

## Family Events

### Dance Ball

Zana Africa, a frontline ministry of Mavuno, brings you 'DRESS TO ADDRESS', a unique Fundraiser Ball to create awareness about the challenges thousands of girls in Kenya face due to lack of sanitary pads. Engage to make a difference!  
 Venue: Mavuno Dome, Bellevue Cinema, off Mombasa Road  
 Date: 7th November 2008  
 Time: 8:30-late  
 Cost: KES 800  
 Theme: Formal - black, white and red....

### Ministry Fair

You are invited to a ministry fair on November 21st after each of our Sunday services. This is a great chance to learn about the various Mavuno ministries and see how you can get involved! Come prepared to have fun! Welcome!

### Prayer Concert

On the Friday 14th of November 2008, we are hosting a joint overnight prayer concert with neighboring church ICC, at ICC Mombasa Road starting at 9pm. Come and let's begin to end the year well in prayer!



## PROFILE

*Name:* Amani Maranga  
*Role @ Mavuno:* Corporate Communication

Amani is a pastoral trainee in our services department, in charge of Mavuno's corporate communication. He is married to Yvonne and they have a beautiful daughter, Noni.

"My ancestors were Christians, I grew up as a Christian, my earliest memory of church is Sunday school and most of my family is saved. I was the black sheep!"

With this intriguing introduction, Amani begins his story. Despite attending church as a teenager, he dropped out when he became disillusioned with the church he was attending. His job in the entertainment and advertising industry, as well as managing a nightclub, contributed a lot to the wild lifestyle that he subsequently plunged into. He still attended church a few times every year, but mostly saw it as irrelevant. His could best be described as a life of clubbing, women, parties, drinking and hangovers.

Then one day, he was invited for an outreach lunch by a friend who attended Mavuno, and that ignited his curiosity about the church. But it was not until around 4 months later during a personal crisis that he decided to come again. It was at that service that he responded to the sermon and gave his life back to Christ.

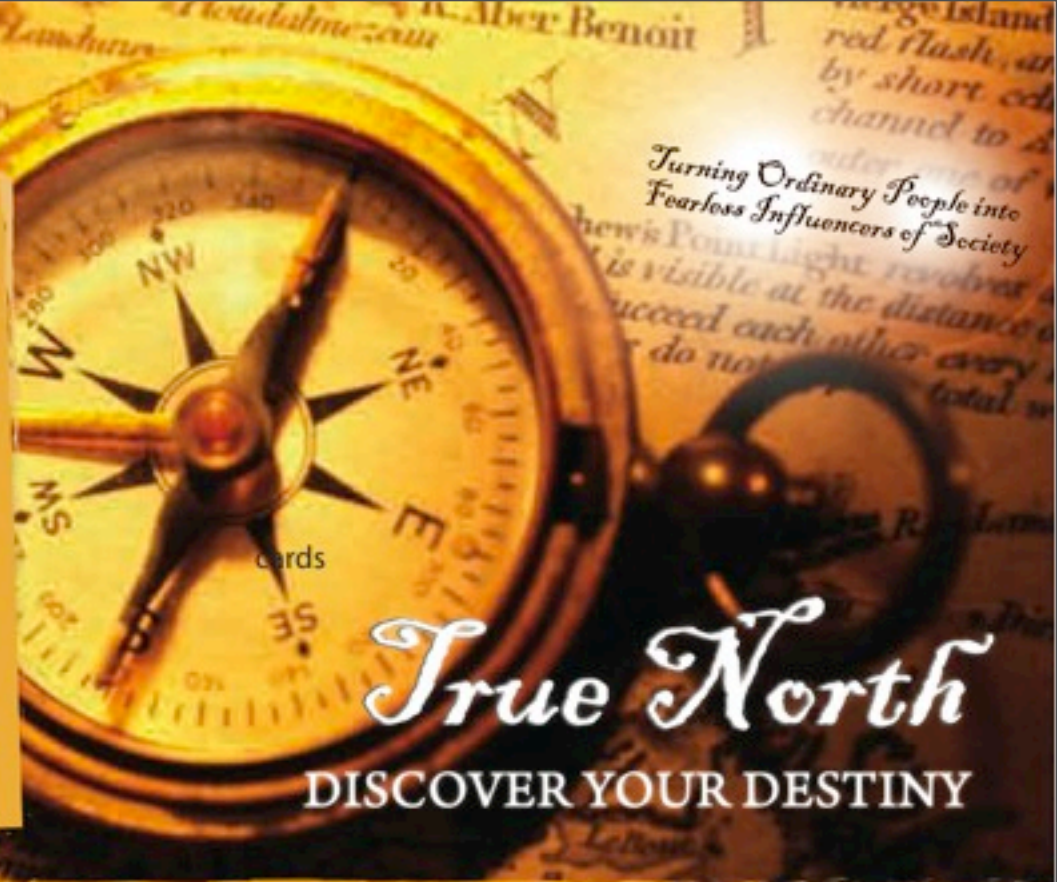
He immediately joined Mizizi and through the next few months he and his girlfriend Yvonne also went through the Premarital Class. Soon after, they got married.

