



Bridgeworld College

A Missional Transformative Approach

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10th Graduation Ceremony



A WORLDVIEW STORY: VIEW OF HUMAN BEINGS

Worldview is the foundation of one's culture. The worldview one has decides his or her view of the world and life. Since an important part of world is humans, one's worldview determines his view of human beings. Let's limit our attention to special features of Christian worldview's view of humans and those of animistic worldview, the dominant worldview of traditional African and Asian people.

Based on what Bible teaches, Christian worldview teaches that human beings are created in the image of God and made to be the pinnacle of the created world, and are called to rule and manage the world. So, it has a very high view of humans, and from this comes human dignity and human rights so universally accepted. However, due to the Fall of Adam, humans have fallen to sinners even though they still keep some good originally endowed by God (so called the duality of nature, i.e. they are both good God's salvation available in and through Jesus Christ.

What are features of humans taught by the animistic worldview? They are not anything but a part of animistic world like animals, trees, rivers and mountains and live in fear of the spirits and ghosts of many kinds. So, this worldview has a very low view of humans. That's why we see many easy killings of people for various insignificant reasons in Africa. That's why we see many people in Korea kill themselves when they encounter miseries and trials of life. People on the streets are anonymous persons who are potential competitors and that's why people seldom say hello or smile to them.

For your view of who or what humans are, which worldview do you hold? Do you still hold animistic worldview of your family, or biblical worldview held by truly converted Christians? My prayer is that you are truly converted and hold the biblical worldview which has a very high view of human being. Amen!



*Prof. Timothy W. Chung,
Visiting Lecturer*

~ Do Your Best ~

~ Listen to Him ~



Rev., Canon, Dr. James Mwaura, provost

It is our portion to walk in the spirit Galatians 5:16 as a mark of new birth. The Holy Spirit will teach us all things John 14:25-26. The key to such kingdom living is a crucified life. God's promise is that He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or

imagine because of His power that is at work within us.

Ephesians 3:20 depends on the degree we are yielded to the Holy Spirit. As we yield to the Holy Spirit. We begin to hear the voice from God and as we act in obedience to His direction. The key to receiving direction from God is to trust in Him with all your heart and not leaning on our understanding and in all our ways, acknowledge Him.

There was an article in Times Magazine about a Japanese doctor who lived through the terrible bombing of Hiroshima. When the blast occurred he was waiting for a street car only one mile away but was sheltered by a corner of a reinforced concrete building. Within a second, after the explosion his ears were filled with screams of helpless victims all around him. He did not know what had happened, but for a moment a bewildered one doctor wondering how he could ever handle this mountain of patients. However he knelt and opened his black bag and began treating the person dying at his feet.

We cannot run around the world trying to help those with many needs and problem but we can do like what this doctor did, we can help the person lying at our feet. Do the best you can especially coming to Bridgeworld College to be trained by us and go out in the world to help. God wants you to do the best and leave to Him the rest. If you cannot labour with your body at least make efforts in your mind. If you are not a peace-maker, at least do not be addicted to strife.

The Mark of our Success

On 17th of February, 2018 we had a privilege of holding our colorful 10th graduation for our forty two students from the two departments; Theology and Social Science from our main campus in Karen and Dandora extension center. This year's ceremony was graced by the attendance of Korean elders'. The team was led by Rev. Yangsoo Lee (Senior Pastor of Sungseo Presbyterian Church, S. Korea) who was the guest speaker sharing on "Doing the will of God " from the Gospel of John chapter 4.

What a joy to see our lovely students adorned in coloured graduation attires and names being called out to receive their certificates! The mark of our credibility; having stood the test of time in training and producing quality students; the assets of the community.



Bridgeworld College's Uniqueness

Higher education landscape is undergoing significant change as a result of technological innovations. We are witnessing changes in the way higher education is taught and learnt. While the conventional setting of the lecture hall will continue to form the bedrock of higher education systems, it will be enhanced by the integration of new tools and pedagogies, and it will be complemented by many more online learning opportunities.

Methods of teaching can be better tailored to individual student's needs and there is enormous potential for widening access to higher education and increasing the

diversity of the student population. In response to such needs as of availability of students for class in today's busy era, Bridgeworld College has adopted a new mode of teaching. Over the past 14 years we have had regular classes running on weekly basis. However with the new changes we have adopted a more flexible mode of study.

This model will require that students take up a unit of study for one whole week at the beginning of every month, and there after write their assignments and projects from home. This flexibility is essential for non-traditional learners and will enable a shift change in the engagement of students in lifelong learning and continuing professional development.

