

## FIFTY SECOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Mary and I praise God for giving us fruitful marriage and for preparing us for our live together long before we were born. Born on Christmas day, the parents selected the name Mary for her. There is power in this name which gave us connecting thread, my maternal grandmother's name is Mary. She was midwife to my my mam when I was being born. She was the first to call me father, when I was born because I was named after my maternal grandfather. Mary being the second born daughter, was named after her maternal grandmother. So, we both follow the lineage of our mothers. My elder sister, the wives of my two-beloved brother who are in holy order, are Mary. And our mothers' names are Joyce.

Beside the names, we have received so much from Kenya tribes and western nations. The participants in our wedding included three tribes and three Western nations. Our celebrant was Austrian Bishop, wedding cake was prepared by a British lady, and honey moon mansion was provided by a Scottish presbyterian Minister. He left the whole house for us and provided us with a cook. At St Paul's United Theological college where we were students for three years, we were under the tutorage of Hungarian, American, European, Dutch, African Teachers. And we taught the same seminary for three years. The students who also had great impact in us came from many African nations. Our mission statements drew from international Christian organization. From Mother Union we were equipped with "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me, being a Church Captain, we had: "fight a good fight". Being founders of the first Boys and Girls Brigade in Kenya: we have: from GB "seek and follow Christ." And BB "sure and steadfast" and when God gave us All Nations Christian Church International on my 65<sup>th</sup> birthday (7.27.2007) he gave us the mission statement: "Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we preach the Gospel to all nations."

**More importantly, it is God who have maintain our marriage. We have been nurtured by the church. As youth we attended early morning prayer from Monday to Friday, weekly youth program where we were taught about friendship between boys and girls. Very early in our marriage we formed the habit of have early morning prayer and Bible reading. God has rewarded us by filling us with Holy Spirit who gives us positive energy. That is the fruit of the Holy Spirit which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatian 5:22. This is all what is needed for fruitful marriage. We ask our spiritual children to follow our footstep. More about this in *FRUITFUL FAMILY, MINISTRY TO ALL NATIONS, 30 SECRETS OF SUCCESS IN MARRIAGE, CHRIST AND ROOTS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT: The Greatest Gift of All*. Visit <[http://allnationscci.org/about\\_john\\_books.html](http://allnationscci.org/about_john_books.html)**

**May God protect and richly bless you.**

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