



## Nelson Mukiza Missionary to Kenya



Nelson Mukiza Seburiri was born and raised in a Christian family in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He attended International Bible College in Kalemie, Zaire and has planted churches in the DRC, Rwanda, Kenya, and Canada. He immigrated to Canada in 1999 and planted Glory Church in Ottawa, Ontario, in 2001. Nelson moved to Edmonton, Alberta, in 2006 and planted Fresh Manna Fellowship in 2009.

In 2021, Fresh Manna merged with Steele Heights Baptist Church; since then, Nelson has been serving as the Intercultural Pastor.

God's calling to serve refugees is deeply rooted in the Bible's message of love, compassion, social justice, and hospitality.

Throughout Scripture, God shows special concern for strangers, foreigners, widows, and vulnerable. Refugees are people forced to leave their homes because of war, persecution, violence, poverty, or disaster. As followers of Christ, believers are called to respond to their suffering with mercy and practical support. God's calling to serve refugees includes providing physical, emotional, social and spiritual support. Jesus Christ also demonstrated this calling through his teachings and actions.

In Matthew 25:35, Jesus says, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Serving refugees is therefore seen as serving Christ himself. Jesus identified with the poor, marginalized, and oppressed, showing that God's Kingdom includes people from every nation and culture.

In the Old Testament, God commanded his people to care for the foreigners and strangers. In Deuteronomy 10:19, God says, "Love the foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt". This command reminds believers that God values every human being regardless of nationality, race, or background. Israel was expected to reflect on God's compassion by protecting, caring for, and welcoming displaced and vulnerable people.

Nelson is very passionate about using a holistic approach to serve individuals, families, and communities by addressing their physical, spiritual, emotional, social, and mental well-being. He believes true transformation happens when people are supported in every area of life, not just one aspect. His desire is to create environments where people feel valued, heard, and supported. The love of Christ is demonstrated by caring for one another.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18–20 NIV)



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