Extensions

Besides the classes conducted from the main campus in Karen, Bridgeworld College has extended its roots to other areas offering certificate and diploma classes to students who are not able to attend classes at the main campus due to various reason like distance and availability among others. The first extension center was the Meru extension campus (Mitunguu Market, Kaare Mwimbi, Nkubu, Kanyakine, Karaa and Chogoria) which has been in existence since 1st of August, 2011. Last year, another one was started at Sanctuary of Love in Dandora Phase 4 opposite Kinyago Primary School, training and graduated 21 students in Theology at certificate level. Early this year another one in Ukambani area (Kangundo, Kikambuani, Kinyui and Tala) began.

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These extension are facilitated and coordinated by our alumni and lecturers who are in liaison with the main campus. These classes are conducted uniquely from one extension campus to another; Meru classes are done during school breaks (school based), Dandora has classes on three days (randomly) of each month and Ukambani

run on the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

Students get the same quality of knowledge as the ones in the main campus and at the end of their

programs graduate and receive the same certificates for their various programs.

Bridgeworld is not only working and focusing on building national/international bridges but has gone down to the grassroots to make sure that education and transformation for this matter is channeled properly from bottom going upwards.

"...Cultivated and grown me into a bold and courageous leader..."

I started this journey way back in 2016, with great vigor of making one of the best student in the class of Counseling Psychology, and honestly, my two years at Bridgeworld college have been a great contribution not only to my life but also to a lot of people that I have met through my many meetings during my exercises of counseling.

This has cultivated me, growing me into a bold and courageous leader, not only at my job, but also in my family as a mother, a mentor and a wife, in church and in various positions of giving back to the society despite the many challenges especially of commitment and time but all in all Jesus Christ was the overall.

In a special way I want to appreciate and commend all my

lecturers; am humbled for the time and efforts they took to see to it that Bridgeworld College is at the lead to give the best to the students and to be not just a mirror but a reflection of a morally molded community.

Special regards to the principal Dr. Lee, the administration for their organized and well elaborative management seeing to it that we got quality education and also for giving me this chance to have a word in this year's school magazine not forgetting my colleagues whom also greatly contributed to my success for the two years I have been at the college.



Beatrice A. Ndegeh,
Counseling Psychology student 2016-18

Community Driven by Christian Humility



I Learnt about Bridgeworld in October 2015 when the Public relations team visited my office while I was teaching at a high school in Dagoretti North constituency. They had particularly come to request for permission to speak to my students but listening to them talk made me get interested in knowing more of this college.

Early 2016, I purposed to visit the college, had an opportunity to interact with the management, in whom I found a God fearing community driven by true Christian humility. I desired so much to be part of this community and therefore presented my curriculum vitae seeking for an opportunity to impact lives. I was given the opportunity to teach Counselling Psychology students Conflict Management and Gender/Multicultural issues courses.

It has been a great opportunity not only teaching but interacting with students and the management.

I would highly recommend Bridgeworld for anyone who wants to pursue further studies in any of the courses offered due to the following; The college offers a serene, quiet environment conducive for learning. In terms of accessibility, the college is located between Langata - Karen road on one side and Ngong - Karen road on the other. This makes the college very accessible to those using both private and public transport means. The college management and staff are friendly and above all it is founded on Christian principles of love and service.

Thank you so much for such a great opportunity and will always be a part of you in training and equipping students to be instruments of positive change in the society.

Mrs. Mary Lumosi Lecturer,
Counselling Psychology

Our Primary Duty



(Theology student)

I am Wario Bute Taro from Ethiopia. After I completed my Diploma in Purchasing and Supplies Management, I tried to get a job and help my family but nothing I was doing could satisfy my passion apart from serving the Lord. Surely, *many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand* (Proverbs 19:21). Hence, no matter how I tried hard to do something else, the purpose of the Lord for my life, which is to serve Him, has always prevailed. I resolved to lay down everything else and serve the Lord for that is what I was called for. *For this cause I was born and for this purpose I came to the world* (John 18:36-37). For Jesus, establishing God's kingdom on earth and witnessing the truth is His very purpose. Therefore, preaching about God's kingdom should be *our primary purpose*.

As I was serving the Lord as an Evangelist in Finote Yesus Evangelical Church in Ethiopia, I started praying to the Lord earnestly so that He could open a door of a Theological

school for me to study His word to be His effective minister. When I heard from Pastor Galma, a former Theology student about Bridgeworld College, I was very glad. I applied for it, was accepted and offered a scholarship!

When I came to Bridgeworld College, I felt being at the right place and I was very happy to learn the word of God in such an appropriate way by wonderful lecturers who not only focus on academics but produce reformed men and women to transform the world. *For to me, to live is Christ... For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.* (Phil 1:21; Rom 14:7 NKJV) and now that I understand this grand reality, I am ready to serve the Lord as my primary duty, not secondary. *My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work* (John 4:34 NKJV). For Jesus to do the will of the Father and accomplishing His work is His primary duty and that should be the same for us.



