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The Stone of Help

“He is my Ebenezer” is a phrase often used in Kenya when someone is giving their personal testimony. It alludes to the faithfulness of God in the past and up to the present point in time. The name Ebenezer comes from the dramatic incident recorded in 1 Samuel 7:3-14...

Samuel had told the people of Israel to come and worship God at Mizpah. But while there, the Philistine army arrive to fight them. In fear, the Israelites beg Samuel to keep praying and asking God to rescue them. God answers Samuel’s prayer with a loud voice of thunder which throws the Philistines into confusion and they flee in panic. Then the men of Israel chase their enemies, defeating them along the way.

Afterwards, Samuel set up a stone between Mizpah and Shen to remind Israel of this event: “He named it Ebenezer (which means “the stone of help”),

for he said, “Up to this point the Lord has helped us!”

(1 Sam 7:12 NLT)



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Memorial stones remind us of what God has done in the past, they can also help us reflect on how God is at work in the present and this encourages us to have faith in Him for the future.

This year, the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) department of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) is celebrating 40 years of existence. The milestone is worthy of marking and there are ongoing discussions around how this will be done.

The question is: How can we give God the glory for how far he has brought us? Suggestions include the following -

- 1) Setting aside one Sunday in November to let past and present TEE students lead the services in 1,000+ PCEA congregations.
- 2) Raising awareness of our programmes on social media through the hashtag TEE@40.
- 3) Building a permanent structure for housing the department.

Points for Prayer:

- Thank God that up to this point he has helped the TEE department to grow and develop
- Praise him for the time being set aside to remember the 40th anniversary of its beginnings
- Ask for God’s guidance and blessing on the planning meetings and the preparations being made for the celebrations taking place in November 2023
- Pray especially for the director of TEE – the Rev John Gatu, as he leads and shares his vision for the future of this ministry
- Remember the strategies being employed to raise awareness about the TEE courses, asking that many will hear and join the programmes