

Application for Support from the Final Frontiers Foundation, Inc.

Personal Information:

Name: Didimus Eburu Ilukan
Name you are called by if different:
Your birthday: 12/12/1960
Your wife's name: Judith Apaa Eburu
Your wife's birthday: 12/3/1968
Your tribe (if any): Iteso
Your wife's tribe (if any): Iteso
Date of your marriage: 7/17/1986
What is your nationality?: Kenyan
What country do you live in?: Kenya
What city/town do you live in?: Busia
How far away is a large city?: 20
What is the name of the large city?: Busia town
In what direction is the large city?: West

Your children's names and birthdates:

Name: Peter Imatari Ebuka, Birthday: July 17, 1990
Name: Mary Mamula Eburu, Birthday: Jan. 25, 1992
Name: David Opupi Eburu, Birthday: Oct. 26, 1996
Name: Abigael Akirapa Eburu, Birthday: Jan. 2, 2003
Name: Spencia Abaeino Eburu, Birthday: July 6, 2009

1 - Please write a detailed testimony of your salvation and call to the ministry.

It was in August 1990 that I attended church service in Nairobi. The preacher that Sunday preached a sermon all about salvation in the book of John 3:16-18. The Word touched me and I felt dead in sin without Christ. When the invitation time came for those who were ready to give their life to Jesus and believe Him as their personal Saviour I was among those who did that. Since then I grew slowly in faith and spirit under the leadership of my spiritual father Rev. Leonard Wekesa. I was active in church as a leader and then I began feeling God calling me to ministry. In 2000 I joined the Bible Institute for 3 years in order to grow strong in faith and learn how to be a good pastor.

2 - Please write your personal doctrinal statement.

A. Statement of Doctrine

The following basic doctrines contained in the Holy Scriptures are adopted:

1. The Holy Scriptures

We believe the Holy Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God, authoritative, inerrant, and God-breathed. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Matthew 5:18; John 16:12-13)

2. The Godhead

We believe in one Triune God, existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, eternal in being, identical in nature, equal in power and glory and having the same attributes and perfections. (Deuteronomy 6:4; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

3. The Total Depravity of Man

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin the human race fell, inherited a sinful nature, became alienated from God, and is totally unable to retrieve his original condition. (Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 3:22-23; 5:12; Ephesians 2:12)

4. The Person and Work of Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man; that He accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice; that our redemption is made sure to us by His literal physical resurrection from the dead (John 1:1-2, 14; Luke 1:35; Romans 3:24-25; 4:25; 1 Peter 1:3-5); that the Lord Jesus Christ is now in heaven, exalted at the right hand of God the Father, where as the High Priest for His people, He fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor and Advocate. (Hebrews 9:24; 7:25; Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1-2).

5. The Personality and Work of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, indwells all believers in the present age, baptizes them into the Body of Christ, seals them unto the day of redemption, and that it is the duty of every believer to be filled by the Holy Spirit. (Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14; Ephesians 1:13-14; 5:18)

6. Salvation

We believe that salvation in every dispensation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ whose precious blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins (Ephesians 2:8-10; John 1:12; Ephesians 1:7).

7. The Eternal Security of Believers

We believe that all believers are kept secure forever. (Romans 8:1, 38-39; John 10:27-30; 1 Corinthians 1:4-8)

8. The Church

We believe that the Church, which is now the Body and will be the Bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all born-again believers of this Age irrespective of their affiliation with Christian organizations. (Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:25-27; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14)

9. The Personality of Satan

We believe in the personality of Satan, who is the open and declared enemy of God and man. (Job 1:6-7; Matthew 4:2-11; Isaiah 14:12-17)

10. The Blessed Hope

We believe that the next great event in the fulfillment of prophecy will be the coming of the Lord Jesus in the air to receive to Himself the dead in Christ and believers who are alive at His coming, otherwise known as the Rapture and Translation of the Church. (1 Corinthians 15:51-57; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Titus 2:11-14)

11. The Tribulation

We believe that the Rapture of the Church will be followed by the fulfillment of Daniel's seventieth week, the latter half of which is the time of Jacob's trouble, the Great Tribulation. (Daniel 9:27; Jeremiah 30:7; Matthew 24:15-21; Revelation 6:1-19; 21)

12. The Second Coming of Christ

We believe that the Great Tribulation will be climaxed by the Premillennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth to set up His kingdom. (Zechariah 14:4-11; Matthew 24:15-25, 46; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Revelation 20:6)

13. The Eternal State

We believe that the human soul and human spirit of those who have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation do at death immediately pass into His presence, and there remain in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the body at His coming, when soul, human spirit and body reunited will be associated with Him forever in the glory; but the souls of unbelievers remain after death in conscious misery until the final judgment of the great white throne at the close of the millennium, when the soul and body reunited will be cast into the lake of fire, not to be annihilated, but to be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power. (Luke 16:19-26; 23:43; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Jude 6-7; Revelation 20:11-15)

