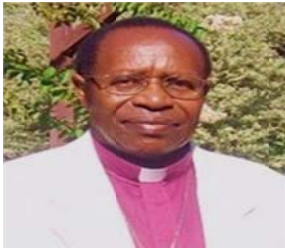


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CHILDREN AS MINISTERS



I am dumfounded by the way God uses children as Ministers. On one occasion I was sharing with my neighbor who is a police officer about how our mower was stolen. His seven year old son overheard the story. Within a short period, I saw him mowing our yard. His father told us how he grew in the farm and that he learned to work in the farm when he was a boy. So not only that the boy ministered to us but we shared our story with the family, because both Mary and I worked in the farm when we were children.

Furthermore, I was surprised by six year old granddaughter of Cecilia our alumni. The child picked up the book of mine, *Ministry to All Nations* and then within a short time she exclaimed: "Oh! You have written many books." How did you know.?" She said: "I have just read the page about: "Other Book by the Author."

The other day I was thrilled by a 12 year old boy who lives at the foot of Himalaya, who became a surgeon when he was 7 years old and at 12 he is researching for the cure of cancer, and he strongly believes that he will discover the medicine which can eradicate the disease.

Today, as I was struggling to charge my battery, I opened ANCCIU Student Forum WhatsApp. I was surprised by a homily of a 6 year old who was preaching about Jesus as the light of the world. He had to wake up very early to give his homily before going to school. He preached "God is saying: 'Arise and shine.' Arise and shine, if you are a pastor, an engineer, Doctor, professor let the light shine at your family and your business. May God give favor. I declare light in the name of Jesus Christ" The homily of this boy made my light brighter. The boy reminded me that I gave my first sermon when I was 6. And I talked about Jesus as the light of the world. After listening to the message from the boy I had another surprise: I found in the WhatsApp a video which was sent by my sister in law, Margret. It had Chinese Christian Children Gospel Singers A boy and a girl seven years were singing with powerful voice. As I listened to these children, my cup started overflowing.

Luke narrates how Jesus went to Jerusalem when he was twelve and how his parents left him behind and had to go back to Jerusalem and "after three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers." This implies that he was learning and teaching. We need to win children for Christ and encourage them to minister. What does our Master say about children? "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:2-4.

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