

# RADIO NEWS

TRANS WORLD RADIO KENYA

## Golden Edition

50 YEARS OF FAITH, HOPE &  
THE WORD ON AIR™



### A Voice Born of Calling: How Rev. Stephen Boakye Yiadom Began TWR Kenya

There are moments when one life becomes the seed of a movement. For Trans World Radio in Kenya, that life was the late **Rev. Stephen Boakye Yiadom**.

As remembered by **Rev. Horst Marquardt** during a previous interview Stephen was a young man with a striking presence and a deep hunger for purpose, persistent, humble, and eager to serve. His story was never just about broadcasting; it was about obedience. Though he once pursued a future in accounting, his life changed in Germany through a simple act of kindness that introduced him to gospel radio and theological training.

Rev. Marquardt recalled how this young man kept knocking, seeking not position, but calling. He was once told to finish his studies first. He did. And when he returned, it was clear. **This was a man set apart for something greater.** And when the time came for Trans World Radio to look toward Africa, Stephen was ready.

He arrived in **Nairobi in 1976** with nothing but faith and began the work from a modest home in Adam's Arcade, writing, recording, and editing programs by hand and when its overwhelming help, he was able to recruit **Pastor David Mungai**.

*We welcome you to read this **newsletter** and discover the depth of that impact, how a single **YES** continues to echo across generations, transforming lives through the power of the **Gospel**.*

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Speaking Hope to the World

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## AI

Rev. Stephen Boaklye Yiadom

Pastor David Mungai

### From Blankets to AI: A Faithful Voice Shaping Generations Through Radio

By Geoffrey Otieno

For nearly five decades, broadcasting at **Trans World Radio Kenya** has been a journey of faith, resilience, and transformation. Through the eyes of **Pastor David Mungai**, TWR Kenya's first producer, we see how humble beginnings have grown into a ministry reaching countless lives.

*"I have been producing programs since 1979,"* he reflects. *"Back then, it was just me and the late Rev. Stephen Boaklye Yiadom who founded TWR Kenya in 1976."*

With no studios or advanced equipment, creativity was essential. Pastor David recalls recording under blankets at night in Reverend's bedroom that also doubled up as the offices, using a spotlight to read handwritten scripts and repeating takes until they got it right. Rev. Stephen handled the technical side, and the recordings were edited on reel-to-reel machines before being sent to Manzini, presently Eswatini for shortwave broadcasting.

***"It was a challenge, but one we embraced with purpose,"***  
**he says.**

Over time, technology transformed production. Computers simplified editing, and today, AI has made scripting, translation, and research faster and more accessible.

***"You are very lucky,"*** Pastor David notes.

Yet one truth remains: "We must stick to God's Word, that is what we proclaim." Reflecting on **Romans 12:3**, he reminds us to walk in humility as we serve.

**On February 13<sup>th</sup> as we marked World Radio Day 2026**, we celebrate both progress and purpose. **From blankets to AI, the mission continues.**

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***"AI is a tool. It cannot represent God's voice, but you can"***

**Dear Partners and Friends of TWR Kenya,**  
**Greetings in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, our LORD and Saviour.**

*"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."* **Isaiah 40:8 (NIV)**

*Fifty years ago, a seed was planted in the heart of Kenya. Today, that seed has grown into a mighty tree whose branches stretch across our nation; from the hills of Taita Taveta to the deserts of Lodwar, from the vast Kakuma refugee camp to the highlands of Marsabit, from the arid plains of Wajir and Garissa to the Island of Lamu. For half a century, TWR Kenya has been Speaking Hope to the World.*

*Since 1976, we have produced and broadcast devotional and developmental programs that have touched tens of millions of Kenyans. We have carried the Gospel to nomadic communities. We have walked alongside pastors in remote villages. We have preached to inmates in Kenya's prisons. We have disciplined believers in refugee camps.*

