

## MR BEN THE APRISH CHAIRMAN

From my homeland at Nyabururu Parish under Kisii Archdiocese, I joined Christ The King through a SCC (Jumuia) of St Jude. A friend of mine invited me to join them in their weekly meetings as they use to meet once a week. I took the courage and I attended their evening mass in one of the member's house. Their hospitality, tenderness blended with equity motivated me to join them the next week.

I was not a committed member until the confirmation of my fast born daughter who was a very active member of the PMC during Bishop Nding'i Mwana Nzeki era. By then I use to go to John Bosco which was in another Parish of Upper Hill. I was touched by Bishop's message and I decided to recommit my life to Christ. I later made my marriage official and started planning for the marriage ceremony and I did a church wedding.

Well, St Jude SCC started growing big and it started multiplying. WE formed another SCC called St John. St John also grew to a large community and delivered another SCC called St James. So I shifted to St James where I am till now. In 2007 I was called upon to participate in leadership and I was elected as the vice chairman of St James SCC. In 2008, we went for a 2 days leaders seminar in Nanyuki and I started gaining leadership skills and I started growing strong.

St Jude grew big and it became a Sub Parish. I was elected as Vice Chairman of St Jude-High Rise Sub-Parish.

For two terms I served as a Vice Chairman and later I was elected as the Chairman of St Jude Sub Parish.

Time went by and they called for the Parish election was done at he Archdiocese level. I was elected as the Parish Chairman thus in 2015 which is a three year term.

My church work doesn't interfere with my personal life or my family affairs. Am content serving the Lord.

***I am a member of the PPC executive, a member of the couple and CMA. I am strong and stable man today because of CTK. Christ The King is home away far from home. I feel comfortable and content being a member of CTK family and I have no plans of leaving my family of CTK.***

### ACHIEVEMENTS

#### 1. Bore-Hole Project

This was the major project that we can say we made it. Yes we did it. We had to come up with a permanent solution, that is drilling a borehole. We spend three million Kenyan shillings on the project.

For along time in Kibera slums, water is the main and major source of problem. It was difficult even to clean our own church due to water problem. We use to waste a lot of time and capital on water.

We finally say thanks and glory to the Almighty for giving us success.

#### 2. Church wedding

As I said earlier, I was no a committed member, but due to the unity, togetherness and love amongst the Christians, it made me recommit my life and they helped me in planning for my church wedding and was successful.

To me, I feel blessed and loved. If not for CTK, I can't tell but for sure maybe I could not be this far.

### 3. Expansion of our Church Land

Our land was separated by a small footpath that was in between the lower primary and the church compound. We really had to invest in the fencing the land, paying for the security to look after the fence because intruders were their to destroying it whenever the fence was put up. But finally we managed to make it one compound. It was not easy to without the unity and togetherness of the church members.

I thank them for their cooperation.

### UPCOMING PROJECTS

#### 1. Buying Church Bus

We are now working on another project of buying the church bus. Whenever we want to go out for a mission or a retreat, we use a lot of money in car hire. So as a committee we are working on coming up with a way on how we can purchase the bus. By buying the church bus we will also be providing a job opportunity for our church members.

#### 2. Building a permanent wall around the church compound

As far as our church is concerned, the house of God should be made a palace and a secure place for every body. We are working on building the wall around our church.

## Message to the world

Never get tired of God's work. Willingness to the work of God gives you strength and power to move.

Any time I am called upon, I will always be there and ready to serve God, I am called to serve.