



# THE HESELSCHWERDT FAMILY MISSIONARIES TO EAST AFRICA

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## TESTIMONY OF THE MONTH

I am Daniel Wafula. I come from a God-fearing family. I knew God through my dad and mom, who were members of the Kenya Assemblies of God. I grew up in the church, attending Sunday school class, teen class, youth class, and then as a main church member after marriage. I have one wife and four children; all of them are alive, thank God. I personally “gave my life to Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour” while in high school in one of our Christian Union services. I started attending seminars, church services, house-to-house fellowships, crusades, and open-air meetings. I was taught and preached to by many pastors, evangelists, and preachers of the Word of God during this time period. I was an active youth, and at one time, I served as a youth leader, an evangelist, and lastly, as a secretary to the main church in our church denomination.

During all this period, I lived to know and I was told that in addition to receiving Jesus into my life, I had to do good works to earn Heaven. So, I had to give tithes and offerings, repent from time to time, attend church programs, and commit to church services every time to make sure that I was going to Heaven. I was even baptized.

After being married for several years, I had to look for a job to be able to take care of my family, so I came to the city of Nairobi. Here I joined a church, which had a good praise and worship team, and I liked it. But things were not different here because they were more focused on giving tithes and doing righteous works to go to Heaven. While here, I met a bishop, who happened to be from the same region/county and speak the same language I did. He asked me to join and work with him in his newfound international ministry. I accepted, not knowing much more about the new church. I even worked as his church administrator, for which I was well paid.

But alas! It was a total mess. I think this was the worst decision I have ever made in my life, and I regretted it. What the bishop did and preached, in my little knowledge of the Bible, was against God. He sacked six pastors for being spiritual, not much prayer, and he baptized a member in the name of the Father and mother and Son. It's also here where I saw a Sunday school teacher marrying a Sunday school kid. Let me stop there for now. My family and I decided to quit, but some other members also followed. The bishop accused me of trying to break up the church, which was just three years old. I decided to stay at home and not join another church.

Thanks to Almighty God for meeting a person for allowing me to meet a man and his family, whom I did not know very well. I just used to see him on his evening walk and passing near our home. One day, he gave my children a flyer, which they passed to me. I read it, and this is what it said, “Please drop in and join us for a weekly Bible study.” I was convinced, but I did not call; I just walked there. He welcomed me inside. I found two other members studying the Word, and I joined them. After the lesson, I was given a sheet of paper to fill in my personal information, such as my name, phone number, and the best time and day to visit, which I did. We also enjoyed a cup of coffee and water. After the lesson, as he was walking us out of the gate, he asked if



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he could have a one-on-one talk with me. I was shocked, but I accepted.

I chose the day and went to his home again. Both of us sat in the backyard around the table; with him were two Bibles and some paper in his hand. Then he asked, "Can I ask you an important question?" I said, "Yes." Then he said, "What do you think it would take for you to go to Heaven?" My answer was obvious because "I knew." I said, "By accepting Jesus Christ, doing good works, and repenting." I did not know that I was wrong. He then said, "Can I take some time to show what the Bible says, but not what I say and think?" "Yes," I replied.

From that point on, my Christian life changed. He read many verses with me, and I paid close attention to what he said and asked. He reasoned with me and persuaded me; then I was convinced that what I was believing in before was wrong and would lead me to the Lake of Fire, which is the second death. I would have missed Heaven, which is eternal/everlasting life and the gift God gives to us who believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ. Thank you, Pastor Brandon, for letting me know that it's only believing in Jesus Christ alone and not in anything else—not my good works, not myself, nor my righteous good works can earn me Heaven, which is everlasting life. That evening, I decided to give my life to Jesus Christ and believe only in Him. Praise God for a new beginning as a child of God.

There are many people in Kenya today who claim they are Christians, but there are few true believers. A lot of people come to church to save their marriages, careers, families, businesses, and children; but many souls are not saved, and they do not believe in Jesus Christ alone, but in other things like good works, stopping their sinning, and repenting every time they sin to earn Heaven, which is everlasting life. I regret that many people are heading to the Lake of Fire, for they know not the truth.

Due to this truth, I now know that I am not condemned, and the wrath of God is not upon me anymore. He has given me eternal life, which cannot be taken away. I have to live a lifestyle of witnessing to others and constantly looking for an opportunity to witness my new faith to others to encourage them to get saved, just as Romans 10:14 says.

Thanks very much, Pastor Brandon and Mrs. Ali, for establishing, strengthening, and making sure I grow in knowledge. I promise to hold fast unto this doctrine. Amen. – Daniel Wafula

Your co-laborers for souls across East Africa,

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Brandon, Ali, Jeffrey, Hannah, and Esther

Romans 10:14