*We have spoken hope to the marginalized, the forgotten, and the unreached.*

*Yet the numbers tell only part of the story. The true impact of our work, the souls saved, the lives transformed, the families restored can only be fully known in eternity.*

**Dr. Njoki Chege**  
Executive Director and  
Editor in Chief



## “From Tradition to Truth: How TTB Changed a Legio Maria Man in Kakuma”



Royalty Image

By Joshua Juma & Geoffrey Otieno

In the dusty plains of Kakuma, where life is often defined by hardship, long days under the sun, and long nights of labor, the voice of hope has been faithfully echoing through a small radio for over two decades. This is the story of James Lomukunyi a husband, a father of four, a water vendor by day, and a security guard by night, whose life has been quietly but powerfully transformed through **Neno Litaendelea (Thru the Bible Swahili program)**.

James' journey with Neno Litaendelea began in 2003 when he was working as a security guard at a high school in Kitale, Trans Nzoia County. Alone at night with only a radio for company, he began listening to the program. What started as a way to pass time slowly became something much deeper a spiritual classroom, a place of conviction, and eventually, a place of transformation.

Years later, when he returned to his home in Turkana West, he lost the signal and missed the program greatly. But in 2018, when Trans World Radio Kenya's **Sifa Ato 101.1 FM** began airing Neno Litaendelea in the region, James says it felt like God had remembered him. From that moment, he reconnected with the program and became one of its most faithful listeners and frequent callers.

James is a devoted member of **Legio Maria**, a church that reads the Bible but interprets it through its own unique doctrinal lens and prophetic tradition. Yet through consistent listening to Neno Litaendelea, James began to encounter the Bible in a deeper and more personal way. Verse by verse, book by book, the teachings opened his understanding of Scripture and the message of salvation by grace through Jesus Christ.

He shares honestly that some of the teachings he hears sometimes differ with certain beliefs he has grown up knowing as Legio Maria faithful. But instead of turning away, this has created in him a deeper hunger to know the truth of God's Word for himself. He describes this as a **spiritual awakening** A journey where the Holy Spirit is teaching him directly through the Word of God.

One of the most powerful parts of James' testimony is his personal transformation. He openly shares that he once struggled with **alcoholism**. But through the consistent teaching and encouragement from Neno Litaendelea, he slowly found the strength to change his life. Today, he is sober, married, and raising a family. A change he directly attributes to the impact of the program on his life.

From a small radio in a marginalized region like Kakuma, God is doing a great work. James' story is a powerful reminder that Trans World Radio Kenya is truly reaching the unreached, not just geographically, but spiritually as well. Through Neno Litaendelea and other Devotional and Developmental Programs, the Word of God is crossing barriers of distance, culture, and even long-held beliefs, leading people into a deeper understanding of the True Gospel.

James may be a water vendor in Kakuma, but every day as he pushes his water cart through the streets, and every night as he guards businesses while others sleep, the Word of God continues to guard his heart and transform his life.

Indeed, **Neno Litaendelea**. (the Word Continues)

# Quarter Events News



**Opening New Doors: TWR Kenya & SIFA FM Teams Attend Transformative Radio Home Group Training**

**Radio Home Group Training participants**



**Pastor Geoffrey W. Munialo of Neno with Trainer George Philip**

**Trans World Radio Kenya** was honored to participate in the recent **Radio Home Group Training** hosted by **Thru The Bible (TTB)** at Lukenya Gateway. The two-day training brought together TTB Producers Partners and Presenters from Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, representing multiple language services, with one shared vision, to deepen listener engagement and discipleship through Radio Home Groups.

This model, pioneered by George Philip formerly of TWR India and now growing rapidly in countries like Ethiopia with thousands of active groups, is designed to move listeners from simply hearing the Word to studying, discussing, and living it together in small community groups.

