

Celebrating Life



FRANCIS WANYUMU IBUKA

18th November, 1982 | 7th August, 2025

Funeral SERVICE

For Francis Wanyumu Ibuka

Tuesday, 19th August, 2025

- 9:00 am: Arrive at P.C.E.A. Kikuyu Mortuary for viewing of the body and prayers.
9:45 am: Cortege leaves for P.C.E.A. Church of the Torch, Thogoto
10:00 am: Arrive at the Church
10:30 am: Funeral Service Start

Service Program

- Opening Hymn
- Call to Worship
- Opening Prayer
- Words of Resurrection
- Welcome
- Introduction
- Eulogy - *Stanley Waweru, PCMF*
- Family Tributes
- Tributes
- Presentations
- PCMF Moment
- Bible Lessons
- Hymn
- Sermon- *The Very Rev. Dr. J.G. Mwamba*
- Prayer for the Family
- Vote of Thanks - *Patrick Mukora*
- Intimations

Burial Site

- Burial Rites
- Laying of Wreaths
- Hymn
- Benediction



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Brother in Christ, Francis Wanyumu Ibuka

Good morning family, friends, and loved ones.

We are gathered here today to honor and celebrate the life of Francis Wanyumu, who went to be with the Lord on the 7th of August, 2025. Though our hearts are heavy, we give thanks for the precious gift of his life and the many moments we were blessed to share with him.

Francis was born in 1982 in Nairobi, the beloved son of the late Joyce Wambui Ibuka. His siblings are Edwin Maina Kiama and Paul Ibuka Kiama.

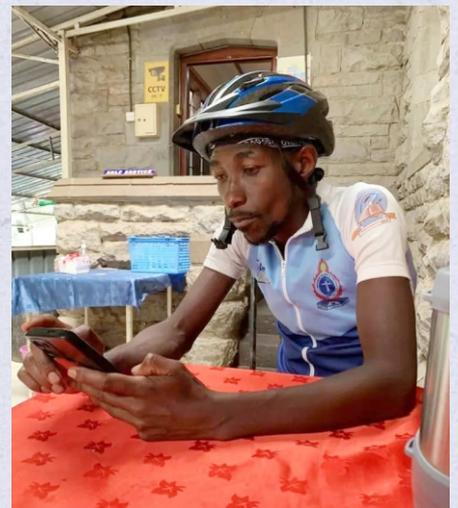
After his dear mother rested, his late auntie and her husband, Mr. & Mrs. Mukora, lovingly took him in and cared for him, raising him with kindness, guidance, and a nurturing heart.

He was the grandson to the late Mr. & Mrs. Paul Ibuka Wanyumu, founders of PCEA Riamukurwe Church, now known as Reverend Norman Githenya, PCEA Riamukurwe Parish, Nyeri Presbytery.

His educational journey began at Dandora Primary School in Nairobi before transferring to Kilimani Primary School, where he sat for his final primary school examinations KCPE year 1998.

Francis Wanyumu proceeded to Nyeri Baptist High School from 1999 to 2002, a season that shaped both his character and calling. He was a proud member of the Nyeri Baptist Basketball Team, known as the Wild Cat, where he played the guard position with precision and passion. He also enjoyed spending time at the gym, building discipline and strength—physically and spiritually.

In the year 2000, Francis experienced a life-changing moment. Through the faithful preaching and personal witness of Pastor Stephen N. Muiruri, then a fellow student and Christian leader, Francis made the decision to receive



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Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. That decision became the foundation of his life and legacy.

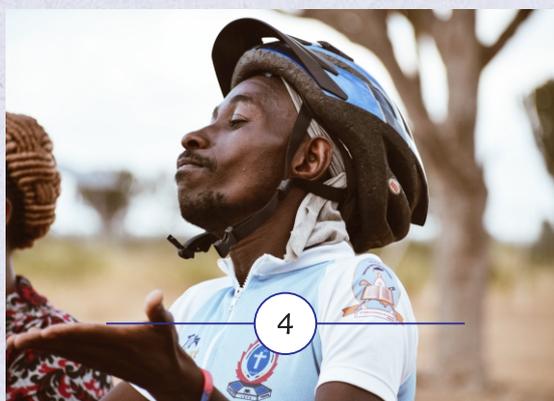
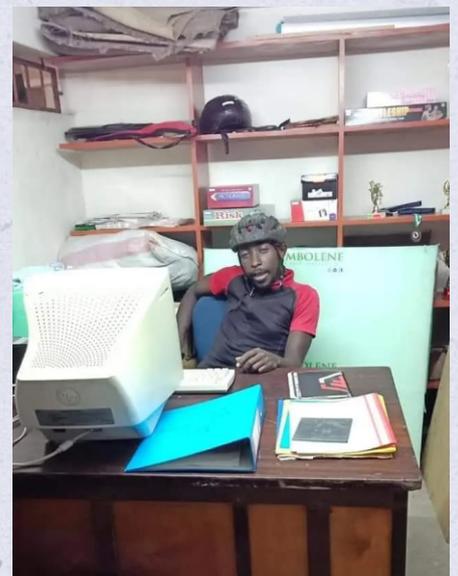
Following his conversion, Francis joined the Christian Union (CU) Club, where students gathered for prayer, worship, and preaching. It was in this community that his faith deepened. He grew in devotion, served with humility, and encouraged others to pursue Christ with sincerity and joy.

