



Hi. I am Jeremiah Kibobi Apollo, and I am the Presiding Bishop of VISIONS OF GLORY CHURCH.

I am married to Susan Kibobi and we are blessed with three sons, Baraka, Fadhili and Job.

I joined the ordained ministry in 1985, and was trained for the work of the Church at Berea Bible Institute. I was made Deacon on 20th September 1987, and ordained Priest on 30th April 1988.

I served in various capacities in the Anglican Dioceses of Nakuru and Kajiado, before establishing the VISIONS OF GLORY in 1996, with the full blessings of my then Arch Bishop, the Late Most Rev. Dr. Manases Kuria. In April 2005, the Visions of Glory Executive Board appointed me and recommended my consecration and enthronement as the First Bishop of the Church, occasions which were witnessed by the church members and other community members on 12th June and 23rd August 2005 consecutively, and presided by the same Arch Bishop.

As part of my service to the community, I established Magnet High school in 2001, after sharing my vision with Anty Judy, who donated her land and house for the establishment of the school. I had seen the problems facing the children who were from poor families and the orphaned children and the way they had no access to High school education due to poverty and I thought to establish a school that will cater for their needs and give them a chance to access High school education. Our community has a great number of poor families who cannot afford to educate their children in High school and there are also many orphaned children who also have no access to High school education. If these children are left without support, they turn up to be thugs and teen prostitution goes on the increase hence an endangered community. Education is the tool that can lead these vulnerable children break away from poverty and give them a chance of living a better life. At the beginning, it was quite challenging due to financial hardships and lack of the required facilities.

In 2002, I met Lady Gloria Cottesloe who had visited her daughter who stayed in Kenya then. We established great friendship and she got great interest in the work I was doing and she started assisting us. Through her support, we were able to build good dormitories for our children and also pay our teachers as well as constructing energy saving cooking equipment for the school. She also donated to us a car for use in school management. Though it was an old car when she donated it to us, (15 years old), it has been serving us well for the last seven years, and now it is quite old and is quite hard to maintain it due to its old age. (Its now a 23 year old car.)

In 2005, she introduced me to the Royal Russell School and a link was established between the school in London and Magnet High school. Through this link, we have managed to do several developments in Magnet High school such as having better desks for our students, fixing gutters to collect rain water for school use, construction of three water wells in the school, construction of our girls' washrooms, teachers' toilets and bathrooms, flooring of our classrooms, drilling of a borehole in the school, among others.

In 2004, I registered VISIONS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES –VICODS, as a Non Governmental Organization in Kenya to be the arm of the Visions of Glory Church dealing with community development. This I did because I believe that my calling is to care for the less fortunate and the needy and poor in the community and my joy is to give them a chance to have a better life and break away from poverty. VICODS has been instrumental in caring for the welfare of the needy children in our community by assisting them and empowering them for a better life. This is done by supporting their education in High school, early childhood development and Youth empowerment by training them in skills for self reliance and economic empowerment.

In 2005, after my consecration and enthronement as the Bishop of Visions of Glory Church, my Arch Bishop who had established Jehovah Jireh Children's home, (a children's orphanage that cares for former street children and children orphaned by HIV/AIDS,) kindly asked me to take over the running and management of the home, which is situated in Kayole, South of Nairobi City. Three weeks later, he passed on and left me with the enormous task of running the orphanage. This has not been an easy task but I thank God because of the Royal Russell School and the Worldwide Silver Lining Charity who have been supporting my work in this orphanage and at Magnet High School.

My focus for the future is to endeavour to have income generating establishments that will be helping in funding the projects of caring for the needy children, the youth empowerment projects and the High school education of the poor children in the community.

On the 18th of October this year, we shall be having a great day of celebrating ten years of Magnet High School. As we look back the far we have come and what we have achieved, we will also focus on the future and have a great vision of what we hope to accomplish in the near future, such as constructing a dining hall and kitchen, purchasing a school bus and also constructing an administration block for the school. Concerning Jehovah Jireh Children's home, we hope to have another land where we shall construct a modern children's home with primary school facilities and youth training centre so as to continue giving hope to the less fortunate children that have nowhere else to call home. All these shall be run under the umbrella of VICODS which is the arm of the church that deals with community development.