

NEKESA - "The Harvester" June, 2007

We had a good funeral for my father, Elisha Agadi Ndong'a¹. We estimated that between 1,000 and 1200 people came to the funeral. The attendees included most of our Church members plus our clan and the villagers where my father lived. Pastor George Odhiambo is a great friend of ours and of the ministry. He preached the funeral and many people gave their lives to Christ. The pictures you see only show a few of the people. We erected five tents. It was wonderful. We were so blessed by the way things went. Justus Ochuro



Last month we wrote about the tribal traditions. God gave Elisha Agadi Ndong'a's family favor with the clan and they had to follow none of the clan traditions. They did, however, have a big dinner for everyone at the funeral. There were so many people that they slaughtered, cooked and fed two full-grown bulls with, as we would say, all the fixings. After the pictures were taken, such a big rain came up that one of the five tents was torn by the weight of the water.



MAKING DISCIPLES – Part 2 by Justus Ochuro and ministered to the Church in Bungoma.

Reaching non-Christians with God's Master Plan, see John 3:16², is a low priority for most congregations. Evangelism is much discussed but little is practiced.

Because making disciples of all men has been isolated from mainstream church thinking and life many people no longer see the church's responsibility to reach the world. Church activities have become increasingly inward-focused. Roles and jobs are created primarily as a service to members and for the maintenance of the organization. They are more interested in raising and spending money than on making disciples.

How can the world that God so loves ever hear and believe God's awesome act of love? Jesus said, "*As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world... That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.* (John 17:18,21) "*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*" (Acts 1:8) **What were they to witness about?** "*Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*" (Luke 24:46-48)

Father, we choose to obey Your command to love you, ourselves and others and to make disciples of all nations³.

¹ I learned that names do not pass down through generations in Kenya as they do here. For instance, Justus' legal name is Justus Ochuro Agadi; his wife's legal name is Margaret Wangari Ochuro; all their children's legal names end in Ochuro

² (For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

³ Matthew 22:36-40; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20, Luke 24:44-48; Acts 1:8