From his earliest days, Brother Francis was rooted in the faith. He underwent infant baptism in the PCEA Church, where his late mother was a member. Growing up in the church, he became a committed and steadfast member.

In 2003, Francis pursued his creative interests by studying Fashion and Design at Vera Beauty College, where he cultivated a keen eye for detail and presentation. His spiritual calling continued to unfold, and in 2006, he joined African Evangelistic Enterprise (AEE) for a full year, earning a Diploma in Theology and International Missions. This season equipped him with a deeper understanding of the gospel and a heart for outreach across cultures and communities.

Francis faithfully served in the Sports Ministry under the able leadership of Pastor Nathan Makau, and was guided by Elder Solomon Gacece. His commitment to youth, fitness, and spiritual growth made him a pillar in this ministry, where he helped bridge faith and physical wellness.

In the year 2016, brother Wanyumu joined PCMF St. Andrews as a Youth member (YPCMF) where he served diligently in a position of Sports Evangelism and in many other areas.



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Known as Sports Evangelist Wanyumu, he combined his passion for sports with evangelism. He was trained under the Foxfire Youth Department at African Enterprise (Karen), equipping him for impactful youth ministry. In addition, he was a founding member of the Prayer Breakfast at Nairobi West Prisons, a ministry that brought spiritual nourishment, encouragement, and fellowship to those incarcerated to date.

Francis was deeply passionate about this calling and pioneered the sports department in three major prisons: Nairobi West, Industrial Area, and Kamiti Maximum Prison.

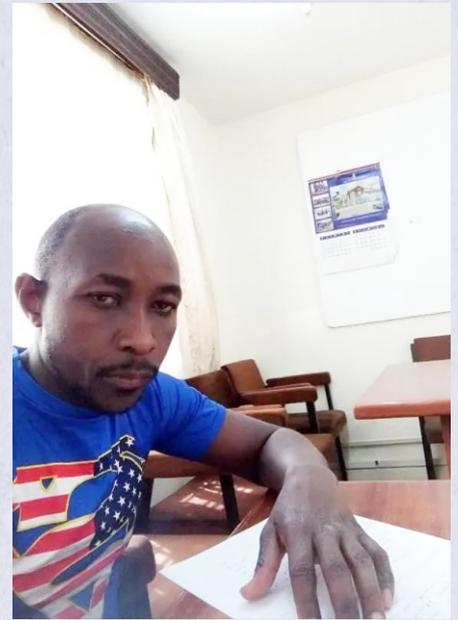
Brother Francis was also a well-known figure in the PCEA Head Office, Christian Education Department. He was a key organizer of the Tour de Kirk race and was actively involved in the **"PCEA Education @133" Re-tracing - Re-telling and Re-ignite Journey**. His commitment to service extended to community outreach, where he was a regular participant in the **"Twende Sirai"** visit to Sira School, bringing joy and encouragement to the pupils.

In 2008, Francis's professional journey in security services began alongside Dennis, starting with the St. Andrew's Parking Project, volunteering in the GA Assembly Meetings, and Project Esther, as well as numerous church events; weddings and funerals, across Nairobi CBD, Kikuyu, Murang'a, and Nyeri.

By 2011, Dennis founded Deno Dolphins Security Services, appointing Francis as Head of Operations. Under his leadership, the company secured contracts to provide security officers to Sonalux House and Contrust House along Moi Avenue.

By 2015, the company had grown significantly. Francis took on additional responsibilities in training security officers, and the team expanded to serve clients such as St. Paul's University Town Campus and the Kenya Meteorological Department.

