

## **Interview with Pastor Gideon Robi.**

Pastor Robi is from kikuyu tribe from Kenya Nakuru county he travel to US in the year 1995 after his marriage being six month old after marriage, he graduated in BHU in 1996, he went to Luther's seminar in 1997 -1998and graduated with master of divinity and also went to Clack and did his master, he worked in Colombia University from 2003-2007.

He is the director of Kenya project, assisting the children in Kenya. He is married and has two children 24year and 18 years respectively. Arrive in USA in May 1995 having a Kenyan mind that everybody in USA is very rich, but it was a great shock to see a poor man near the gate of Beulah Heights University this was a cultural that shock him because as African he never thought we don't have a white who is poor. When he arrived to BHU he was shocked to realize he was the only married student who went together with the wife to University, they were assigned different domes and each one was to walk from different place opposite from what he was expecting as the new wed coupls.they travel to US only with briefcase and they left a lot of things in Kenya which were given during wedding and no one was using, he was forced to buy a mattress to use because the house they were were given was empty.

He had did his driving in Kenya and thought he was qualified to drive in US, but he had to do a driving test to qualify to drive on the road so he was force to, borrow a car so that he can be accepted to drive in US, later he work hard and bought his own car, mainly because it is very difficult to live in US without a car, it is a necessity.

The challenge he had was language and assent he secured a job in one of the restaurant and he found a man by the name Derik who he was preparing chicken together but communicating was a problem because he spoke British language and Robi did understand it and they were using signs language to communicate, the following day Derik never turn up and this was the second day for Robi and he had a challenge because he was not used with the big machines to prepare chicken and sometime the customers who come to the restaurant were more than two thousand people mostly when there is a soccer team playing, but he tried until he got used to the machines, in Kenya you are being taught what you don't know some times but in America no one is there to be teaching you the same thing again and again, you have to learn to be shape. After some time he went and work in a gas station, but in US you come out and fuel your car but he was used to Kenyan way were someone fuel the car for you.

The issues of education you have to keep time go to the library and do the work you are expected to do, about American food, it is plenty and they like to eat chicken.

Some culture he felt he did like was to be asked where he was coming from,

When he went to the church he never believe what is saw, the youngest person was 55years old.

What he learnt from USA is that,

US teach us that you have to fight for your space and your right.

BHU have the best culture in the department of education example are dkt Chand and dkt Karanja has a good setup and others in Beulah heights university.

BHU give him a big opportunity, there are a lot of things when he look backs he see the hand of GOD. It is the BHU that open a way to for him to be international mission director in Kenya, and that vision stated in America in 1995.

Some of the adjustments Robi made are.

He have learn to say no

America needs accountability

He have learnt to be patient

He have learn to keep time

HE learns that we have to complement not to compete.

Americans leave their children at the age of 18years to be independent and he is trying to do so to his two children slowly.

America gives loan any for education and you pay little by little back.

America judge give you time to pay fine little amount in a agreement terms.