For TWR Kenya, this training marks a significant step forward in strengthening **audience relations** and building deeper spiritual impact among our listeners. As a ministry, we are excited about the opportunity to walk alongside TTB and other partners in discipling nations through radio and community fellowship.



**Visit by Egide Bandyatuyaga – East Africa Ministry Director, TWR**

During his visit to TWR Kenya, Egide Bandyatuyaga appreciated the impactful work of TWR Kenya programs, noting that lives are being transformed across East Africa, including Burundi. His visit was a great encouragement to the team as we continue reaching the unreached through media.



**Partners Visit : Anske & Maartje from TWR Netherlands**

We were delighted to host Anske and Maartje from TWR Netherlands as they visited Kenya and connected with our listeners and producers. Their visit was a great encouragement and a reminder of the lives being impacted.

Thank you for standing with us. Together, we are making a difference.

## AFRICA CHALLENGE – Informing, Educating, Edifying Africa Today

**Africa Challenge** is a program designed to inform, educate, and empower communities from village to urban centres to face today's challenges, including health, environment, and food security, through interviews with professionals, doctors, farmers, NGO leaders, survivors, and other experts who share practical and life-changing information.

The program was pioneered by our founder, late **Rev. Stephen Boaklye Yiadom, in 1984** during the devastating Horn of Africa famine, when over 42 million people were on the verge of starvation. Africa Challenge was created to respond to real needs by providing knowledge and hope through media.

Now, as TWR Kenya celebrates 50 years of Developmental and Devotional pro impact, and inspired by the growth of digital media, **Executive Director Dr. Njoki Chege** has brought together a team to **Relaunch Africa Challenge** for a new generation, especially reaching marginalized communities within our FM broadcast regions and across digital platforms.

This is more than a program, it is a movement where truth is spoken, hope is restored, and silence is broken. Join the Conversation thru **SIFA FM stations** and Digital every **Wednesday at 8AM** as we continue **informing, educating, and edifying Africa today.**



*Let's turn information into transformation. Partner with us.*



**Late Salvation, Redeemed Music, Unwavering Faith.**The Story of Mzee Hezron Mzerah



Ikanga

At 84 years old, Mzee Hezron Mzerah, fondly known as Aboo Wa Ikanga, still rides his bicycle nearly 16 kilometers every Sunday to worship, carrying not just his guitar, but a powerful testimony of salvation, healing, and redeemed purpose. Once a nightclub guitarist, his life changed at the age of 77 when he gave his life to Christ after a season of illness and pain.

Today, he uses his musical gift to serve God and encourage others, while SIFA FM has become a key pillar in nurturing his faith and giving his music a platform to reach and inspire many.

As TWR Kenya celebrates 50 years of ministry, Mzee Hezron's story is a powerful reminder of how God has used media to transform lives, nurture faith, and redeem gifts across generations.

**READ MORE**

<https://twr.co.ke/saved-at-77-still-serving-at-84-the-powerful-testimony-of-aboo-wa-ikanga/>



Kakuma



Siaya

**50 Years of Impact – Reaching the Unreached with Hope**

For 50 years, TWR Kenya has faithfully shared God's Word, bringing hope to the unreached through Programs, Bibles and radio distribution. Lives are being transformed as communities gain access the Gospel for the very first time.

As we celebrate this milestone, the mission continues. There are still many waiting to hear.

*Partner with us today, help place a Bible in a hand and a radio in a home, and be part of transforming lives for generations to come.*



**Watch The Herald of Hope on You Tube**

Tazama kipindi cha **Matumaini**  
Kupitia **YouTube**  
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Playlist- MATUMAINI (Herald of Hope)

Kipindi cha Mafundisho ya Biblia kinachokuletea tumaini kwa maisha ya kila siku

Sasa tunaendelea na mafundisho kutoka Kitabu cha Wakolosaai. Mafundisho yenye kina, yanayofungua macha na kuamsha matumaini mapya ndani yako.

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- Our staff and listeners

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