Later, Francis was appointed Security Transport Marshall, overseeing long-distance bus security for routes to



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Mombasa, Malindi, and Rwanda, working with companies like Horizon Coaches, Xenon Coaches, and Spanish Line.

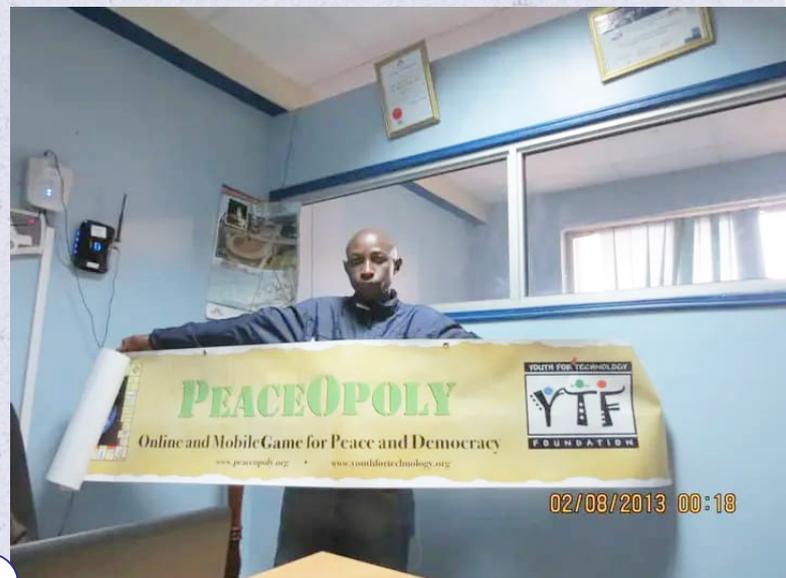
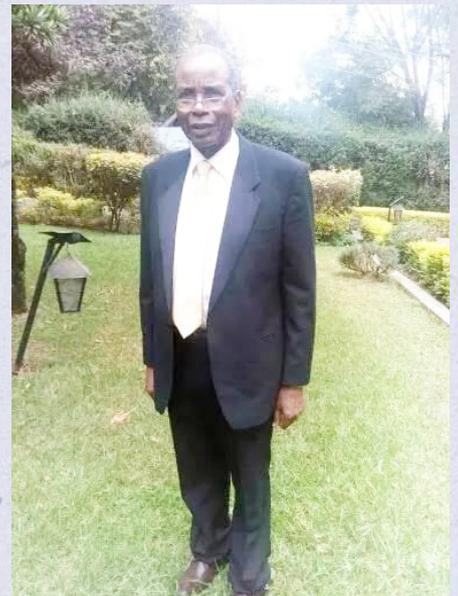
In 2010, Stade Sports Ltd was registered as a company limited by guarantee. It had begun in 2009 as Bukaraph Sports Ministry, a partnership between Ibuka and Raphael, two brothers in sports evangelism. The vision was clear: to impact not only the church but also schools, institutions, and international communities through sports ministry. Francis resonated deeply with this mission.

In 2016, he joined the Kenya Cycling Group, embracing cycling as both a sport and a lifestyle. His passion grew steadily, and he became known for his commitment to fitness, safety, and youth engagement.

Before Dennis left the country, he connected Francis to serve as a Sports Consultant for St. Paul's University, where he had served as Sports Secretary. While abroad, Dennis relied on Francis as a client liaison, and Francis also ventured into bike acquisition and resale, sourcing top-tier bicycles for the local market.

Upon Dennis's return for vacation in 2025, Francis invited him to offer Safety and First Aid sessions to students at PUEA ahead of the De Kirk Cycling Event held in Thogoto. Just last month, they were in active discussions to bring Francis on board as a Sports Consultant for various firms engaged in security and safety services.

He organized weekly prayer breakfast meetings every



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Wednesday, creating space for hope, healing, and spiritual renewal. He also helped coordinate monthly strategy meetings, shaping the direction of the ministry and expanding its reach. His heart for the incarcerated was evident—he believed in restoration, dignity, and the power of the gospel to transform even the darkest places.

On July 16, 2025, Brother Francis was admitted to SPA Hospital in Ruiru. He was later transferred to PCEA Kikuyu Hospital, where, on August 7, 2025, he was promoted to the highest glory by His Father and our Father in heaven.

Though his earthly chapter has closed, his story lives on—in the lives he touched, the lessons he taught, and the love he shared. As we grieve, we are comforted by the promise of Jesus in John 14:1-3, that He has prepared a place for those who believe in Him. We trust that Brother Francis is now in that place of rest, where there is no more pain or sorrow.

