

**Instructions:**

- 1 - Attach a photograph of your family. If you are single, attach a "full body" photograph of yourself.
- 2 - Attach any other photographs you may have showing your family or ministry, such as church members, a baptism, a preaching service, etc.
- 3 - Please answer all questions with as much detail as possible. Use extra paper if necessary.

## Application for Support from the Final Frontiers Foundation, Inc.

**Personal Information:**

Name: ZEPHANIA MUBUKI KARARU

Name you are called by if different: \_\_\_\_\_

Your birthday: Nov. (Month) ~~18~~<sup>29<sup>th</sup></sup> (Day) 1981 (Year)

Your wife's name: IRENE NJOKI MUBUKI

Your wife's birthday: Nov. (Month) 24 (Day) 1981 (Year)

Your tribe (if any): MERU

Your wife's tribe (if any): KIKUYU

Date of your marriage: SEP (Month) 04 (Day) 2001 (Year)

What is your nationality?: KENYAN

What country do you live in?: KENYA

What city/town do you live in?: TIMAU

How far away is a large city if you live in a small town: 225 miles kilometers

What is the name of the large city: NAIROBI

In what direction is the large city if applicable?: North South East West

Your children's names:

VIVIAN KATHAMBI

PHOENIX WAMBUI

CILORY WANDIKU

EMMANUEL KOOME

TWINS

Your children's birthdays:

29<sup>th</sup> Sep. 2002

23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 2008

23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 2008

22<sup>nd</sup> Aug. 2010

## **TESTIMONY OF IRINE NJOKI MURIUKI** **(ZEPHANIAH'S WIFE)**

I was born in the year 1981 in a village called Tumu Tumu in Nyeri County. I am the fifth born daughter of Christopher Miano and Cecilia Nyarui Miano. We are seven in our family, four sisters and three brothers. In the year 1992 my family migrated from Tumu Tumu, Nyeri County and settled at Mia-Moja, Laikipia County where my dad acquired a piece of land.

I Thank Almighty God for Blessing me with God fearing parents who raised me to be a person whom I am today. I was raised Roman Catholic, we went to church as a family faithfully every Sunday. One day at high school I heard a young girl like me give her personal Testimony about her personal relationship to Jesus Christ. I knew there was a vast difference between her relationship to Jesus and my relationship to Jesus. She and Jesus were friends but Jesus was more like the school principal to me. The only time I went to Him is when I was in trouble.

One glorious day in the year 1998 I Met with pastor Stephen Ngunjiri together with a Baptist deacon who were doing door to door evangelism they preached the word of God to me and my sister. I had many unanswered questions in my life like: Who is God, What is my relationship with Him? Pastor Stephen shared with us Bible, scriptures which shed light to us that we were sinners and deserve eternal judgment. I Realized that it is only Jesus Christ who can save me not my deeds. *Ephesians 2:8-9* Not my parents nor my friends. He read *John 3:16* God is love *Romans 3:23,6:23,5:12,19* I am sinner and *John 1:12*. He said "If you want to be saved you can get saved right here and right now. He asked us if we were you ready to receive Jesus to be you Lord and savior? I felt inside myself today is my salvation day *1 Cor 6:2* I and my sister we prayed a confessing prayer to welcome Jesus to be our personal Savior from that time on I joined Baptist church where I was baptized and I became a devoted church member. It was in this condition that I met my lovely husband Zephaniah Muriuki and in the year 2002. God blessed us with four children Three girls and one boy namely, Vivian Kathambi, Twins daughters HopeJoy Wambui, Glory Wanjiku and Emmanuel Koome. It is my prayer that God will help us to raise our children in the fear of the Lord *Proverbs 1:7*

I thank God for such an opportunity that He has placed upon us to serve in His Kingdom. Currently I am serving in the children department as a teacher. I have led many children to Christ and my passion is to see little children giving their lives to Jesus Christ every day. It seems like yesterday that I trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior. As they say "time flies " and truthfully with abundant life of Christ, time dissolves into eternity. It just gets better everyday.

