



Our Heritage, The Ark Cherubs

Chapter 1

Foreword

Master-guiding can be tracked back to the year 1922, just 43years after Harry Fenner founded the youth ministries(1879) and 15years after the General Conference adopted it as one of the departments of the church.

In this year, 1922, Harriet Maxson Holt was called to the youth ministry, then referred to as Missionary Volunteers. The department had the responsibility of handling both junior and senior missionary volunteers. With this task and the burden for the youth at heart, owing to the pledge, “Loving the Lord Jesus, we (individually) promise to take an active part in Adventurers, Pathfinders and Youth Ministries, doing what we can to finish the work of the gospel in all the world.”, Harriet introduced the ‘Junior Progressive missionary Volunteer’ friend and companion classes.

The seniors were required to undergo the comrade class(currently referred to as ‘*Guide*’) which upon completion, was a requirement, for one to join the master comrade class (currently referred to as ‘*Master guide*’). Here, one had to study and achieve seven other requirements in order to become a master comrade. This formed the basis of Master guide, a course through which the church equips its youth for the youths, the church and the world.

With this in mind, I invite you to take a journey together with me as we explore the rich history of Master guiding in the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Jomo Kenyatta University(JKUSDA).

Chapter 2

Early Years and Leadership Baton

Existing records have it that master guiding can be traced back to the year 1998 in JKUSDA with Opere Nyaroya, then a student, being the founder leader. This was the first and the only university master guide training group that was at this time.

With the spirit of influence, the fire spread to neighboring universities such as Kenyatta University and The University of Nairobi, Mr. Opere being among the propagators.

In the following years(2000 and 2001), seemingly, the burden of having more people realize the importance and join the groups increased making it hard to have the local group well conducted. But later in 2002 to 2005 Mr. Opere picked up again the leadership of the team and later passed it on to Mr. Edward Clyne(2005-

2007) passing it to Miss Rachel Nyarangi(2007-2008), John Kiche(2008-2010), Godfrey Omullo(2010-2011), Wycliffe Otieno(2011-2012), Victor Nyakundi(2012-2015), Clara Garret(2015-2016), Nzai Kombe(2016-2019), Gideon Kenyatta(2019-2021) and currently Edimon Ombati.

Chapter 3

Organization

Despite having all these leaders over time till 2017, the group had not been named. As a result, the leaders sat and prayerfully choose the name, The Ark Cherubs as the group name.

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Activities

The club its first campout in..... which opened way for attendance in the subsequent campouts and conventions.

The group has been able to participate in hikes to keep them fit, campouts that enhance their social and spiritual networking, camp meeting and classes where they share the word of God after hours and days of committing the scriptures to study.

In 2021, the group was among the few that attended the first Central Nairobi station campout with a total delegation of 17, the first university social Sunday after Covid-19 pandemic at the Nairobi Arboretum with a delegation of 32, the first church heritage tour to Advent Hill with a delegation of 17

Chapter 5

Drawbacks

Despite the zeal, most of the members would find it hard to complete the curriculum. Majority transition to a phase of life where there are a lot of commitments of life allowing less time to study and inadequate resources as compared to where they were.

However, the knowledge instilled in their minds in the moments they have spent learning still plays a major role in their growth.