Samuel Ngugi,
Theology student

Where there is a will there is a way! God has also promised that *if we delight in Him He will grant the desires of our hearts* (Psalms 37: 4). When I successfully obtained a diploma in the Transformative Christian Leadership (Christian Services) at PAC University my heart was overjoyed but deep within my spirit I felt I needed to further my studies by pursuing a degree program. There was a void and thirst for more knowledge and skills. One day as I was going on with my usual church activities I came across a newsletter that really

changed my life.!

The newsletter was titled *'Bridgeworld College; the agents of change.'* Surprisingly the newsletter was outdated but the contents in that newsletter were alive and inspiring. It is exactly what I was looking for and so I called the office to inquire of long desired furthering of my studies. The administration was very passionate, listening, considering and willing to assist. After listening to my predicament I was offered an affordable sponsored studies.

My first month in class was really a period of real transformation. Any theologian can agree with me that as you join a theological college what you thought you know

(the process of unlearning the old things and learning new things).

At Bridgeworld College you meet well grounded, equipped and ready to assist lecturers. The lecturers not only equip you with knowledge but on how to handle and divide rightly the truth in God's word (2 Timothy 2:15b) with minimal Christian talk in particular when teaching and preaching.

As a former chairman of the students' body I have interacted with students of diverse nationalities, personalities and gifting. At Bridgeworld college, gifts and talents are nurtured through students orientated programs and platforms. I have also interacted with the loving and willing administration which is keen to assist students when need arises.

While at Bridgeworld, God helped me to plant a church which is near my home area 'Covenant Christian Ministries' Gikambura, Kikuyu. Indeed Bridgeworld College is an eye opener and an agent of change. I thank God for giving me such a great opportunity to serve Him in all these areas. President Abraham Lincoln who was brought up from a very lowly position in the society to become one of the greatest American president was once quoted saying, "I will start preparing now because I know my opportunity is coming".

Maybe you are there and you have a big vision towards God's work. Start preparing now! A good Theology college is the best preparation ground for effective ministry... Bridgeworld is that place to be. May God bless Bridgeworld College, the agents of change!

Missions



I came to learn about Bridgeworld College through Dr. Canon James Mwaura in the year 2011 and the following year I joined it. I thought that I was at my best because I am pastoring a church by the name Christ The King Worship Centre near Lenana High school in Dagoretti South but was amazed by the realization from the teachings of the lecturers that totally changed my perspective.

Missiology became so particular to me as it was taught with a lot of passion. When the lecturer expounded the paradigm shift I was touched and asked myself this question, "As an individual, am I adding more problems or can I be part of solving the problems". Before then I used to evangelize in open air meetings with little understanding. I decided to be among them who will obey the command of The Great

Commission.... "Go ye" and as per the slogan of Bridgeworld I was transformed in order to transform others.

Studying Missiology did not only rekindle my passion for the lost souls but I also understood the calling in my life for missions. We did several missions to Mai Mahiu in the Rift Valley which has finally borne a church that is impacting the community with the love of Christ. Bridgeworld College is a college like no other and I highly recommend it to anyone who would like to learn Christian leadership and church planting. The college will equip you to combat the heresy that is ongoing in the world.

I'm grateful to Bridgeworld for imparting me with knowledge and skills that have changed my life and ministry. I'm looking forward to doing missions to the unreached groups by the help of God. Thank you Bridgeworld and God bless you!

Pst. Demetrius Karanja Githiru
Graduate 2016, Theology

Voice of Hope Network International - Students Mission

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them..."

Entails a lot to us as Christians; it's not only what happens within the four walls of the church but extending outside these walls. It's not only teaching in the church but getting out to the communities, encouraging, teaching, training and establishing new transformed communities.

A lot of our alumni have heeded to this call and are out there in the society impacting the world for the Lord. In this year, Bridgeworld's current students visited Pastor Resper Kananu and her husband Evans Gichana who are having an initiative in Kayole area (Voice of Hope Network). An initiative that works together with like-minded partners among them Bridgeworld College in giving hope to the needy in the society, who have found themselves in circumstances that threaten their lives. Threats like alcoholism, prostitution, crime, poverty, lack of education among others.

The challenge to visit came about when Resper and her husband visited the college and shared comprehensively on what they are doing. It was such an encouragement to the students who felt the need to support this initiative with

food, clothing and monetary donation having knowledge that the group she is supporting are in dire need.

On 15th of September 8 students and 1 staff member made their way to Kayole. They were welcomed by the directors and a congregation of over 70 people. It was very encouraging because the couple gave them an opportunity to facilitate the program of the day. They had sessions of praise and worship, each of them having an opportunity to share his/her testimony and words of encouragement, later presented donations and shared a meal together.

It was learning and motivating experience for the team. Some came back challenged to study their areas and come up with ways of reaching out while some decided to be sending donations and praying for this initiative as the Lord leads them.