Brother Francis was a man of many admirable qualities:

- *A hero who stood for what was right.*
- *A comforter who could bring peace to troubled hearts.*
- *A mentor who guided others with wisdom.*
- *A counsellor who offered sound advice and a listening ear.*
- *Outspoken, never afraid to stand for the truth.*
- *Lover of children, who brought joy and laughter to the young.*
- *Companionable and a true friend.*
- *Understanding, meeting people where they were in need. (Especially kind to one of our cousins, Beth Wanjira Nduhiu, during the difficult COVID-19 season, showing genuine care and compassion.)*
- *Able to relate to any generation, from the youngest to the oldest.*

He devoted his life to both church service and his passion for sports. He was an instructor and a cyclist, touching many lives through discipline, teamwork, and encouragement. He was known for his humility, his warm spirit, and his unwavering dedication to whatever task he undertook.



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His Unforgettable Presence

Francis was known for his handshake—firm, deliberate, and unforgettable. It wasn't just a greeting; it reflected his character: strong in conviction, grounded in faith, and intentional in every interaction.

His Spiritual Mentorship

After high school, Francis reconnected with Pastor Stephen N. Muiruri in Nairobi, and continued to be mentored in his Christian faith through Destiny Focus Ministries International, a ministry founded by Stephen and his wife, Abbigail Nderitu. This interdenominational ministry is devoted to equipping and empowering emerging leaders for global transformation. Its mission is to provide spiritual underpinning, apostolic and prophetic alignment, and leadership training for those called to walk in their kingdom assignments and fulfill their divine purpose.

His Legacy

Francis grew into a man of deep integrity, unwavering commitment, and quiet strength. He carried the gospel not just in words, but in the way he lived, served, and loved. His story continues to inspire, and his impact will not be forgotten.

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful servants.”

Psalm 116:15



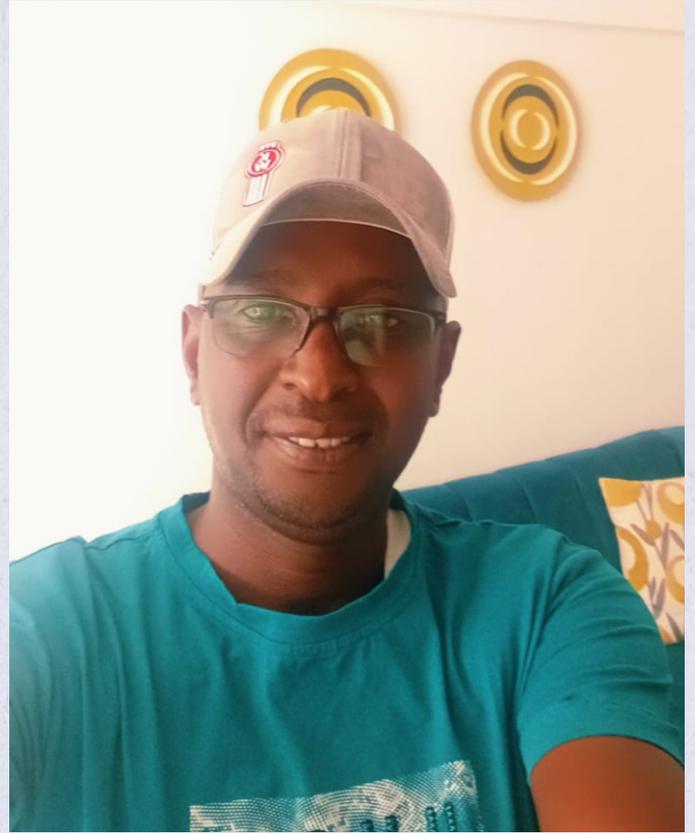
Apostle Stephen N. Muiruri



TO MY DEPARTED BROTHER

Today, as I stand before you, my heart is filled with both sorrow and gratitude - sorrow because we have lost a dear brother, but gratitude because I was blessed to share life's journey with Francis Wanyumu Ibuka.

Francis was more than a brother to me. He was a mentor, a friend, and a constant reminder of what it means to live with resilience and kindness. One of the most remarkable things about him was that he never gave up, no matter what challenges came his way. Life has its share of struggles, but Francis faced each one with courage and determination. He showed me, and all of us, that strength is not about avoiding difficulties, but about standing firm in the face of them.



