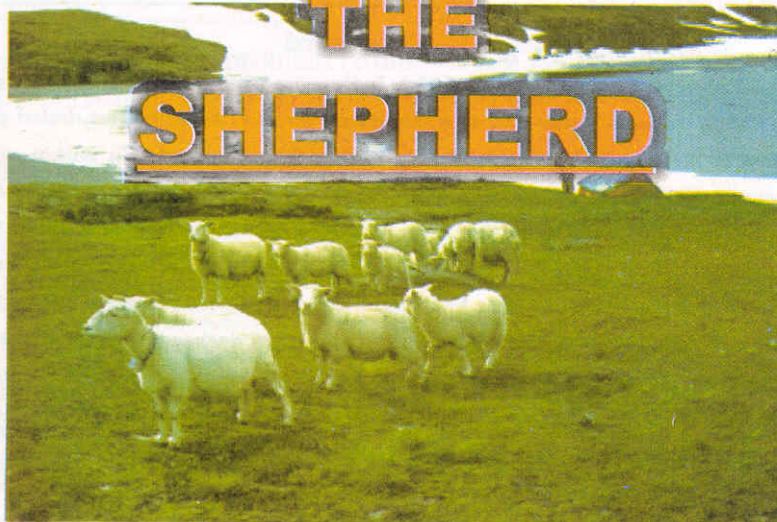




Interchristian Fellowships' Evangelical Mission



**A FOUNDATIONAL COURSE ON PRACTICAL
SHEPHERD DEVELOPMENT FOR CHURCH
LEADERS.**

Community Shepherding Ministry
Department of Evangelism
IcFEM Mission.

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Foreword

IcFEM-Mission Is an Interchristian, Indigenous Missionary Organization registered in Kenya under Societies Act as a Missionary Society. As an Interchristian mission it aims to identify and prayerfully help bridge faith gaps existing within and among practicing Christian groups. The objective is to accelerate growth and development of the Church i.e. the body of Christ, so as to strengthen the functions and influence of Christianity in society. The cardinal aim of the Church is to advance God's Kingdom on earth. It is the source of light in a world full of darkness, hope for the hopeless and Justice in the unjust and wicked society. The great darkness today manifests in various forms of poverty, sickness and high death rates, increasing widows and orphans rising divorce rates, immorality, bad politics and governance with results that there is a general shifting in life's real values from godliness to secularism and atheism.

Most people today prefer to be nominal Christians rather than to be true "living stones" which are being used to build the living temple of God - the Church. It is against this background that IcFEM - Mission hereby launches this foundation course for all Church and Church related group leaders. The course has been developed out of much prayer and discernment. It has been carefully designed to address a cross-section of key areas of human life and development. It is my sincere hope that those who enrol for this course will find it most rewarding for each moment that will be invested. With all the added efforts other Christians are making, we desire that together our labour for God will soon bring abundant benefits of seeing God's powerful kingdom lay siege to the damaging forces of the evil one. "And the people who once stayed in darkness will see the glorious light of the almighty God".... In His only greater name Jesus.

Be blessed to become a blessing.

Solomon Nabie, *Director IcFEM-Mission*

A. SALVATION

1. *Sin, its nature and its terrible consequences*

- a) **Objective:** To enable the shepherd to know and understand the origin of sin and its effects and how it manifests itself.
- b) Consequences of sin (Gen.6:5-7, Psa. 51:3-4, Isaiah 59:2, James 4:17)
- c) Sin is the common problem (Rom. 3:23, 6:23 Isaiah 59:2)
- d) The Christians' response (Rom.7:24-25, 1 John 1:9, Matt.26:41).

2. *Repentance*

- a) **Objective:-** To discover and practice God's gift of repentance in our lives so that sin no longer has control over us
- b) It is a strong biblical theme (Acts 2:38-39, Ezek. 18:30-32)
- c) What repentance is and what is not (Matt.4:17, Ezek.14:6)
- d) The power of repentance and forgiveness (1 John 1-7-9)
- e) Repentance in non-believers and believers (Rev. 2: 1-7)
- f) The results of repentance. (1 Cor.2:14-3:3)

3. *The Power of the Blood of Jesus*

- a) **Objective:-** to have a clear understanding of what God has done for every believer in giving us salvation through the blood of Jesus. Ref.: John 6:53-54, 1 John, 1:7, Lev.17:11, 1 Pet. 1:18-20, Rev. 12:11
- b) The Old Testament pattern for saving soul through the tabernacle
- c) Jesus' shed blood (Heb. 12:24)
- d) The necessity of the blood (Lev.17:11, Gen.4:10,9:4-6, Exod.12:13)

4. *The faith that saves*

- a) **Objective:-** To be equipped to counter the accusation of the enemy concerning our new identity in Christ Jesus and to know without doubt that we are the Sons of God forgiven, redeemed and cleansed by the blood of Jesus
 - b) What saving faith is (Ps:37:5, Rom6:17, Heb.2:13)
 - c) Salvation depends upon faith (John 3:16, Rom:10:9-13)
 - d) knowing who you are in Christ, Namely:-
 - You posse's new life
 - Your new relationship with God (John 1;12)
 - You are set free from sin (John 8:31-36)
 - You are set apart in the world (Gal.6:14)
- Ref: (Eph. 2:8-9, John 5:24, Heb. 13:5, John 6;37. Romans 8:38)

5. *Forgiveness*

- a) **Objective:-** To know God's provision and intimate presence of the father through repentance and forgiveness
- b) Forgiveness what it brings (1 John 1:5-5-9, Eph.4:32, Luke 6:37-38,23:34)
- c) -Why you must forgive Matt 18:23-35)
- d) Forgiveness and deliverance