Christian foundation. He usually enjoyed the verses from the books of Psalms, Proverbs and New Testament.

However, His Christian life contradicted with the tactics he had acquired from the freedom fighters which resulted to quarreling and chaos among the family members. At the age of three years I started attending the New Apostolic Church where I learnt *Kiroho* (spiritual) songs and songs which are intact in me up to date. This is emphasized by *Prov 22.6 "train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not turn from it."* After sometime I decided to seek a new way of Christian life due to the poor leadership style practiced at the New Apostolic church and joined the Africa Independent Pentecostal Church of Africa (AIPCA) where I was baptized without a clear knowledge of baptism due to lack of a clear/sound doctrine.

## **CHRISTIAN LIFE**

At the age of twelve our late brother Amos Kathawe directed me to a new church; Baptist Church at Timau. *Psalms 118:24 "This is the day which the Lord has made we will rejoice and be glad in it"* After attending the new church for some time, I felt more touched by the preaching and the church activities unlike the former church where people could smoke even in the church. We became faithful at the Bible Baptist Church together with my sister Mary Kaniiru.

I became an active member of the Sunday School under teacher Kim Madaus and Christine Chebet. I enjoyed the Bible readings more than before. As a small boy the question of life after death disturbed me very much. After that I started enquiring from my Christian fellows including my Sunday School teacher Chebet. One day she concluded that I am a sinner and I cannot save myself according to the Word of God.

I gave my life to Jesus Christ to be my Savior on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 1995 after hearing the word of God from my Sunday school teacher when I realized I was a sinner and could not save myself neither my parents nor my family members but God alone.

My devotion to Christ was boosted by the verse from *Luke 18:10-14*, where the Publican and the Pharisee were praying. After a moment of meditation I found myself to

be like the Publican and I started crying in front of the others. I decided to humble myself before God so that I could be exalted. Our Sunday School teacher shared the following bible readings; *John 3:16, Romans 3:23, 6:23* which proved to me that I was a sinner specifically due to the poor Christian family background. So she told us that if one accepts Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior he/she becomes a child of God (*John 1:12*) and one enjoys eternal life. Christine Chebet led me to recite a confession prayer. I was happy as a king after knowing that my name was written in the eternal book and my sins were forgiven. She challenged me to share the good news with my parents and friends. After hearing the news, my parents were very happy and I became a follower of Christ and was baptized on 26/03/1996

## **MARRIAGE**

In 2002 I got married to Njoki Miano under customary law and we are blessed with four children. Three daughters and one son namely Vivian Kathambi born 29<sup>th</sup> September 2002, Hope Joy Wambui born 21<sup>st</sup> June 2008, Glory Wanjiku born 21<sup>st</sup> June 2008, Emmanuel Koome born 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2010. We acknowledge that children are a heritage of the Lord and the fruit of the womb is his reward *Psalms 127:4*. We thank Almighty Father because he helped Vivian to confess her sins and she has accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and baptized in 2012.

## **CHURCH MINISTRY /PASTORAL MISSION**

*Ephesians 4:11-12* “11\* And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12\* For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:”. As a devoted teenager at Bible Baptist Church at Timau I remember by that time Pastor Chuck Madaus was preparing Pastor Ngunjiri for pastoral duties since pastor Chuck was going back to USA and his wife Kim and Chebet were preparing us.

