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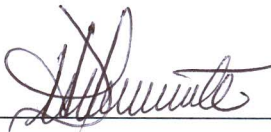
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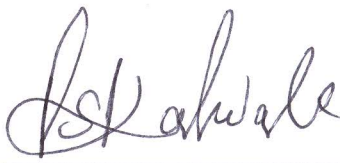
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ABSTRACT

Komolion Mission Outpost Station is a practical example of a Mission Out Post Station turning out to be a sending church into God's Mission in East Pokot area. KMOPS having done what she ought to have done closed her doors, and the East Pokotian Indigenous church started by straggling as she found its path in PAG-K church's mission's field. The Mission Station in PAG Churches in Kenya can be described as a struggle in accomplishing the Great Commission. However, they have done exploits towards reaching the least reached groups, namely, East Pokotians, Samburus, Massais, Turkanas just to name a few.

Thus, the broad question this research study attempted to answer was: "What were the factors that led to the closure of KMOPS and to what extent did the closure positively or negatively affected the numerical growth of PAG-K churches in East Pokot area? After identifying the factors, the study sought to find out what was the relationship between the closure of KMOPS and the subsequent numerical growth of the PAG-K churches in East Pokot area.

Qualitative methodologies were engaged in this case study. The research collected data using focus groups. The researcher formed a questioner with three major questions and several sub-questions per each question that were discussed thoroughly by the four focus groups that were formed using criterion method. Participant Observation method of gathering information was also incorporated in collecting data.

Having analyzed and interpreted the data, using repeated themes, issues and ideas. The researcher found out that the closure of KMOP and the subsequent numerical growth of the PAG-K East Pokot church constituted the following:

1. Mystery
2. Reason
3. Motivation.

The East Pokotian community was dump folded by the factors that led to the closure of KMOPS. They claimed to be a mystery to them. They could not explain the causes by their mere words. The outcome of the closure of KMOPS brought the East Pokotian believers to sober reasoning. They started engaging in the activities of instituting the mission of God in their area. Finally, the East Pokotian community was impacted positively by the closure of KMOPS. They were motivated positively. They started expanding the kingdom of God in their area. This positive motivation brought them to sensible terms with what had happened and what ought to be happening. They were self-esteemed, and they started seeing themselves as well able in going the mission of God in their home land and extending it to their neighboring community.

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