6. *Baptism*

- a) In the water (Rom. 6:4, Col 2:12, 1 Pet 3:12, Heb: 6:2)
- b) In the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:39)
- (i) The Person and the work of the Holy Spirit

- (ii) The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament
- (iii) The Holy Spirit in the New Testament
 - In the Gospels
 - In the church (Acts 1:8, 4:31)
 - In the world (John 16:7-8)
- (iv) Being filled/baptised in the Holy Spirit
- (v) The gifts and the fruit of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12-14)

7. Deliverance

- a) How to be set free from bondages and keep your freedom
- b) Recognise the bondage(s)
 - The devil, his agents, demons - principalities and powers
 - Operations
- c) Repent
- d) Renounce
- e) Resist

B. MAKING OF THE SHEPHERD (I Tim. 3:1-13)

1. **The word** (2 Tim 3:16) Memorise the book (Ps. 18:30, Ps.119:148, Josh. 1:8)
2. **Prayer and fasting**
 - a) Prayer and the church (Micah 4:1,2; Isaiah 56:7, Matt.2 1:13)
 - b) Corporate prayer
 - c) Watch (Matt. 24:42-43)
 - d) Fasting (2 Cor. 11.27)
 - e) Blessings and curses (as above)
3. **The shepherd and hospitality** (Titus 1: 7-8)

C. THE MINISTRY OF THE SHEPHERD

1. Your call as a minister

- a) You are chosen by God Himself by Jesus by the Holy Spirit
- b) You are counted faithful and trustworthy by Christ
- c) You have been called to be a steward - a servant of God
- d) You have been called to be an ambassador for Christ
- e) You are called to teach true doctrine (as in 'A' above)

2. The duty of the shepherd towards false teaching

- a) You and false teachers or heretics
- b) You and other gospels
- c) You and false doctrine and teaching

3. The shepherd's personal life and behaviour

- a) You and your body and mind
- b) You and your conduct
- c) You and your finances

4. The shepherd's relationship with others

- a) You and your family
- b) You and other ministers

- c) You and those who oppose, criticise and persecute you
- d) You and believers
- e) You and unbelievers

5. *The shepherd's attitude towards suffering*

- a) You must trust God to deliver you through suffering
- b) Suffering as a thorn in the flesh
- c) You must triumph over all suffering

D. THE SHEPHERD AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF GOD'S KINGDOM

1. ***The Church as the light and the salt of the world*** (Mat 5:13-16)
2. ***The church and community development projects*** (Christians and hard work)
3. ***The church and the needy*** -
 - Who is my neighbour? (Luke 10:29)
 - Ministry to widows and orphans (Acts 6:1-4)
4. ***The church and other gifts and their uses*** (Rom 12:6-13)
5. ***The church and the government of the day and national justice*** (Rom 1.: 1-7)
- 6.. ***The church and politics and choice of leadership*** (Luke 3 :1-3)
7. ***The church and national values*** (constitution making)
8. ***The church and the money*** -
 - Love of money
 - Giving
 - Favouritism

E. THE SHEPHERD AND CHILDREN

Objective: To understand that children need to be ministered at an early stage according to the need and to identify their potential through pastoral care

1. *Qualification and characteristics of children ministers*
2. *Children's Church programme*
3. *How children learn*
4. *How to lead a child to Christ*
5. *Godly parenting*
6. *Vision in Children's Ministry*
7. *Law and children's rights*

F. THE SHEPHERDS AND THE FINAL DESTINY OF HUMANITY

1. *Death* (Num.23:10)
2. *Resurrection* (Isaiah 26:19)
3. *Judgement* (Heb. 9:27)
4. *Eternity*(Isaiah 57:15)

G. PRACTICAL SHEPHERDING

1. *Case studies*
2. *Field studies*

3. *Church Administration*
4. *Shared ministry — Exchanging values In the Mission*

H. IcFEM MISSION'S VISION AND MISSION

1. *Evangelism*
2. *Welfare and Community Development*
3. *Mercy Ministry*

Interchristian Fellowships Evangelical Mission, (IcFEM) is a Kenya Government registered indigenous missionary Society that seeks to promote the smooth integration of Evangelism with Community development and Mercy ministries among Churches, Interdenominational Fellowships, Evangelistic teams and other Christian ministries.

IcFEM aims at building people, especially in rural areas, both spiritually and practically to work hard. It has a vision, of helping people to become hard working for self-reliance and committed Christians.

It's motto is; 'Holy Living and Hard Work'. IcFEM Mission therefore seeks an integration of both the spiritual and socio-economic activities in the communities and Churches.

IcFEM is currently undertaking a number of activities in Kimilili Division, some parts of Bungoma District, Mount Elgon District and other parts of Western Kenya.

These include:

Training 10 people in every one of the 157 villages in Kimilili Division in spiritual matters, agriculture and primary health care to be strong Christians and to work hard

Training more than 1000 Christians from over 56 denominations to pray for. their communities and the Nation (Developing a prayer army in the villages)

Providing wheel chairs for 202 crippled people in Bungoma and Mt Elgon Districts

Training 1000 Christians in Bungoma and Mount Elgon Districts to provide practical shepherding without bias to any denomination

Training Children's Ministry workers

Sponsoring more than 50 students in secondary and primary school

Helping children with various deformities to undergo corrective surgery under Bethesda Pool Programme.

Offering education services at the Mission Schools

Health Services at Dreamland Medical Care Centre (Kaptola), including circumcision for boys (on going)

Library services at Headquarters office in Kimilili and in 9 other centres.

IcFEM-Mission – An Integrated Mission of Community Development with Evangelism and Mercy Ministries.