14. The Responsibility of Believers

We believe that all believers should seek to walk in such a manner as to not bring reproach upon their Lord and Saviour, that it is the obligation of every believer to witness by life and by word to the truths of the Holy Scriptures and to seek to proclaim the Gospel to all the world (Acts 1:8); that it is the responsibility of all believers to remember the work of the Lord in prayer and to support it with their means as the Lord has prospered them. (1 Corinthians 16:2)

15. Church Ordinance

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ instituted the ordinances of baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper to be observed until His return. (Mt. 28:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

16. Sovereignty

We believe that God, existing as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is sovereign, and exercises supreme and absolute rule over all creation as a part of and consistent with the essence and attributes of deity. (1 Chronicles 29:11-12; Daniel 4:35; Psalm 24:1; Ephesians 1:11; 1 Timothy 6:15)

17. Spirituality

Spirituality is the condition of being saved, clean before the Lord through confession of personal sins, yieldedness to God the Holy Spirit, and walking in the light.

We believe that a believer becomes carnal through an act of mental, verbal or overt sin and that fellowship with God is restored by confession of sin and walking in the light. While confessed sin produces forgiveness and cleansing of sins, fellowship with God requires walking in the light. (Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 5:18; Romans 6:6, 11, 13; 1 Corinthians 11:30-31; 1 John 1:7, 9)

18. Spiritual Gifts

We believe that God the Holy Spirit in grace and apart from human merit sovereignly bestows spiritual gifts to believers in this dispensation. The permanent spiritual gifts which exist today are Pastor-Teacher, evangelist, governments, ruling, exhortation, teacher, ministry, helps, giving and mercy.

3 - Please write a brief testimony of your wife.

My wife Judith Apaa was already a Christian when I married her in 1986. Through her prayers and her faithful attendance in church I saw her strong faith and I believe that was what drew me to start attending church services with her. She is a loving, honest and devoted Christian. As from this year she has joined the Bible Institute to grow strong and be a leader in the church as a pastor's wife.

Financial:

4 - List your monthly needs and costs.

Food - 2000/

Health - 500/

Transport for ministry - 1500/

School fees - 5000/

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

Yes, I do carpentry work what I make depends on if I sell my furniture usually about 5000/

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

No

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

I am self employed doing carpentry work for about 15 hours per week

Ministry Experience:

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

Church Planting
Discipleship
Open Air Evangelism
Film Team
Literature Distribution
Tribal Evangelism
Child Evangelism
Bible Teacher
Evangelism

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?

Paul Wekesa - Bethel Bible Baptist church
Dennis Shamvangi - Teso Bible Baptist church
Stephen Owino - Amukura Bible Baptist church

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

Eldoret Baptist Bible Theological Institute, Missionary Randall Stirewalt

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

I have been involved in evangelism, church planting, youth teaching, leadership training, discipleship, Sunday school teaching training, Spiritual growth classes, baptism, Preaching and teaching.

13 - How many churches have you started?

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

Rehema Bible Baptist Church - Busia county
Bugengi Bible Baptist Church - Bugengi village
Ojaamong Bible Baptist Church - Ojaaong village
Amukura Bible Baptist Church - Amukura village

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

Busia - Iteso and Luyah

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

3 - Ateso, Kiswahili, English

17 - How many souls have you led to Christ in your life? - How many have you baptized in your life?

550 - 400

18 - Do you work alone or with other preachers? Give details.

I work with other preachers. We are Busia Central Pastor's Fellowship. We do work together as a group of pastors to plant new churches, to run a Bible Institute for training new leaders in ministry. Our school is now in it's second year since we opened. We also, do cinema meetings, seminars & other ministry as a group.

Relevant Family Information:

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

My children are baptized born again Christians except for the small one who is too young but is very active in church and Sunday school.

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

My house is semi permanent wall is mud, roof is iron sheets and it has three rooms,

21 - What are your favorite foods

Ugali, chapatti, fish, chicken and vegetables.

22 - Describe a typical daily schedule.

I wake up at 5:00 A.M. to read my Bible and do prayer time. After breakfast I go to my workshop and do some carpentry work. How much time I spend there depends on if I have an order for any furniture. I am usually, free after lunch to do ministry.

Monday - I visit the people who were absent from church on Sunday. Also, the sick in hospital.

Wednesday - House to House evangelism in afternoon

Thursday - Afternoon preaching in market place and giving out tracts

Saturday - Village evangelism

Sunday - active in preaching and teaching at church.

23 - Describe your wife's typical daily schedule.

She wakes up early to pray and prepare the children for the day of going to school. She prepares their meal and sees them off to school. She is a wonderful helper in ministry and works beside in all things.

She visits the sick ladies and those who have just given birth to pray for them.

She leads our ladies choir which practices on Tuesdays

Wednesday - Leads the ladies meeting

Saturday - Does evangelism with me and other members of the church.

Sunday - She teaches Sunday school and helps with the choir.

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

We grow and when we run short we 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.

I would like to thank you for standing with us in ministry. Final Frontier is such a wonderful help to pastors who struggle to serve the Lord. It is with grateful hearts that we thank you for loving us and standing with us in ministry. I am so grateful!

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