

Around the year 2000, rumors and whispers about sacred names began to spread at Kaborok. This was followed by frequent meetings of research by a group of men who used to converge at Kaborok Primary and their residence .

After sometime , more light came in and the men discovered that indeed sacred name movement was real and there were groups , especially in America who worship using sacred names and later on a man named Paul Langat who was part of the team that taught the sacred names gave out the address of the assembly of Yahweh that existed in Michigan . The elders present during the talks agreed to request for the teaching aids from the assembly of Yahweh which later was received quarterly as “The Faith Magazine”.

Things became more real when we began to learn the sacred name of Yahweh and Yahshua through the faith magazine. The elders started to teach the others The usual convergence for research turned out to be a convergence of worship of sacred name believers. Then arose the idea of what name to give to the congregation. There were discussions on whether to call it Assembly of Yahweh in Messiah or Messianic Assembly of Yahweh. Nevertheless , the elders discovered it meant the same thing .Thereafter came the idea of registration and leadership. The elders varied greatly on the issue as some elders decided that the Assembly to be registered as a new Assembly under Elder Paul Langat who declared himself bishop and anointed Deacons and Pastors.

Some of the elders including Elder Joseph Mitei , Eliud Chepkwony etc advised for further consultations and this brought a disagreement. The idea of existence of other sacred name believers in Kenya who could be registered already came in. It was indeed discovered that Messianic Assembly of Yahweh did exist under Bishop Peter G. Kihara. The elders reached a decision to find more about Messianic Assembly of Yahweh . Elder Joseph Mitei, Eliud Chepkwony and David Kirui went to Zimmerman in Nairobi to meet Bishop Peter Kihara who showed them the National headquarters, structure and registration of the Assembly. The elders came back from Nairobi convinced beyond reasonable doubt to adopt Messianic Assembly of Yahweh. Eventually Bishop Peter Kihara and his team of elders visited Kaborok in August 2004 where deliberations were done at Mitei’s home. Miraculously a child named Miriam was given birth after a long period of anticipation of the new born. Up to date her age is equal to the Assembly.

Later in October 2004 Bishop Peter again made a visit to Kaborok together with other pastors and elders and more interestingly visitors from abroad led by Jacob C. Meyer. The team was hosted at Martin Barchok’s place who generously welcomed the visitors. This was the beginning labor pains followed by birth of Kaborok assembly. During the formation of assembly, six children were born . The six who were baptized by Elder Jacob C. Meyer together with Bishop Peter Kihara were namely ; Joseph Mitei, Eliud Chepkwony, Isiah chirchir, Stanley Rotich, David Mutai and Josphat Langat.

Joseph Mitei was ordained as the first pastor of Messianic Assembly of Yahweh Kaborok. Two deacons were also picked namely David Tonui and Josphat Langat. Later Pastor Joseph Mitei was appointed as the South Rift Region Overseer. Later again Pastor Stephen Ng’ang’a was appointed as South Rift Overseer and holds the position to date.

The Assembly grew with great support from Bishop Peter Kihara and frequent visits by Elder Jacob C. Meyer and others from abroad. Worship was always done at Kaborok Primary school and not even one sabbath service has failed up to date.

Despite several challenges , another ordination was done to Pastor Stanley Rotich in the year 2009 who led the Assembly until 2017 when he left. In the year 2010 a bible scripture institute was established by Pastor George Kariuki and members enrolled for the bible study and thereafter

graduated. In the year 2017, Pastor Eliud Chepkwony was ordained pastor and has been pastoring up to date. He had led the Assembly as Chairman for many years. The Assembly has been led by a strong board led by chairman Richard Mutai and other leaders. In October 2023, other leaders were ordained as ministers. Richard Mutai was anointed as pastor and Isaiah Chirchir was ordained as deacon. Isaac Koech was later received and ordained pastor. On the development point of view, the Assembly has undergone numerous uplifts. With prayers and trust in Yahweh, the members put their efforts in acquiring a plot to build a worship hall and Yahweh miraculously sent us support through Bishop Peter G. Kihara who reached brethren from Reach for Yahweh International Ministries who selflessly decided to fund our tiny assembly to a magnificent assembly as you can attest today. From grass to grace the assembly is flourishing with life, Yahweh is with his people. The current assembly hall and guest house was constructed in the year 2014 and completed in the year 2015 during the tabernacle feast. The land was also extended during the same period and levelling done. Trees and flowers have been planted all through to keep the compound as beautiful as it is.

The assembly ground has held so many events including feasts, seminars, weddings, artists' celebration and other activities. The guest house has hosted a great delegation since its construction. In the year 2015, the assembly hosted the greatest National Feast of Tabernacle that was spectacular. The assembly hosted a great wedding ceremony of Faith and Edmond in 2018 that was of its kind being the first to be done at the venue. Another one of Miriam and Alfred was done in the year 2022. The Assembly has also hosted the National MMF in June 2024. Recently in 2023, a modern kitchen foundation was laid by pastor Eliud Chepkwony and through the members' effort and other well-wishers, the structure is almost complete. The new kitchen was officially opened in June 2024 by bishop Peter G. Kihara. Again we say to Yahweh be the glory.

We stand here today my brothers and sisters to testify the great work Yahweh has done through Brother Dwayne and reach for Yahweh Team. Behold how magnificent the worship hall and guest house is. Their efforts together with fellow brethren in America and whoever donated towards the structures stands blessed today. The buildings will stand a test of time and will be used by many generations to come Yahweh willing. Indeed, it is even miraculously to see the plot extended as elder Dwayne had foreseen and prayed for it. Now we have space to do whatever Yahweh will allow us in the extended plot. The assembly has grown in all aspects. On the side of evangelism, the assembly has led to growth of other branches such as Chemalal, Kebeneti/Mwebem Kapsoit and lately Berea/Nyabangi assembly. The branch in kapsoit was opened in September 2022 under acting pastor Edmond Bore and has continued well. The assembly was earlier existing in Kericho Town where pastor Paul Bett was pastoring. Earlier this year, Berea Assembly sabbath school was opened under Pastor Isaac Koech and has since picked up well. Numerous evangelical activities and visitations have been done over the past years and specifically this year(2024) as we celebrate 20 years of our anniversary. There are currently three pastors under Kaborok assembly namely Pastor Eliud Chepkwony who is the resident pastor, Pastor Richard Mutai in charge of Diaspora and pastor Isaac Koech in charge of Nyabangi/Kabianga branch.

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4. The Assembly board and leadership
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6. Mr. Martin Barchok's family for hosting visitors from abroad during initiation of the Assembly.

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10. Mr Paul Langat for bringing and teaching the sacred names.
11. The Late Ali (Evans Barchok) for caring of the Assembly compound and welcoming of visitors
12. Pioneer members for being patient in faith since the start of the assembly.
13. Caretaker of the Assembly – Mr/Mrs Alfred Mutai
14. Other existing branches for the bond , love and unity especially Mwebwe Assembly.
15. All members who have supported the assembly throughout the years.
16. Any other person not mentioned above .

May Yahweh bless you all.

What else can we testify about Kaborok? Even if we write , we will not write all. Even if we say, we may not say it all. Brothers and sisters , let it only remain in your heart that this is a centre to worship Yahweh, to call Yahweh and wait upon his name.

Courtesy of Pastor Eliud Chepkwony
Resident Pastor.