While assisting in Sunday school activities I started growing spiritually with the help of my mentor pastor Ngunjiri at Timau Bible Study class. Later on I started serving in children ministry after completing a Bible course and attained two certificates. At children ministry I served as a junior teacher. While serving in the ministry I enrolled for a supplementary course at Mount Kenya Bible College at Nanyuki while my mentor was

nurturing me with the word of God. As iron sharpens iron so a person sharpens a friend  
*Proverb 27:17* After the departure of Pastor Chuck we continued serving alongside Chebet, Rose, Mercy Jethro at Sunday school while Ngunjiri became a senior pastor and David Kimathi was in charge of the youth,

In 1996 I attended a youth camp at Mount Kenya Baptist church where I met more spiritual mentors Pastor Jerry Daniels, Onesmus Kibera, John Longisa and others. Youth camps became a routine to me since they were sharpening me spiritually. During the youth camp meetings I came to realize that my future life depends on my youthful deeds.

After serving in children ministry for some time I was promoted to be a senior Sunday school teacher. In the year 2000 I acted as an assistant youth leader under David Kimathi. Due to financial problems I left the ministry and went to work in Nakuru together with my late brother Elias Mung'athia. In Nakuru I used to fellowship at KAG but after a short while I returned back to Timau where I got married to Irene Njoki under customary marriage under the guidance of Pastor Ngunjiri. I resumed my normal duties at Timau Bible Baptist church still serving as an assistant youth leader.

In 2003- 2004 the church experienced leadership crisis since some people wanted to overthrow the then church leaders. To this effect Pastor Ngunjiri had to vacate to a new Church plant at Kiirua. However I did not forsake my God even at that trying moment. In the year 2006 I was appointed as a youth pastor and on 16<sup>th</sup> April I was ordained as youth pastor.

My calling was confirmed when I was ordained and thereafter we held a youth camp at Timau Bible Bible Church early August 2007 where we met with pastor from Ruiru Bible Baptist Church (Silvester Onyango). Pastor Onyango challenged me positively during the camp meeting since he encouraged me to get more spiritual food in order to cope with my calling. Pastor Onyango advised my mentor Pastor Ngunjiri the need for me to join a theological college. In September 2007- 2010 I joined a Kenya Baptist Theological College where I graduated with a Diploma in Theology with a major in youth ministry. In youth ministry we have led many youths to Christ.

So far I am ministering in primary /secondary schools frequently and I am also partnering with Global Youth Ministries Kenya which introduced me to Matthew Elmore (mentor). In my calling I desire to share the word of God with all people and nations of all tribes until the coming back of Christ.

I do salute and thank all those who have assisted me in carrying the cross of Jesus Christ especially my mentors Christine Chebet, Kim Madaus, Pastor Chuck Madaus , Pastor Stephen Ngunjiri , Pst Jerry Daniels, Pastor Onesmus Kibera, my wife Irene, Pastor John Longisa, Pastor Matthew Elmore, the Timau Bible Baptist Church fraternity, Kenya Baptists Theological College among others. Together with other like minded followers of Christ promise to keep the spiritual fire burning.

# **YOUTH PASTOR AND ASSOCIATE PASTOR ZEPHANIA**

## **MURIUKI KARARU**

### **TIMAU BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

#### **PERSONAL TESTIMONY**

##### **FAMILY BACKGROUND**

Zephaniah Muriuki Kararu was born on 29<sup>th</sup> NOV 1981 in Kithithina village, Kithithina Sub-location, Kirimara Location, Timau Division, Buuri sub-county in Meru County. I am born in a polygamous family and I am the eighth-born among my mother's siblings. However, Almighty God has promoted our two brothers and a step-sister to eternal glory (they died).

The hierarchy of brothers and sisters are in descending order:

##### **MOTHER 1**

- Nathan Mutuania Kararu
- Mary Kaniiru Kararu
- Lawi Mithika Kararu
- Ann Muthoni Kararu
- Laban Kirianki Kararu
- Zephaniah Muriuki Kararu

##### **MOTHER 2**

- Isaac Kubai Kararu
- Joseph Murithi Kararu
- Moses Mwenda Kararu
- Lena Nkatha Kararu
- Julius Mbaabu Kararu
- Douglas Kaberia Kararu
- Stanley Muriira

Nevertheless, the deceased are David Kararu Ikiba [father], Priscila Karoki [Mother], Amos Kathawe [brother], Elius Mung'ania [brother] and Esther Kagwiria [step-sister].

