

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

### **Personal Information:**

**Name:** Isaack Barasa Akhonya

**Name you are called by if different:**

**Your birthday:** 7/6/1974

**Your wife's name:** Josephine N. Barasa

**Your wife's birthday:** 3/29/1980

**Your tribe (if any):** Luhya

**Your wife's tribe (if any):** Luhya

**Date of your marriage:** 12/10/2005

**What is your nationality?:** Kenyan

**What country do you live in?:** Kenya

**What city/town do you live in?:** Makutano/Kapenguria

**How far away is a large city?:** 70

**What is the name of the large city?:** Kitale

**In what direction is the large city?:** West

### **Your children's names and birthdates:**

Name: Mary J. Barasa, Birthday: March 27, 1999

Name: Esther M. Barasa, Birthday: Nov. 11, 2002

Name: Joseph A. Barasa, Birthday: March 27, 2007

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

It was in the year 1995 when I was visited by 3 young men who were evangelizing sharing God's Word. That is the day I gave my life to Christ. After that I had a call to join the Bible Institute in the year of 1997 and graduated in 1999. I served as an assistant pastor for 12 years. When I had a heavy burden in my heart to evangelize in a village which had only one Catholic church. I started evangelism with my wife for a year. Then I had a call to start a church in the year 2011, we started a church where I am pastoring now. By now the church has 50 adults and 25 youths who attend the church. Plus, over 100 Sunday school children.

### **2 - Please write your personal doctrinal statement.**

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.

I thank God for the wife He gave me. My wife has really supported me in the ministry wherever, I go. We are together in Fellowships, in evangelism, during counseling in season and out of season. She is my hero, also, she a prayer warrior in my life. She is a hard working wife even in teaching the ladies in the church.

#### **Financial:**

#### 4 - List your monthly needs and costs.

Transport - 2000/  
Food - 4000/  
Electricity - 600/  
School fees - 4000/

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

Yes, about 4000/

#### 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?

Yes, most of the time I'm a motorcycle taxi driver - But, some times I go for masonry or brick layers work. If I get work about 20 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?**

Simon Mutuko - Kapenguria  
Daniel Mugei - Makutano  
James Wanyama - Bwai  
James Wafula - Kapenguria

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

Bible Baptist Theological Institute - Makutano - Paul Gachuki, Phillip Wangala, Under missionary Randall Stirewalt

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

Sunday school teachers training, Discipleship, Leadership, Church planting, baptism, Men's teacher/leader & Pastor

**13 - How many churches have you started?**

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

Bwai Bible Baptist church - Trans-Nzoia county  
Emoru Bible Baptist church - Trans-Nzoia county

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

Kenya - I have been in Tanzania once for evangelism for one week. Also, Uganda twice for the same reason. I work with Kikuyu, Kisii, Pokot, Turkana, & Luhya

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

3 Luhya, Swahili, English

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

450 - 200

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

I work with other preachers, those I have trained and those in the fellowship of pastors. We have 25 Bible Baptist preachers/churches in the fellowship of West Pokot. We work together to plant new churches, to disciple, to do cinema ministry, to evangelize and to encourage each other in ministry.

**Relevant Family Information:**

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

Yes, they are Christians, Mary and Esther have been baptized but Joseph is only saved and has not yet been baptized.

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

It is a semi-permanent house made of post and mud. Then I cemented it. It has three rooms, one bedroom, sitting room, & kitchen

**21 - What are your favorite foods**

Ugali, chapati, rice, meat & beans

**22 - Describe a typical daily schedule.**

5:00 A.M. wake up Bible study and prayer time.

Monday - Friday 8:00-1:00 search for daily bread

Afternoons I visit my church members, do evangelism, Go for special prayers to hospital,

Wednesday at 5:00 - Church and leaders meeting

Saturday - House to house fellowship and evangelism

Sunday - Preaching, teaching, leading in the Word of God.

**23 - Describe your wife's typical daily schedule.**

She wakes up at 5:30 for Bible study and prayer time. She prepares our breakfast, takes care of the children, gets them ready for school. She cooks all the meals, cleans the house and cares for the family needs. She has a small business where she sells fish after her house work is done.

Wednesday - Ladies Bible study

Friday - Practice with the choir

Saturday - evangelism

Sunday - Teaches Sunday school children - Leads the ladies in the church.

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

I grow some maize (corn) and beans, the rest 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 other information than what was asked for, you may do so.**

I want to thank God for your concern. This is Godly love and caring, may God bless you. The church I'm Pastoring is 25Kms. away from my house and I thank God because I have never failed to attend activities with my family. So pray for me to remain faithful serving God and I believe he will provide a means of transport for me. Thanks a lot!

**Group Director:** Randall Stirewalt

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