He had a way of approaching life that was both practical and wise. Whenever an issue arose, Francis was always ready to sit down and discuss it calmly. He believed in solving matters through dialogue, not conflict. I admired how he made complex problems seem simple, no matter how big they appeared. He had a gift for finding solutions and reassuring those around him that everything would be alright.

Kindness was at the heart of who Francis was. He had a caring spirit that extended to everyone he met. Whether it was family, friends, or even strangers, Francis treated people with respect and compassion. He was never too busy to lend a listening ear or offer a helping hand. His kindness was not just in words, but in actions—he lived it every day.

Francis was also outgoing and social. He had this rare ability to connect with people from all backgrounds, and he made each person feel comfortable in his presence. It didn't matter who you were or where you came from—Francis would meet you with a smile, a conversation, and a genuine interest in your story. He made friendships easily, and he cherished them deeply.

As his brother, I had the privilege of seeing his true heart—his moments of joy, his dreams, and his determination. We shared laughter, challenges, and memories that will stay with me forever. Francis was someone you could lean on, someone who would always remind you to stay strong and never lose hope. Even in difficult times, his words and actions carried encouragement.

Losing Francis leaves a void that cannot be filled. Yet, even as we grieve, I find comfort in remembering the legacy he leaves behind. His resilience, his ability to simplify life's struggles, his kindness, and his outgoing nature—these are gifts he gave to all of us, and they will continue to live on in our hearts.

To me, Francis will always remain a shining light—a brother who taught me the true meaning of love, courage, and perseverance. Though he is no longer with us in body, his spirit, his laughter, and his lessons will remain forever.

Rest well, my dear brother Francis.

Until we meet again.

Edwin Maina Kiama



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TO MY DEPARTED BROTHER

It is truly good to have had a brother like you, Francis. You were always there when I needed you most, and your love extended beyond me to my family.

I will never forget how you helped my autistic son with swimming and cycling. Those simple acts of patience and encouragement gave him joy, confidence, and growth. For that, I will remain forever grateful.

Francis, you were a man of great kindness and resilience. You faced challenges with calmness and strength, never giving up easily.

You had an outgoing spirit and connected with people from all walks of life, treating everyone with respect and compassion.

Though you are gone, your memory and the love you shared will live on in our hearts.

Rest well, my dear brother.

Paul Ibuka Kiama



TO A BELOVED COUSIN - WANYÛMÛ

Wanyûmû, Wanyûmû... our cuzo, our friend, our brother, you've left a mark no one can match.

We will miss your bravery, your understanding, and above all, your compassion. What a great person we have lost.

To us cousins, you were many things:

- *A hero and a comforter*
- *A counsellor, a mentor, and a champion of children*
- *Outspoken, relatable to every generation, and always ready to listen*
- *Companionable and kind, especially during difficult times, like how you looked out for cousin Beth Wanjira Nduhiu during COVID*
- *A man of passion, patience, and kindness, even in the face of personal struggles*

Growing up with you was an adventure. From barefoot football matches and racing "pimped" bicycles down dusty hills, to laughing late into the night over exaggerated fireside stories, you brought joy wherever you went. You made the simplest moments meaningful, even teaching someone to ride a bike wasn't just about pedals and balance for you; it was about encouragement, confidence, and plenty of laughter in between wobbles.

We remember your ever-present smile, your jovial mood, your boundless energy, and of course... the many bikes. You poured yourself into Stade Sport and sports evangelism, sharing every detail

from its conception with contagious enthusiasm. You never feared being associated with Christ, even in public, and you lived out your faith with courage.

You were God-fearing, prayerful, and selfless. You introduced some of us to ministry and later to sports evangelism, pulling us into church service, sometimes with persuasion, and sometimes with that classic Wanyûmû grin that said, "You're not getting out of this one." Your passion was infectious, your dedication unwavering, and your heart... oh, your heart was big enough to carry all of us cousins in it.

Wanyûmû, our time together feels too short, but the memories are engraved in us forever. You were not only a cousin, you were a brother, a mentor, a cheerleader, and sometimes our funniest heckler.

Your light, your laughter, and your love will live on in us.

Rest well, cuzo. You've run your race with courage, and Heaven just got louder and more cheerful.

We will keep your passion alive.