After benefiting from the acquisition of the 20 acres piece of land as a freedom fighter, my dad transferred from Tigania early 60s to Kithithina settlement Scheme where he practiced agriculture. He grew Pyrethrum, Maize, Potatoes, Wheat etc. My father was semi-educated and therefore he could read Swahili Bible which laid the platform of his



# **ZEPHANIA MURIUKI KARARU DOCTRINAL STATEMENT**

## **1. GOD**

I do believe that there is one, and only, one living and true God an infinite, intelligent spirit the maker and supreme ruler of heaven and earth. In the unity of the trinity there are three people, the father, the son and the Holy Spirit, equal in every divine perfection and executing distinct but in agreement office in the great work of redemption.

Genesis 1:1, Isaiah 45:5 John 17:3 John 1:1

## **2. BIBLE**

I truly believe that the scripture, consisting of the sixty-six books of the old and new testaments, are the infallible word of God. They were written by Holy people of God inspired by the Holy Spirit and have supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

2Timothy 3: 16 1 Peter 1; 21, Joshua 1:8 Mathew 4:4 Psalms 119:10, 105 Rev. 1:3

## **3. CHURCH**

I truly believe that the church is the body of believers who God has separated from the world through faith in Jesus Christ as the lord and savior. All regenerates person are members of the universal church of God which takes local form wherever groups of believers unite for worship, fellowship and services.

I believe being the body of Jesus Christ each local church is the tangible representation of Jesus life on earth. In accordance with scriptural principles 2Cor. 1:1; Tim 3:15; I Cor. 12:12; Ephesians 5:25; Mathew 16:8, Hebrew 10:24.

## **4. BAPTISM**

I truly believe that baptism is an ordinance of the lord Jesus Christ it is a public declaration of a person's faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and savior. I believe it should be administered only by total immersion which symbolizes the believer identification with Christ in death, burial, and resurrection the remission of sins and the believer's dedication of himself to live and walk in newness of life –Roman 6:3-4, Acts 2:22-24 , Act 2:38 Matt 3:13-15, John 3:23.

## **5. LORD'S SUPPER**

I truly believe that the lord supper is an ordinance of the lord Jesus Christ instituted by him to be celebrated with elements of bread and wine by believers in Christ until the end of the age. It commemorates and declares our thanks for the lord's substitutionary death. The Lord's Supper is to be a joyful season not time of sorrow.

I believe the Lord's Supper replace the Passover festival of the old covenant era.

The Lord's Supper proclaims that Christ death on the cross made salvation available to all, provide forgiveness and guaranteed eternal life.

1 Cor. 11:27-31, Luke 24:35 John 6:53-53

I believe only two symbolic rites are to be carried out by the church. Baptism and the Lord Supper both of which were especially ordained by Jesus Christ himself.

## **6. CHRIST SECOND COMING**

I believe at the end of the age according to his promise Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in his glory to the earth.

1<sup>st</sup> Thess. 4:1-13 Rev. 20

## **7. GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT**

I truly believe that Jesus Christ, the eternal Son, moved by love in accordance with the will of the Father, took on human flesh. Conceived through the miraculous work of the Holy Spirit, He was born of the Virgin Mary. He, being fully God and fully man, lived a sinless life and sacrificially shed His blood and died on the cross in our place accomplishing redemption for all who place their faith in Him. He arose visibly and bodily from the dead three days later and ascended into heaven, where, at the Father's right hand, He is now Head of His Body the Church, the only Savior and Mediator between God and man, and will return to earth in power and glory to consummate His redemptive mission

(1 Timothy 3:16, John 1:1,1,14,18 ;14:8-9; 1Corinthians 15:3-4

## **8. GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

I truly believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ during this age. He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He draws the unredeemed to repentance and faith, and at salvation imparts new spiritual life to the believer, bringing that person into union with Christ and the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit sanctifies, seals, fills, guides, instructs, comforts, equips, empowers, permanently indwells at salvation, and bestows spiritual gifts to the believer for Christ-like living and service

(John 16:8; 13:15; Titus 3:5; Ephesians 1:22; 4:11-12; Romans 8:9-17; 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 12:4-5, 11-13, 19; Galatians 5:25; Hebrews 2:1-4; 2 Corinthians 12:12).

