

Frazier Ministry Newsletter

Getting Out of You Comfort Zone!

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Comfort zone (def.): “a situation or position in which a person feels secure, comfortable, or in control.” Most of us like comfort zones. They are psychological states in which we feel “secure, comfortable, or in control.” We prefer them over the unknown, unprotected, and vulnerable.

God has a strange way of moving believers out of comfort zones. Abraham must have felt very comfortable in Ur, but God called him to go to an unknown land. As the Hebrew write puts it: “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going” (Hebrews 11: 8, ESV). Getting out the comfort zone was typical in Abraham’s life. It happened to Abraham, the father of faith, and it happens to all his children too. I am sure that it has happened to you!

During the last several years, Carla and I have worshipped at the University Church of the Nazarene. It was a logical and easy choice. The congregation meets on the campus of Africa Nazarene University. Our house was on the campus. We walked to church. We enjoyed the connection with the ANU students and the neighbors that attended the church. At different points, we both found roles in the local church, serving as Sunday School teachers. We served until we trained other leaders to take on those roles. We were comfortable!

About a year ago, we felt God was calling us out of our comfort zone. For some time prior, the worship pastor at the University Church had been sharing a vision to plant a new church. We began to think and pray about attending the new church. Pastor Simon Mugambi announced the launch in the University.

The church was launched with great fanfare in November 2023. We didn’t attend that service. I don’t remember why, but I knew that we wouldn’t be needed that day. District leaders were there. A fundraising was held for the local church. It began with a great celebration.

We showed up on the second Sunday. We showed up on the second Sunday when only the

pastor and the assistant pastor were there. They were praying when we (Carla, Dorcas, and I) walked into the school room of Visioner’s School where the new church would be meeting. We attended on the second Sunday, after the fanfare... when the pastor and assistant pastor (both students of the University) needed encouragement. Can you imagine how discouraged they felt when no one was there on the second Sunday?

We wanted to encourage the new start. We wanted to encourage a dream, a vision. We wanted to encourage a pastor.

God called us out of our comfort zone. We now have a 20-minute drive to church over rough roads rather than a nice short walk. It was change from the comfort of an on-campus church to an off-campus church.... From a large church to a small church.

We haven’t done much to help. We preach, teach, and pray as we are asked to do so. We are mostly just there to encourage. We encourage with our giving. We have been paying for the public transportation of the worship team (all University students) which we felt was vital to a new church plant in the African context (African love singing!). We have provided some clout or legitimacy to the new church plant. Again, it isn’t much, but little is much when God is in it.

I am very pleased to report to you that the church is growing! From the second Sunday, when there were just 5 people, the church has grown. The church now averages about 25 in attendance. Just a few weeks ago, 13 new members joined the church, and the church was officially organized. Soon, the church will celebrate one year since it started.

We are grateful for the growth of the church, thankful for Pastor Simon, his family, and Assistant Pastor Jean Michel Rugero. God is at work! We are very pleased to be a small part of what God is doing.



Simon Mugambe, Nelly, and
Rugero Jean

Happy Thanksgiving



We are thankful for all your support and prayers. May God continue blessing each one of you!

Praises and Prayer Requests

- Thanks be to God for a huge answer to prayer! God showed up in His time and in His way! He still works miracles! (Sorry, I can't really share the details)
- Thanking God that Carla's sister, Karen, continues to improve after an accident. Also her brother, Jesse is doing ok after an accident.
- Pray for our students at ANU as they are taking exams these next two weeks.
- Pray for more students to join ANU in the January semester.
- Pray for Russ as he is working on finishing grading for the semester.
- Pray for the post-secondary educational institution for French speakers (FATEN).

Here is the link if you wish to give toward our mission: <https://give.nazarene.org/category/region/africa/frazier>

Upcoming Home Assignments

Our next deputation schedule has open dates from May 15 to July 24 2025. If you would like to have us for a service, please contact us at jrussellfrazier@gmail.com.

- Louisiana District May 18 to 25
- Alabama North District June 8 to 16
- Rocky Mountain District June 17 to 22
- New Mexico NMI Convention June 23 to 29
- Mid-Atlantic District Camp June 30 to July 6
- NMI East Tennessee Convention July 15 to 17
- Southwest Indiana District NMI Convention July 20 to 24