises and worship on a high notch.
- A total of 10 ministries or churches presented on this day.
- Brother David had opportunity to virtually present ‘Being Deeply Honest with God’ Topic.
- Brother Gord teaching on Reach, Teach, Train, Empower /Release.
- Brother Doug Love day teaching on Sexual wholeness
- Dr. Ellois S. Dogue continuing with teaching about Mission amidst pandemic

Highlights;

More questions being raised about the sexual wholeness topics. See some;

- ✓ Is it spiritually healthy for a servant of God to have sex with his wife on service day (Sunday night before the service)?
- ✓ Are the servants of God exploring different sex styles with their spouses really saved?
- ✓ What is the recommended sex time biblically?

All the highlighted questions were asked by leaders present during the topic discussion.



Dir. Ishmael and Host Bishop, Dr. Wandera, addressing the saints

DAY THREE

- This was the last day of the conference. A lot of activities were lined up for the day.
- The speakers had to sacrifice the remaining lessons so as to have one joint session
- Celebration mood was activated. Africans celebrate passionately

Morning session

This was teaching session where brothers Gord, Doug and Elloi merged their lessons into one session.

The delegates had time to ask questions. The questions were from the topics taught during the entire conference. We thank God for the flexibility that the teachers had.

The afternoon session was designed for the celebration and the closing ceremony.

A decade of God's faithfulness celebration;



Celebration cake accompanied by champagne prepared by Sis. Molline Ochieng' and her team

Why are we celebrating?

- ❖ God has been faithful all through. 1Cor 1: 9, 'God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.'
- ❖ 1,000 + leaders have been reached and trained since our inception
- ❖ The numbers of VMK chapters are steadily increasing. So far we are at chapter no. 5
- ❖ God produced water on top of a hill in Kajiado. The borehole being drilled will be a landmark testimony
- ❖ We have funded and built two permanent church structures in Kenya

- ❖ 10 churches have been planted and 15 + adopted
- ❖ 10+ Transformative conferences have been hosted in Kenya
- ❖ God has protected us during this pandemic
- ❖ Churches affiliated to us are growing and expanding

In the program we had;

- ❖ Speeches by VMK director, board representative, host bishop, Nairobi region chairperson and women's representative.

After the speeches, music and dancing, the program was officially handed to sister Molline who was the matron of the day.

There were gifts presented to the speakers, board representatives, the Director, Nairobi region chairperson and the host bishop.



A DECADE OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

JOINT SUNDAY SERVICE AT FAITH A LIVE CHURCH

- ✓ Sunday was a joint service at Faith Alive Church, the conference venue.
- ✓ Six churches/ ministries were represented.
- ✓ In the service, all the brethren shared the Holy communion together
- ✓ Brother Doug shared in the Holy Communion service, while Gord at the main service
- ✓ There were presentations by various Sunday schools, youth and teens group and choirs



Brethren getting ready to share the cup and the bread during joint Holy Communion service



The congregation from the side view