Today, Amani serves as a pastoral trainee at Mavuno. "I have a beautiful family, and love serving God. He is providing for me, and is helping me fulfill a pledge I made to myself: For every one I helped to stray away from God in those years, I pray that I will bring hundreds more to His knowledge"



Are you lost in a world that has engulfed your passions and extinguished your principles? Are you drifting on the sea of confusion, stranded in the jungle of disillusion, going round in circles but not finding the purpose for your life?

The time has come for you to explore the reason for your being, to climb the mountains that stand in the way of your future and cross the rivers that keep you from your purpose. This November at Mavuno... unfold your map and re-adjust your compass.  
 True North: Discover your destiny.



# True North

## DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY

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Welcome to Mavuno! Alongside the 9:00am and 12:00pm main service, we also have our Baby Central for infants and nursing moms, the Greenhouse for kids (2-13) and York House for youth (14-24). So - feel at home, make Mavuno your church!

If you have any inquiries, please contact us on [info@mavunochurch.org](mailto:info@mavunochurch.org) or call us on 020-6021111, 020-2304774 or 0725-675150  
 Please keep this bulletin and refer to it throughout the month of August

October was a great month at Mavuno. 'Captain Simon' taught us about the attitudes that will transform our altitude. About 130 people graduated from our Mizizi course and have tremendous stories of life change. The Kileleshwa small group threw a great bowling party at the Village Market attended by over 250 people and raised around 120,000/- for Chamrek Children's Home. And 7 girls from the same home were finally able to go to a good boarding school, supported by scholarships from our Lulu program.

November promises to be even better...

A man once went to visit a farmer & noticed something odd. On the side of the farmer's barn were a number of targets with holes dead center in each bull's eye. Evidently, his farmer friend was a tremendous marksman. The visitor said to his host, "My goodness; I didn't know you were that good!" His friend replied, "I'm really not". "Wait a minute. I see a hole in the center of every single bull's eye. How could you not be good and yet you shoot that well?" The farmer replied, "It's like this. I shoot the hole into the barn first. Then I draw me a bull's eye!"

It's easy to travel along life's journey like that farmer... Shooting blindly and hoping we're on target. Looking externally successful while in reality, having a sinking feeling that there's more to life than what we're living for. Fearing that we'll get to the end of the journey only to realize we were heading in the wrong direction; that the ladder of success was leaning against the wrong wall!

This month through our new sermon series, True North, we'll be exploring how to realign our life-compass to ensure we're heading towards our God-given purpose. Please invite your friends and everyone at work!

Here's to another great month together!