## **9. MISSIONS**

I do believe it is the aim, duty, and privilege of every believer and local church fellowship to glorify God by responding as active participants in the Great Commission call of Jesus Christ to go and make disciples of all nations. We believe the primary focus and priority of this call is centered on efforts that establish, strengthen, and reproduce biblically-based churches, which will then plant churches that plant churches for future generations and God's glory. Mathew 28:18-20, Act 1:8, 2 Cor. 8:1-15, 9:1-10

## **10. ANGELS**

I do believe that - God created an infinite host of spirit beings called angels. Holy angels worship God and execute His will; while fallen angels serve Satan, seeking to hinder God's purposes

[Colossians 1:16; Luke 20:35, 36; Matthew 22:29, 30; Psalm 103:20; Jude 6].

## **11. MANKIND**

I do believe that God created mankind—male and female—in His own image and likeness, free of sin, to glorify Himself and enjoy His fellowship. Tempted by Satan, but in the sovereign plan of God, man freely chose to disobey God, bringing sin, death and condemnation to all mankind. All human beings, therefore, are totally depraved by nature and by choice. Alienated from God without defense or excuse, and subject to God's righteous wrath, all of mankind is in desperate need of the Savior (Genesis 3:1-6; Romans 3:10-19; Romans 1:18, 32).

## **12. SATAN**

I truly believe that Satan was created by God as an angel and was given an important position in heaven. Satan rebelled against God and took 1/3 of the angels now referred to us as demon with him into rebellion.

Satan and his demons work to persuade people to commit sin and in particular, to reject the authority of Jesus and bible. Satan will be judged one day in hell which was prepared for him and his angels.

Isaiah 14:12-17, Ezekiel 28:11-19, Ephesians 6:12, Genesis 3:1-11, John 4:44

### **13. SIN**

I truly believe that sin is breaking of God's law. In the garden of Eden Eve listened to the devil and sinned first, sin must be judged God will judge those who commit sin at his great white throne judgment.

Psalms 51:5, Isaiah 53:6, Roman 3;23, 6:23, 5:12, Ephesians 2:1-4.

### **14. HEAVEN .**

I truly believe that heaven is real place. I do believe it is a lovely place, a perfect place. This will be populated by the saint of God from all ages. The most important thing about heaven is presence Lord himself.

John 14:1-6, Hebrew 12:22-24, Rev. 21, 10-17, 21:1-2.

### **15. HELL**

I truly believe that hell is areal place and it was prepared for the devil and his angles and that all of those who die out side of the Lord Jesus Christ will spend eternity in Hell.

Luke 16:19-31, Rev. 20:11-15, Mathew 13:42, 25:41, Mark 9:43, 46

**Financial:**

4 - List your monthly needs and costs.

FOOD 6000 FUEL 1600  
SCH. FEES 20,000 CLOTHES 1700  
MEDICATION 1000 MINISTRY TRANSPORT 600  
UNIFORMS 500 TOTAL = 31,400 → \$ 314.

5 - Do you have any monthly income, and if so, how much?

YES

6 - Are you employed by a denomination? (Do you receive a salary from a denomination?)

YES, FROM MY CHURCH

7 - Do you work any other jobs, and if so, what are they? How many hours do they require each week?

