

MARANATHA SDA CHURCH - HOMABAY

BRIEF *History*



Maranatha SDA Church - Homabay Kenya, was established after an evangelistic campaign by Judge Judy from the United States of America in the year 2002. It was established as a Sabbath School of Homabay Central SDA Church and latter organized into a full-fledged church in the year 2004 by Pr. Duncan Mumbo who was then the Executive Director of Ranen Field. For some time, church members worshipped in rented premises owned by the Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT) but the church was later moved to its current location in 2006. Between 2006 and 2008, church members worshipped under a donated tarpaulin with the only permanent structure being the toilet block.

On 1st January 2009, the church moved to a temporary structure made of aluminum sheets. This was noteworthy progress as members could worship comfortably even during harsh weather conditions. Through dedicated and committed members, smaller adjacent pieces of land were bought and amalgamated into the current space in the year 2011.

In October 2013, the foundation of the current modern church building was laid. It was estimated that the church would cost Kshs. 45 million (USD. 350,000) to completion. The Church has rapidly grown given its strategic location in the Central Business District of Homabay town. Ongoing construction of a palatial church complex has been possible through sacrificial contributions by church members and friends. The proposed church complex encompasses various floors. The basement rooms will serve as guestrooms for visiting choirs as well as storerooms for church equipment. The ground floor will serve as center of influence where willing members will be given opportunity to rent space and operate businesses in consonance with the policies and standards of the church and this will enable the church to generate its own revenue. There is an additional space on the ground floor for an ultra-modern baptistery. The actual church will be located on the first floor with a slanting balcony from the fourth floor. The mezzanine floor will host executive guest rooms for visiting Ministers and any other guests. When complete, the church is estimated to accommodate 1200 people.

In the year 2018, Maranatha SDA Church became a district and organized the first ever camp meeting under the jurisdiction of Pr. John Odiango. As a District, the following Pastors have served Maranatha SDA Church; Pr. Johnson Oloo, Pr. Dan Odhach, Pr. B.O.G. Diang'a and currently Pr. Joseph Kingi.

The Church Leadership is cordially appealing to members, friends and well-wishers to support construction of the church up to completion. Any contributions can be made through the below Church Development Account. God richly bless you.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT

COOPERATIVE BANK - HOMA BAY BRANCH

MARANATHA SDA CHURCH

AC. NO: 01100076100500

