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Grace Wangui and WIBI Kenya receive the Gospel Legacy Award 2023

TORONTO, ON: Grace Wangui and World Impact Bible Institute (WIBI) Kenya are the recipients of the Gospel Legacy Award in 2023, established by Taina and Peter Youngren. The award, together with the regular monthly support from the partners of World Impact Ministries, will provide necessary funding for construction of dormitories for students from East Africa.

This year's Gospel Legacy Award goes to two recipients; *Grace Wangui* and *WIBI Kenya*. The two of them are an item – no one has ever studied at WIBI Kenya campus without meeting and speaking with Grace first.

Grace Wangui speaking at the WIBI Graduation Ceremony in Nairobi

WIBI Kenya was launched in 2009 and Grace joined the school from the start. She participated in classes and started working as the school registrar.

Grace has grown into her leadership role by "unlearning and learning" and she emphasizes the need for Christian ministers to know the gospel of Jesus Christ, not rules of a religion.

"Students, such as I was, come to WIBI with a certain way of thinking and believing based on their religious backgrounds", says Grace. "My job is to lovingly prepare them for a new way to think and approach the gospel".

Over 500 people have been trained by WIBI Kenya as of today. Currently 43 students attend in fulltime day and evening classes. The school is expanding nationally through the module schools that the WIBI graduates lead in different parts of Kenya. There are four module schools ongoing with 70 students attending. The current goal is to reach 1,000 students attending in two years.

Grace says, "I will always remember one student; he had just recently decided to become a Jesus follower. Had I not learned about God's love for all people, I would have not accepted his admission; I would have regarded him as an enemy. But the gospel had changed me and how I

viewed people. I had understood that God loves people and His grace is available to all. One day this student told me that religious extremists were after him. Soon he was attacked and left helpless. Earlier my first reaction would have been to send him back home, but instead, I took him to the hospital and later he was taken into a safer place. He couldn't finish his studies but he is now pastoring a church in his country."

Grace is married to *Shadrack Mang'era* who is a pastor at a church in Nairobi and they have two teenage children.

WIBI Kenya Graduation 2023

The Gospel Legacy Award was established as *Peter* and *Taina Youngren* took a step of faith to believe God to provide for an annual investment for a special project that will accomplish something meaningful for the gospel. This year's award, $25,000, is not from the regular funds of World Impact Ministries. Peter commented, "Our goal is to highlight one project every year. We have decided that our legacy will be to invest in others, who share the gospel, just like people have invested in what we are doing for Christ and with Christ. This year's award will enable WIBI Kenya to grow and facilitate many more students."

Taina says, "The world is in spiraling turmoil; cruelty of humanity is on display among many nations. Political decisions that try to make people's lives better are important but the need for heart transformation through the gospel of Christ exceeds all other efforts. As long as we are not able to see and treat our neighbours as children of God, there is little hope for respect and peace."

To find out more about the Gospel Legacy Award, contact Taina Youngren at legacy@peteryoungren.org.