YES - GLOBAL YOUTH MINISTRY  
15 HOURS

**Ministry Experience:**

8 - Please check the types of ministries you are regularly involved in.

church planting ✓  
Bible translator ✓  
open air evangelism ✓  
literature distribution  
tribal evangelism

discipleship ✓  
radio preacher  
film team  
prison ministries  
child evangelism ✓

Bible teacher ✓  
leper ministries  
evangelism ✓  
slum ministries  
other (explain)

9 - Are you actively and consistently involved in training others for the ministry?

YES

10 - What are the names of preachers that you have trained? Where do they serve?

- MARTIN MUTUMA - TIMAU  
- PATRICK KINOTI - TIMAU

11 - Where did you attend Bible school? Who trained you for the ministry?

1. KENYA BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE - ELMORE M.
2. MT KENYA BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE - J.M. DANIELS

12 - What ministries have you been involved with in the past and where were they?

- Kiirua Baptist Church - Meru County  
Matunda Baptist Church - Meru County.

13 - How many churches have you started? 2

14 - What are their names? Where are they located?

1. KIIRUA B. BAPTIST CHURCH
2. MATUNDA BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH.

15 - What countries do you serve in and what tribal groups do you work with?

1. Kenya - Kikuyus, Meru, Mascais, Turkana.

16 - How many languages do you speak and what are they?

- ~~THREE~~ FOUR: 1. KIMERU 4 - ENGLISH  
2. KIKUTU  
3. KISWAHILI

17 - How many souls have you led to Christ in your life? - MORE THAN A THOUSANDS

How many have you baptized in your life? - MORE THAN 200

18 - Do you work alone or with other preachers? Give details. NO I WORK WITH:

1. PST STEPHEN NGUNJIBI
2. PST. MATTHEW ETIMBE
3. TIMBU FELLOWSHIP PASTORS
4. MOUNT KENYA FELLOWSHIP PASTOR
5. MERU FELLOWSHIP PASTORS.

**Relevant Family Information:**

19 - Are all of your children Christians and have they been baptized? If not, please explain.

- ONLY ONE IS SAVED AND BAPTIZED.
- THE OTHERS ARE UNDER AGE

20 - What is your house made of and how many rooms does it have?

TIMBER & IRON SHEETS ROOFING

21 - What are your favorite foods

- UGALI
- CHAPATIS
- RICE
- ROASTED MEAT
- TRADITIONAL FOOD.

22 - Describe a typical daily schedule.

Wake up in the morning <sup>6:00am</sup> After praying with family I go out to visit the members, especially the sick ones. On Fridays I go out to preach in schools. I also work in my farm for two hours. Later in the afternoon I visit and preach to unsaved people. Sometimes I do spend time with Orphans in our church.

23 - Describe your wife's typical daily schedule.

She wakes up at around 6:00am, I prepare my children to go to school after making breakfast, and after our morning prayers. She later starts the house chores and sometimes accompanies me to go and visit people.

24 - Do you grow your own food or do you purchase it?

- SOME I GROW, OTHERS I PURCHASE

**Accountability:**

25 - Though you will not be employed by Final Frontiers, will you be willing to acknowledge (when asked in person or in writing) that you receive support from us?

YES.

**Summary:**

If you would like to give us any other information than what was asked for, you may do so.

**Final Notes:**

Remember that we will use the information you give us to write a short biography about your family and ministry. The more detailed information we have, the better. Also, we will need four to five photos of your ministry including one of your family). Such information will help us, not only in finding a sponsor for you, but also for other men around the world who need help. When sending photos, please remember to always write an explanation on the back side of the picture.

Funds will be sent to you (once approved and having found a sponsor) on a quarterly basis. If your report has not arrive at our office by that time, your support will be suspended until we receive your letter or quarterly report. If political or geographic barriers prohibit you from mailing quarterly reports, exceptions can be made. However, we must receive information as often as possible to be accountable to the donors.

Please pray for us daily that God will equip us to find sponsors for men like yourself, in need around the world.

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