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Background:

How do you serve in GCI? What is your role in your local congregation or the denomination as a whole? I am the Regional Director for the five east African countries. That is Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Tanzania.

How did you connect with GCI? I came across a booklet in early 1990s from my brother’s library. After reading a couple of booklets and having realized he was getting them for free, I asked him to direct me to the source from which he was receiving these books. He gladly directed me to WCG church office in Nairobi-Kenya. I read several booklets; it did not take long for me to decide that WCG was going to be my spiritual home. In September 1994, I attended my first worship service. From that time on, I have never looked back.

What are some of your reasons for choosing to participate with GCI in ministry? Besides worshipping together in the same church, GCI members are a family. This is something I never saw in my former church. There is a special bond among members. Having been privileged to travel to several countries, we are uniquely the same everywhere I have been.

What is your ministry or calling? What is the legacy you hope to leave? I am called to the body of Christ as a minister of the word. I have many young people I am mentoring. I would love to see them grow in ministry and become effective ministers of the word.

Who has invested in you to support you in your ministry? One person I will always be thankful to is the African Superintendent of Missions: Kalengule Kaoma. He has taken every opportunity available to support and develop me.

Who are you teaching and equipping to help with this ministry? I have encouraged several members in our church in theological courses. This is an avenue I will keep encouraging people to pursue. This way, I am sure the flock under our care is well taken care of; towards a healthy a church.

If you could describe your congregations in one sentence, what would you say? They are growing towards the overall vision of the church. A healthy church.

What is something in your local congregation that you’re excited about? I oversee several congregations and no two congregations are similar. It is exciting to see them develop at their own different paces, and in their context. Interestingly towards the same direction toward healthy churches.

Is there something unique about your church services that connect with your community? Many of our congregations are right inside communities. We endeavor to have a ministry that everyone feels part of. In many of our congregations, we serve tea and snacks after the worship service. This makes it possible for people to hang on after worship service, in the process, members are able to have more time for fellowship.

Get to Know Anthony

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1. For what are you most grateful?
In the summer of 2017, my wife and I attended the denominational conference in Orlando, FL. After the conference, we stayed on for two months visiting 8 different congregations and spending time in several members homes. I have fond memories.

2. What energizes you?
When I was asked to serve as NML ten years ago, I set myself a goal of having a church hall in every place we have a congregation. At the time I was assigned this role, many were meeting in school halls and other rented places. So far, we have been able to accomplish six out of the seventeen. To me this is a great motivator that keeps me and my team going. I always feel like, “where next?”

3. What are 5 people or things you can’t live without? My wife Jane, my four children, my Bible, my church family, my library.

4. Describe your perfect day:
I wake up after getting to sleep in a bit. My wife and I pray by our bedside. Then we go to the dining area for breakfast. After breakfast we leave the house and go to our different activities. We meet back at home in the evening. After dinner we have a Bible Study and then retire for the day. I am a night person. Sometimes I sit late working on sermons and any other materials that I may use for seminars or church and community activities.



FAVORITE SCRIPTURE:
FOR GOD WAS PLEASED TO HAVE ALL HIS FULLNESS DWELL IN HIM, AND THROUGH HIM TO RECONCILE TO HIMSELF ALL THINGS, WHETHER THINGS ON EARTH OR THINGS IN HEAVEN, BY MAKING PEACE THROUGH HIS BLOOD, SHED ON THE CROSS.
COLOSSIANS 1:19-20