Mentoring Students for Spiritual Impact and Social Development

The goal of Bridgeworld College is providing academic education for the purpose of transforming the society with biblical mind-set. Notwithstanding, mentoring of students in various aspects of life continues to happen daily as part of extra-curricular activity for purpose of spiritual impact and social development. In that context, students can approach any member of the faculty to seek advice and especially through the office of the dean of students.

Bridgeworld College allows room to each student to take responsibility for their own life, spiritual journey and Christian development. However, for purpose of spiritual advancement, every year at the beginning of the first semester the college organizes a one day retreat for students, faculty and staff. It is usually an opportunity for students to know each other.



Early this year the body of students' leadership council organized a visit to Faraja children home in Ngong town. The idea originated from a prayer and fasting conducted at the beginning of the year. As a result of that prayer the student council felt need to share the meal with the less fortunate in the community.

On May there was a retreat that took place at Uhuru gardens in Nairobi. Our students found joy participating in an extra-curricular activity: taking photos, playing games and sharing meals. It was a great time of Bonding. We have student's retreat coming up in the second part of the year.

During that time students will exhibit their diverse talents in all diverse ways. We look forward to a further inspiring moments in days to come.

Rev. Philip Gichohi,
P.R Officer/ Extension's Coordinator

Holistic Community

As we are in the business of championing for transformation, we are not only focusing on the intellectual part of but also on the spiritual part of our lives; the basis and foundation of our personal development. As much as it is an individual journey, it is also a communal journey since we need each other for encouragement, enlightenment, strength, love and fellowship.

Every Monday morning the staff gather together for a time of fellowship; bible study led by the principal. Every Wednesday from 11am, the students, lecturers and the management gather for chapel worship service.



After the chapel our students disperse into small groups in which they do bible studies, share testimonies and Keep check on each other.



The alumni are in close collaboration with the college in regards to the welfare and development of each other.

An association has been formed which meets every now and then to deliberate on various college related issues, more specifically to see to it that college grows stronger and extends its roots. They have been so instrumental in spreading word-of-mouth that helps in linking and recruiting news students. Once in a while some avail themselves in attending occasions and are invited to speak during our chapel services to share their skills and experiences and encourage the current students. They also organize visits to churches and other various mission fields founded and managed by the alumni to witness and encourage one another.



Alumni Association meeting

Bloc Seminars

Topic: Preaching Apocalyptic Passages

(Sep 11th-15th 2017)

By Rev. Ryan Faber, M.Div., Th.M.



This course was to teach students how to prepare expository sermons from apocalyptic passages in both the Old and New Testaments with particular attention given to preaching from the books of Daniel and Revelation. This is to help students know why they need to prepare and preach expository sermons;

Bible-centered sermons that handle the text in such a way that its real and essential meaning as it existed in the mind of the particular Biblical writer and as it exists in the light of the over-all context of Scripture is made plain and applied. At the end of the seminar our students were given each a copy of the recently published "African Study Bible."



Topic: Worldview

(Feb 5th-9th 2018)

By Prof. Timothy Chung



This seminar was an extension of last year's bloc session on culture worldview and missions aimed at challenging church to learn and teach the biblical worldview and transform the Worldviews of unbelievers as well as many nominal Christians into Christian Worldview or Gospel Worldview.



Topic: The Kingdom of God in the Old Testament

(July 16th-20th 2018)

By Prof. JiSeong James Kwon



The topic discussed was about redemption and covenants in the Old Testament basing from Genesis to the Book of Proverbs. Even though the terminology of 'God's kingdom' is not as exact, but the

concept of His kingship is evident in the Old Testament. The kingdom of God is the sphere of God's rule and the plan for His kingdom dominates the whole Bible seen from the beginning of creation. In Genesis God rules creation through Adam whom He gives as a subordinate authority over creation. Likewise He uses human kings/leaders to play the same role underneath His overall authority. Regardless of some views that the kingdom of God is earthly, to a certain group of people; Israel and immediate, God's kingdom is God's rule in the human heart, it is timeless, universal, absolute and unlimited.

Even though man becomes rebellious against the kingdom of God and His authority, through faith and obedience he turns away from the rebellion and is directed back to the kingdom through the work of redemption. Despite humankind's failure, God doesn't abandon His plan of reigning over the earth; His kingdom and His subjects.



Upcoming Seminars :

Comparative World View

Speaker: Prof. Timothy Chung

28th Jan. – 1st Feb. 2019

Biblical Foundation for Counseling

Speaker: Dr. Jonathan Watt

1st – 5th Jul. 2019

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- Diploma in Theology
- Certificate and Diploma in Christian Ministry: Counseling Psychology

Extension Programs:

- Meru
- Dandora-Nairobi
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