Yours in the Harvest

*Pst. Muriithi Wanjau*

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*I am a Fearless Influencer...*

My past is forgiven, my future is secure

My present is not for me, but for the one who set me free

The die has been cast, I have stepped over the line

No more prayer-less living, cheap giving & selfish dreaming

I am part of the change; I will not hesitate to serve

I will gladly pay the cost,

contagiously spreading His love, Playing my role on the dream team,

the Mavuno family

Until all Africa is changed, every sector of society

I align myself to God's purpose, I will be who He calls me to be

I agree to be shaped & molded, through His word and through His family

Until my will and His will fully agree

And I become fully the influencer that I was created to be

*I am a Fearless Influencer...*



*Name:* Melissa Wakhu

*Title:* Consultant

*Company:* Deloitte & Touche

Targets, pressure, deadlines, meetings... every day at work was just the same. 'People in the corporate world, me included, look they have it together but there's a lot of hollowness' says Melissa Wakhu. 'At one point it felt like everything was coming apart! And yet I felt deeply that God's passion is to see people in the corporate world living abundant lives rather than chasing corner offices, promotions, big cars and houses and stepping on each other on the way to the top'

After attending Mavuno's School of Prayer, Melissa became convinced that if she began to pray regularly for her workplace, God could do great things for her and her colleagues. This is what led her to begin a regular 'get together' at her workplace.

## Fearless STORIES

She was amazed by the changes that resulted. People at work got to become better friends and to pray together for their organizational and personal issues. And God answered - big time! From promotions to babies, she and her colleagues witnessed many answers to prayer. With time, some of her workmates gave their lives to Christ and several today even attend Mavuno!

Mavuno has played a big part in Melissa's venture to influence society. 'Facilitating Mizizi and School of Prayer has helped me grow in my personal confidence. Also, the high standards of excellence at Mavuno have impacted my own work patterns. I know that God has placed me in the corporate world to be part of His transformation for professionals like myself, as they begin to find purpose and wholeness of life in him'.

Melissa is married to Declan Ottaro.



Muthoni Muhunyo  
Entrepreneur: Bluesun Africa

Muthoni first walked into Mavuno during the very first service at the Dome. Her being here was the culmination of a series of tragic events. Although brought up in a Christian family, she had not been to church for a long time. In 2003, her mom had passed away, followed shortly by her brother. At the beginning of 2008, yet another brother was hospitalized and eventually succumbed to kidney failure.

In her crisis, Muthoni started seeking a higher purpose for her life. 'I used to go to church because it was Sunday. But at the same time I was getting drunk, killing hangovers, and doing the same things over and over without purpose. Somehow, I instinctively knew that I would only find my purpose if I found God.' Fortunately for her, she met an old buddy she had known from the clubbing scene who told her about Mavuno. She was so amazed that someone like him would be involved in a church that she decided to give it a try! She not only greatly enjoyed being at Mavuno but she decided to try out the Mizizi experience.

Muthoni testifies God has completely turned her life around through Mizizi. She finds herself easily sharing her faith with others, praying, and applying Biblical principles at her business. She prays for her clients and relates to them completely differently. She is now one of three leaders in a Mavuno small group, something that she never believed she would end up doing! Muthoni sums up our interview this way: 'Thanks to Mavuno, I'm definitely not where I used to be!'

*Lifecchange*  
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## Family Events

### Pre-Christmas Concert

Mavuno Church hosts the 80 member-strong RVA band and choir as they perform 'What Do You Believe', a concert about the meaning of Christmas. It all happens on Saturday 22nd November beginning at 5.30pm. A great way to usher in the holiday season; please plan to invite all your friends! Entrance is free.

### Small Groups

Are you in a Mavuno SMALL GROUP? Please sign-up at the info table if you'd like to join one.

### Wedding Bans

- Catherine Wangui and Samuel Muturi - 7th Nov. 2008
- Jacqueline Munyiva and John Ibae - 22nd Nov. 2008
- Jedida Kingori & Maina William - 12th Dec. 2008
- Christine Githinji and Mark Kinuthia - 12th Dec. 2008
- Rina Karina and Allan Hicks - 17th Dec. 2008

If you know of any legal reason why any of these couples should not wed, please notify one of the Mavuno pastors.