FROM PCEA CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, HEAD OFFICE

Wanyumu was one of the most ardent supporters and participant in the Department's Sports Ministry. He was the Chair of the Sub Committee the organizes the annual 'Tour de Kirk' race right from inception and he was also at the forefront of planning the logistics for the PCEA @133 Retracing journey. He was also part of the 13 cyclists who participated in the 11day retracing journey across the PCEA Mission Centres last year. Wanyumu never missed any of the 'Twende Sirai' visits to the CE sponsored Sirai School, Rumuruti.

We mourn with hope for we know that though our friend Wanyumu is no longer present with us (physically), he is in the nearer presence of God. We thank God who gave us Wanyumu and to whom Wanyumu has gone back to. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Rev Lucy Waweru
DIRECTOR Christian Education Department



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FRANCIS WANYUMU - Sports Evangelist



The Late Francis Wanyumu was person of passion. He was passionate in sports from his childhood. He was hard working and disciplined. He was an all-round sports person playing any game that was available in Primary School. Highly talented. He attended Nyeri Baptist High School. He played Basketball in the School team that emerged the Kenya High Schools National Champion for two consecutive years.

Cycling was one of the sports he was heavily engaged in at different levels. He participated in cycling competitions but mostly used cycling in training the youth. They vigorously trained and learned together to develop endurance, team-spirit and leadership skills. He also used cycling for Gospel outreach and connected with Christian

Education in PCEA Church Historical events such as the Pastor riding his bicycle from the Church of the Torch in Kikuyu to St. Andrew's in Nairobi every Sunday to serve the newly established congregation.

He was Born-Again and had a passion in reaching children and Youth for Christ through the universal language of sports which is an effective tool for evangelism and a powerful medium of the Gospel. He did it very well having been trained by International Sports Coalition (ISC) now titled Ready-Set-Go, where he attained the International Sports Leadership Training (ISLT) Level 1 and Level 2 awards. The other sports evangelism leaders working with him include Joy Kiruki, Andrew Kihumba, Susan Nderitu and Gacoki Kipruto.

For more than ten years, Francis visited Nairobi West Prison weekly to conduct

recreational and evangelistic activities. He organized Football, Volleyball and Basketball competitions. As a result, very many Inmates and a few Prison Officers were continually getting saved and transformed.

He was a prominent member of the PCEA St. Andrew's Outdoor Ministry team that strategically uses Kids-Games, Teen-Games, Family-Games, Edge-Games, Clinics, tournaments, Sports Festivals and Sports Camps with the aim of reaching out for Christ, proclaiming Salvation.

1 Timothy 4 : 8 *“For physical training is of some value, but Godliness has value for all things holding promise for both the present life and the life to come”.* **AMEN**

Solomon Gacoco

FACILITATOR International Sports Coalition 2025.

From The Cycling Community

Many know him as Mr. Francis Wanyumu Ibuka but all of us know him as our brother, minister, mentor, and more so our evangelistic anchor in the pastoral leadership and servant in the sports evangelism. Many are times he brought us as the sports lovers to spread the gospel through our sportish talents. His love for unity in Christ broke loose the gates of prison, distance, and gender. His physical presence will be missed but his spirit, architect of evangelism through

sports will be upheld. He planted a seed, that is germinating and soon and very soon will come to blossom. As the cycling community we bring forth a statement that your spirit and dedication will always remain with us. It's the Lord who gave us our Wanyumu Mukora Ibuka Muthagari Wanjigu aka Ninja Warrior aka Sub-Zero/Zero, and He also is the one who has promoted him to eternal life. We won't say go well, since your legacy lives on.



PST STEVE AND FRANCIS MENTORSHIP SESSION YEAR 2000 NBHS.

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Hymn

WHAT A FELLOWSHIP

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

**In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.**

2. Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Shed His beams around me. [Refrain]
3. Near the cross! O lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadow o'er me. [Refrain]
4. Near the cross! I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever;
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river. [Refrain]

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace like a river attended my way
When sorrows, like sea-billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say
"It is well, it is well, with my soul"

**It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well,
It is well with my soul**

If Satan should Buffet, if trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my help-less estate,
and hath shed His own blood for my soul

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh, my soul

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live!
If Jordan above me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life,
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

But Lord, 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait,
The sky, not the grave, is our goal;
Oh, trump of the angel! oh, voice of the Lord! Blessed
Hope! blessed rest of my soul!



Hymns

AMAZING GRACE

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
2. Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!
3. The Lord hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.
4. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
2. My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.
4. My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.



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The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to friends and well wishers who have offered invaluable help and comfort in Prayers, Condolences and Gifts

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you:
The Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace." Num 6:24 26.

May God Abundantly Bless you!