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"Now go out where it is deeper And let down your nets And you will catch a lot of fish" Luke 5:4 (TLB)

In 2012, I felt God speaking to me through this verse and directing my path to launch out into the unknown with the idea of writing a course book for the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) department of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA).

The imagined book was to help adults as they take care of children in their homes and families, churches and communities. But the small vision I had was developed into an eight-book programme called the Holistic Nurturing of Children (HNC) diploma. This was under the command of Rev Patrick Muthungu, the TEE director at the time.

He recognised the need to have the right crew on board for this, and we were joined by Miriam, Jane and Joyce, two Peters and a Simon Peter! Although changes happened over the years, both Miriam and Peter O. continued to be faithfully involved and recently gave a warm welcome onboard to our newest recruits - Gladwell and Peter N. I thank God for all the fishing partners I've been privileged to work with on this writing expedition.





After the HNC course was launched, we began writing The Crossing series of five devotionals for teens. These Stepping Stone books now have an accompanying guidebook for the teacher and this completes the mentorship programme.

Over the last couple of years, the "fishing" team has been creating Bible Study guidebooks for use in home fellowship groups, and these will be officially launched at the annual TEE conference in Mombasa.

Since that first net was cast, God has kept his promise with an unbelievable catch of people who have had life-changing experiences through taking the courses. Next week we are going to celebrate this, along with the progress made throughout the department, as we reflect on 40 years of Theological Education at grassroots level in the Church in Kenya.

Points for Prayer:

- Thank God that the Bible Study Guidebook has been finished and will be launched during the annual TEE conference (7-10 November).
- Pray for all who will be attending the special 40-year celebrations and for the commemorative book being launched.
- Pray for the founders of the TEE programme in PCEA - Rev Brian and Jean Gibson, who are coming to represent PCI.
- Pray for Rev. Dr. Sam and Karen Mawhinney (the PCI Moderator and his wife) who will be visiting Kenya from 17th November to 1st December. Pray for all aspects of their trip – especially for safety in travel and the strengthening of the partnership bonds between the sister churches - PCI and PCEA.



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