

## Medicine and Ministry, the Answer to My Deepest Calling

Stanley James could not have imagined what God had in store when church friends invited him to vacation with them in Kenya and Tanzania earlier this year. He took his mother along on the adventure, as she had not visited Africa before, and he wanted to fulfill one of her greatest dreams. But while in Kenya, he would cancel their travel plans because God had other plans for him.

Jeffrey Brown, associate editor of *MINISTRY* magazine and associate secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association, telephoned James and asked, “Where in the world are you?” When he discovered James was in Kenya, he introduced him to Musa Mitekaro, secretary of the East-Central Africa Division (ECD). Mitekaro put him in touch with Samuel Misiani, West Kenya Union Conference president, who set a series of speaking opportunities in motion for James beginning at

Kendu Adventist Hospital, followed by a Week of Prayer at the Victory Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kisumu. On March 3, James was the keynote speaker for the Matriculation Ceremony of 1,805 students from the class of 2026 at the University of Eastern Africa, Baraton.

As a result of these engagements, the ECD has invited James to deliver three weeks of health and prophecy evangelistic meetings in Kigoma, Tanzania, in July. James is keenly interested in presenting the everlasting gospel as the treatment plan for a sin-sick world, ultimately grappling with the significant issues of true worship and loving obedience. He will be addressing these challenges through the perspective of Daniel and Revelation. “Daniel shows us that when people purpose to make themselves a sanctuary, it is not just their appetite, but their attitude and actions



Stanley James speaks during the Matriculation Ceremony of 1,805 students at the University of Eastern Africa, Baraton.

that set them apart. . . . We can be successful through faith in God, trusting Him, and keeping His commandments,” said James.

A Loma Linda University School of Medicine and Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary graduate, James uses his education in health principles as an entering wedge for spreading the everlasting gospel to a hurting world and delivering medicine for mind, body, and spirit. He is completing a Ph.D. in Divinity at Aberdeen University in Scotland on Racial Disparities and Health Care: A Prophetic Response. His devotion to healing, research, writing, and preaching is rooted in a robust faith in God’s ability to transform and restore lives. His motto: Trust and choose to obey.

“As a boy of 10 or 11, I dreamed of becoming a preacher and a doctor, but how could I fulfill this dream since my mother was a single parent of five children in Bermuda? Still, she encouraged me to trust

God, go for the best, and be my best. . . . And God and I made a deal. . . . God has kept his part of the deal by giving me the means and training; it is my turn to deliver by sharing my means and His message faithfully. Medicine and ministry are the answers to my deepest calling. It has provided a financial platform to share and an education in healing arts to serve,” said James.

James has generously contributed to the ECD, in honor of his mother, Rose James, for the ongoing development of the Anne Brown Adventist School in Shimo la Tewa, Mombasa, Kenya. The school is in dire need of classrooms and the correct infrastructure and facilities as per the requirements of the Ministry of Education in Kenya. He has donated to the ECD president’s public address system, evangelism in Zanzibar, and health evangelism in the ECD region.

—Joi Tyrrell, member, Somerset church



Stanley James and his mother, Rose James, visit the Anne Brown Adventist School in Shimo la Tewa, Mombasa, Kenya.