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Thank you so much for your prayer and support. We hope you will be encouraged to read how SEAN's courses continue to be used by our Lord to transform lives across our world.



## Mozambique – 'Big Picture' Course now in Portuguese!

We are delighted to report that, early in July, sixteen pastors in the Mozambican Life Covenant Church embarked on their study of the course '*O Panorama Bíblico*' - the first ever translation of SEAN's 'Big Picture' Course into Portuguese.

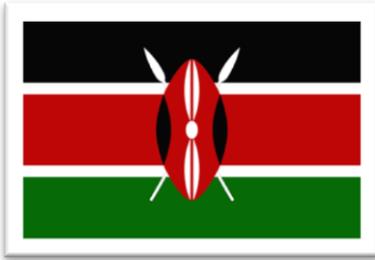
Melanie Viana, a mission worker with the church, wrote *"Please share our gratitude with everyone who has worked so hard to make this possible. Our pastors are very excited to begin the course. What a blessing it is to be able to KNOW the word of God."*\*\*

We are immensely grateful to Filipa Candeias of Cambridge, England, who juggled being wife and mother of a young baby whilst giving her time over 16 months to translate this wonderful course from English into Portuguese.

The photos, show the pastors studying the new course at the Central Church in Beira, Mozambique,.

\*\*'*O Panorama Bíblico*' is a 10-lesson course providing an overview of the whole Bible.





## Kenya - *“My sincere thanks to the SEAN/TEE ‘Abundant Life’ team”*

So wrote the Revd Peterson Muchiri – Senior Pastor of the Kenya Assemblies of God Church, Isinya, Kenya.

Called to serve God in the small town of Isinya, Pastor Peterson first came across the SEAN ‘Abundant Life’ Course through Won Kim, a Korean missionary. Brother Won had previously experienced SEAN Courses through KTEE - one of SEAN’s partners in Korea and the USA. Pastor Peterson wrote of the difficulty of reaching people with the gospel and then of the difference the ‘Abundant Life’ course had made to this work. He valued *‘the simplicity with which the material is explained and illustrated’*, and testified that *‘the impact has gone across the small town of Isinya’*.

In his own words.....

*“On average, our church attendance was between ten and fifteen people. From the instructions I got. I divided the fifteen people into small groups and started the ‘Abundant Life’ course.*

*It is now six months since we began the study and the church attendance has risen to an average of sixty people. The small groups have risen to seven and we are looking to establish more. I am truly grateful for the ‘Abundant Life’ course.*

*The lesson on stewardship was very enlightening as was Lesson 15 on Church membership.*

*The giving in the church has risen with many paying their tithes.*

*Through the study, some have received Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Five have been baptized, another ten will be baptized in July.*

*Every small group now has rotating duties to clean the church and is experiencing growth in giving and commitment.*

*As the pastor of this church I could say so much about the ‘Abundant Life’ course but allow me to appreciate all who have put together this Study Guide. I have shared about it with some fellow clergy members who are upbeat about using it. In future I hope we will be able to have a Kiswahili translation of the book. Kiswahili is the most used language in most remote areas of Kenya including the Kajiado county where we are.”*



Pastor Peterson kindly sent us several hand written testimonies from those who have completed the course. Here are just a few extracts:-

### **Sabina Wanjiru - Cell group leader,**

*The book, ‘Abundant Life’ is very knowledgeable and educating. It challenges the mind and expands the capacity to multiply our way of thinking. It allows one to re-examine his/her ways of living and gives one inspiration to trust in God’s blessings as well as serve Him. The questions are very good.*

### **Oscar Oketch - Cell group member**

(Oscar was baptized after going through the Abundant Life study...)

*First I thank God for the 'Abundant Life' and the people who have written it. The book has helped me grow spiritually. It helped us from the new birth how people can receive Christ and how we can live with people, especially how to handle situations as believers. We learnt more about baptism and how to take Holy Communion.*

### **Veronicah Musembi - Cell group leader**

*Following the study of 'Abundant Life' I have grown in my walk with God in a great way. I did not know particularly how to know the will of God for my life but through the study my eyes have been opened. I am now able to serve God more effectively as a cell group leader and also as the leader of the intercessory group in our church. God bless you.*

### **Rodah Mwongeli - Children's minister**

*The 'Abundant Life' book has a wonderful approach to very essential teachings in our Christian walk. I thank God for the lessons which I have tailor-made to suit my Sunday School Children especially those who are above eight years. No topic is too complicated for them and they are able to grasp the contents in a clear way, through my guidance. If there was an 'Abundant Life' book for kids, we would love to also engage them in a way that they are able to study as they see the adults do in the main church.*

Members of this church wanted to continue with their life-changing studies, so our partner, Won Kim, has supplied them with the SEAN course 'The Big Picture – an overview of the Bible'. Our prayer is that they will continue to be blessed and equipped as they work through the course.

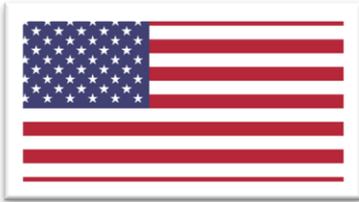
## **Durres, Albania**



*"I have seen the Lord answer prayers as I pray for the SEAN books. Their usage has increased during this time in both church planting and the prison ministry. Two new churches and one prison ministry started to use them this year. We now have 10 churches and two prison ministries that use them regularly. There are some churches that are not using them for the moment. I pray that they start again and will be able to see the fruit of such a ministry."*

Brother Pëllumb Ranxha





## Dayton Korean Grace Church, Ohio.

This Korean Methodist Church is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a growing congregation of 150 Korean & English speaking members and a live active youth ministry. Senior Pastor InGyu Song attended a TEE seminar in 2009, and soon began the SEAN Life of Christ course, in Korean, with seven students.

*"Life of Christ is a very organized curriculum, so we call it 'Grace Bible College'. We now hold two three-month terms each year (Spring and Fall) with classes in both Korean and English. When students have completed the books they go on to teach others, in the spirit of 2 Timothy 2:2."*

Grace Church also has an active short-term mission program and have sent teams to Haiti, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, and to a Hopi Indian tribe in the Southwest United States.

*"It is good that SEAN courses are available in many languages, so we have shared them with Spanish speaking pastors on our mission trips. The local church pastors in some of the visited locations, lack formal seminary training, so SEAN courses are very helpful to them. We look forward to a long and fruitful association with SEAN International."*

(Ordained Deacon) Chuck Somerville

## Prayer & Praise:

- For the continued world-wide growth of the TEE ministry thanks to our many highly motivated and dedicated partners.
- For health and protection for several of our partners who are going through difficult times, especially in countries closed to the Gospel.
- For the completion of three current SEAN projects:
  - The updating and revision of our courses.
  - A new website to enable us to communicate effectively with supporters and partners.
  - A new database system to help us become more effective and efficient in the way we use the resources God has entrusted to us.
- We thank the Lord for his guidance in the process of finding the right person to lead SEAN into the future.

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