



### **Muindi Is in Heaven; His Work Here Lives On**

*By Will Hesterberg, ITEM Board Member*

Only a few men have the eyes of faith that see through the impossible to the possible. Daniel Muindi, the founder of All Nations College in Thika, Kenya, was one of those men. Daniel saw through the problems facing Kenya, and he knew the answers were spiritual.

Daniel, who died of pneumonia in March at age 50, believed in the power of God's Word to transform—to transform hearts and to transform lives, to transform churches and to transform whole cultures, to transform broken pasts and to transform uncertain futures. Daniel believed God's Word could transform the hardest heart of a prisoner, and then transform his/her broken life into a fruitful life that could bless his/her family, community, and country.

That was why Daniel began All Nations College. Daniel saw the lack of depth of faith in God and knew it must be deepened if Christians were going to be transformed. For believers' faith to be deepened, their pastors and teachers must

have a deeper understanding of God's Word. They must have training in the reformed faith.

Daniel and his wife, Florence, sacrificed so their fledgling school could get off the ground and grow. They gave of their time, talents, and small treasures and counted it a privilege to do so.

With eyes of faith, Daniel could see the impact this small school could have on Kenya and then on Africa as pastors were trained and in turn trained their congregations. Daniel had the vision of discipleship. It was no surprise that Daniel and ITEM came together; it was just a matter of time.

In Daniel's going home to the Lord at such a young age, it's hard to "see" what God is doing. Until we see what Daniel saw. Daniel knew what Jesus said in John 12:24-26, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him."

Daniel served Jesus; Daniel followed Jesus; Daniel was where Jesus was; and Daniel now is where Jesus is, in heaven. Daniel's life and death will inspire many throughout Kenya and beyond to get more training and to sacrifice their lives and livelihood so the kingdom might multiply. Daniel lives in heaven but Daniel also lives through each student who will ever come to and through All Nations College.

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The Father has honored Daniel through the lives of the many leaders who have come through ANC since 2008. Their impact redounds to the glory of God and to the credit of Daniel. God honors Daniel as His family and friends carry on his vision. And God honors Daniel with such words as those of Jesus in Matthew 25:21, “*Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.*”



## Lifelong Teacher Dr. Hall Was No Ordinary Joe

By Tom Smith, ITEM Executive Director

ITEM thanks God for the life of Dr. Joseph (Joe) Hall, a former instructor, volunteer, board member, and chairman. He died in March at age 87.

Joe was born June 2, 1933 in Orlando. Growing up, he lived in Florida, Georgia and Arizona. He attended college at Grand Canyon University, until the U.S. Army drafted him to serve in Korea. After serving in the Army, Joe finished college at Calvin College where he met his wife, Hermina (Hermie) Kempema.

After graduation in 1960, he studied at Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, for a year. During Christmas break, Joe and Hermie were married. Then Joe taught at a Christian school in Sunnyside, Washington for one year. His first son, Timothy, was born there.

Joe earned a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Michigan. Upon graduation, he

was hired by the University of Iowa Library to be head of the cataloging department.

While in Iowa, the Halls welcomed their second son, Steven. Joe earned an M.Div at Covenant Seminary and a ThD at Concordia Seminary, both in St. Louis. At Covenant Seminary, Joe was head librarian and taught church history. Joe was more than a librarian and professor, he took students “under his wings” and mentored as many as he could.

In St. Louis, he helped start Twin Oaks Christian School and Westminster Christian Academy and served on the board for both. The Halls moved to Florida. Joe taught church history and ran the library at Knox Theological Seminary for five years.

From Florida, the Halls moved to Indiana. At Mid America Reformed Seminary, Joe taught church history and ran the library. While working at MARS, Joe also was assistant pastor at Covenant PCA in Hammond. In 1999, Joe retired. A year later, he and Hermie moved back to St. Louis to be near their sons.

During his working years, he was blessed to do short teaching stints with ITEM at seminaries in India, the Philippines and Latvia. Joe served on the board of directors of ITEM and was chairman during some challenging years.

In his retirement years, he collected books for seminaries in Croatia, Latvia, Uganda and Australia, working with ITEM on some of these projects. He also did two-week trips during 13 summers teaching at Sangre De Cristo Seminary in Colorado. Joe enjoyed teaching students, daily hikes in the mountains, and helping build the library there.

He is survived by Hermie, their two sons, daughters-in-laws and grandchildren. Dr. Joseph Hall was a “bulldog” for the Reformed faith. He loved books, teaching, and most of all, Jesus his Savior.

### Prayer Requests

1. Pray for the families of Daniel Muindi and Joe Hall as they grieve their losses.
2. Pray for the future of All Nations College and for God to raise up a new leader to replace Muindi.
3. Pray for the wives of board members—Jobje Lammers (pancreatic cancer) and Debbie Richards (Parkinson’s disease).
4. Pray for Rev. Abraham Kogo as he teaches Discipleship at All Nations College, April 5-9.
5. Pray for on-going leadership training of pastors over the Internet at ITEM’s three sites in India.