

Application for Support from the Final Frontiers Foundation, Inc.

Personal Information:

Name: Mark Otenge
Name you are called by if different:
Your birthday: 6/6/1967
Your wife's name: Margaret Aluma Mark
Your wife's birthday: 8/22/1970
Your tribe (if any): Teso
Your wife's tribe (if any): Teso
Date of your marriage: 9/19/1987
What is your nationality?: Kenya
What country do you live in?: Kenya
What city/town do you live in?: Kitale
How far away is a large city?: 10
What is the name of the large city?: Kitale
In what direction is the large city?: West

Your children's names and birthdates:

Name: Alice Akutelek, Birthday: Sept. 11, 1989
Name: Sarah Atyang, Birthday: June 24, 1992

Name: Susan Namsapu, Birthday: Feb. 8, 1996
Name: Betty Akiru, Birthday: July 19, 2001
Name: John Okware, Birthday: Oct. 28, 2004
Name: Sheilah Chebet, Birthday: May 16, 2010

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

My parents were Catholic. I grew up in the church but, one day I met with God's people doing evangelism. These people visited us at our home. When they introduced themselves as pastors, of the Bible Baptist church. They taught the Word of God. I came to realize that I'm a sinner, I repented of my sins. I confessed Jesus, Christ, as my personal Savior. In the Catholic church I learnt church doctrine but, not Bible doctrine. I found myself already to follow Christ and go where He wanted me to go. Immediately, I joined the Baptist church and begin to study the Bible in new believer's class. Later I was baptized into the membership of the church. I'm now a full member of the Baptist church. I wanted everyone to hear the Bible being preached every service at church. So, I joined the Bible Institute and graduated. I am now a pastor and leading people to Christ. Including, my own family, friends, and people I used to go to the Catholic church with. I think God for calling me to be His Servant.

2 - Please write your personal doctrinal statement.

Doctrinal Position

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.

It was lunch time when people came knocking on our door. We welcomed them to come in. They were pastors who then taught us the Word of God and I accepted Jesus, Christ, as my personal Savior, I ask Him to forgive my sins and clean my life. After they left we discussed as a family about the Word of God. At once we as a family agreed together to go and fellowship with them at the Baptist church. The first week my husband sent me to the church. When I came home I told my husband what I heard the true Word of God being preached from the church. The next Sunday my family accompanied me to church. Up to date we are still active in the Baptist church. I thank God who saved me, and my husband for now my husband is a pastor. Glory to God!

Financial:

4 - List your monthly needs and costs.

Food - 6000/

School fees - 6000/

Transportation for ministry - 3000/

Ministry needs - 2000/

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

No

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?

No

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?

Ndiwa Martin -
Juma Dennis -
Akasile James -
Eric Simiyu -
These Pastor's serve in Trans-nozia county- Kitale area

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

Makutano Bible Baptist Theological Institute - Rev. Randall Stirewalt, Rev. Thomas Alute, Rev. Paul Gachuki

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

Youth ministry, Sunday school leadership training, Choir, discipleship, Spiritual growth classes, Men's seminars, cinema, & out-door crusades. - Trans -Nzoia county

13 - How many churches have you started?

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

Marinda Bible Baptist church - Busia
Muungano Bible Baptist church - Kabula
Kiptuimet Bible Baptist church - Cyprus
Karima Bible Baptist church - Namaulala
Mwvingo Road Bible Baptist church - Trans- nzoia

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

Kenya and Uganda - Kikuyu, Tesa, Nandi, kalengin, Luhya, Sabaot, Bukusu,

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

6 - English, Kiswahili, Sabaot, Bukusu, Nandi, Teso

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

832 - 500

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

I work with other pastors of like faith. We are called the Bible Baptist Mission fellowship of Kitale. We work together to see that God's work goes forward well. We start new churches together. We go to visit new villages as a group so that we can reach every house in the village with the plan of planting a church there. We pray for each other. We encourage each other to be strong in faith and never grow weary in well doing. We also, do seminars, and youth camps together.

Relevant Family Information:

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

Yes, all of our children are Christians and all have been baptized. They are all active in ministry.

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

My house is made of mud and it is two rooms with a kitchen outside.

21 - What are your favorite foods

Ugali, beans, maize, meat, chapati

22 - Describe a typical daily schedule.

I like to wake up each morning at 6:00 and read my Bible and pray. I do this every morning. Some mornings after breakfast I go look for day labor to earn money to care for my family. I don't always get work. But, if I do, I work on a farm.

Monday - I go visit people who are sick in hospital and at their homes for special prayers.

Tuesday - I study my Bible and prepare for discipleship and Spiritual growth classes

Wednesday - We do home fellowship Bible studies in homes of our members

Friday - Evangelism

Saturday - Evangelism

Sunday - Worship services.

23 - Describe your wife's typical daily schedule.

My wife wakes up at 6:00 to read the Bible and we pray together. She gets the children up and ready for school. She cooks, and cares for all the family needs.

Mondays - She visits ladies who have just had babies and others from the church who are sick for special prayers.

Wednesday - Attends Home fellowships

Thursday - Ladies Bible study

Friday - Choir practice

Saturday - Accompanies me for soul winning - evangelism

Sunday - Worship service and teaching of Sunday school children

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

I lease land and we grow most all of our food.

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 thank you at Final Frontiers for your willing heart to help national pastors in Kenya and Uganda spread the Word of God. With your help we are growing well by starting many churches. Your ministry has been so kind to partner with us. I am thankful and very grateful for all you do. God be with you!

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