

**Instructions:**

- 1 - Attach a photograph of your family. If you are single, attach a "full body" photograph of yourself.
- 2 - Attach any other photographs you may have showing your family or ministry, such as church members, a baptism, a preaching service, etc.
- 3 - Please answer all questions with as much detail as possible. Use extra paper if necessary.

## Application for Support from the Final Frontiers Foundation, Inc.

**Personal Information:**

Name: Yona Melau Kosia

Name you are called by if different: No

Your birthday: December (Month) 1 (Day) 1973 (Year)

Your wife's name: Christina Yona Melau

Your wife's birthday: May (Month) 2 (Day) 1978 (Year)

Your tribe (if any): Maasai

Your wife's tribe (if any): Maasai

Date of your marriage: March (Month) 8 (Day) 1996 (Year)

What is your nationality?: Tanzanian

What country do you live in?: Tanzania

What city/town do you live in?: I do live in rural Maasai area

How far away is a large city if you live in a small town: 30 Kilometers ☐miles ☐kilometers

In what direction is the large city if applicable?: North ☐North ☐South ☐East ☐West

**Your children's names:**

Loserian Yona Melau

Neema Yona Melau

Judica Yona Melau

Glory Yona Melau

Jane Yona Melau

**Your children's birthdays:**

March 3, 1997

November 1, 2000

March 12, 2004

May 24, 2007

March 1, 2010

**1 - Please write a detailed testimony of your salvation and call to the ministry.**

**TESTIMONY**

I thank the Lord Jesus who is my Savior. My name is Yona Melau Kosia. I was born in a pagan family in the year 1973. I was able to attend primary school. My parents before I was saved were pagans but I thank the Lord Jesus because they are now saved.

I received Jesus Christ as my personal savior. I was able to hear the message preached by some evangelists who visited our village and preached about how sinful we human beings are and the need of a Savior. The preacher used John 3:16 – 17 and after hearing the message I decided to invite Jesus into my life. I was instructed to join the church for more teachings as a way of getting preparation to get baptized. I was baptized later.

My parents who then were pagans were not happy when they heard in the first time that I gave my life to Jesus. Since they were pagans, they forced me and other children to join them in their pagan practices such as worship to their ancestors.

After some times in the church, I received a call to tell others about the need of confessing their sins and to receive Jesus Christ in their lives. Later the church appointed me as their evangelist. I used to witness to the lost and to visit other churches with church choir and share the message of the Gospel. It is my prayer that God may keep using me as His vessel of telling others about His saving power. Until this time I serve the Lord as an evangelist.

**2 - Please write your personal doctrinal statement.**

After I kept receiving teaching and reading the Bible which is the Word of God I came to realize the truth which is in it. My doctrinal statement is based on what I can find in the Bible. I believe in One God who revealed Himself in three persons, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Although I am not yet a theologian I believe that God is One. I believe that God did send Jesus as His son to come to save us from sin and the Holy Spirit help us to understand the truth of the Gospel and know ourselves as sinners. I believe in the fellowship of believers which is the church of all believers. The church is the body of Christ. I believe in the ordinances of the church which are the Lord Supper and baptism of believers. I believe in the second coming of Jesus. According to my understanding, he will come to judge the world and reward those who believed in Him. Sinners will be judged forever and those who accepted Him as their Savior will live forever with Him in New Jerusalem.

**3 - Please write a brief testimony of your wife.**

My wife Christina was born in a pagan family. She married me while she was still a pagan. She started to live with me being a young Christian. Her parents were pagans. Since both her parents and mine loved each other, there was no way for her to escape to marry me. After she joined me as a wife, she started going to the church with me. Two years later, she accepted the Lord Jesus as her Savior. She joined new converts class for Bible teaching at our church and baptized. She was baptized after she completed the program.

She loves serving the Lord with me. In our church she uses to encourage other ladies to do church activities such as singing, cleaning the environments and witnessing to the lost.

**Financial:**

**4 - List your monthly needs and costs.**

|                                     |          |                |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Sugar for a month                   | -        | 15,000/-       |
| Tea leaves for a month              | -        | 4,000/-        |
| Salt for a month                    | -        | 2,000/-        |
| Kerosene for a month                | -        | 10,000/-       |
| Soap for a month                    | -        | 6,000/-        |
| Cooking oil for a month             | -        | 14,000/-       |
| Rice for a month                    | -        | 36,000/-       |
| Meat for a month                    | -        | 25,000/-       |
| Maize flower for a month            | -        | 15,000/-       |
| Beans for a month                   | -        | 20,000/-       |
| School needs for children (average) | -        | 100,000/-      |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>-</b> | <b>247,000</b> |

**5 - Do you have any monthly income, and if so, how much?**

No.

**6 - Are you employed by a denomination? (Do you receive a salary from a denomination?)**

No.

**7 - Do you work any other jobs, and if so, what are they? How many hours do they require each week?**

Yes I work as a small farmer. They require 15 hours per week.

**Ministry Experience:**

**8 - Please check the types of ministries you are regularly involved in.**

|                         |                   |                  |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| church planting         | √ discipleship    | Bible teacher    |
| Bible translator        | radio preacher    | leper ministries |
| √ open air evangelism   | film team         | √ evangelism     |
| literature distribution | prison ministries | slum ministries  |
| √ tribal evangelism     | child evangelism  | other (explain)  |

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**9 - Are you actively and consistently involved in training others for the ministry?**

Yes I use to train and to encourage others for ministry.

**10 - What are the names of preachers that you have trained? Where do they serve?**

They do work in our church and other neighboring churches.

**11 - Where did you attend Bible school? Who trained you for the ministry?**

I attended different seminars on evangelism which different ministers of God came to conduct in our association.

**12 - What ministries have you been involved with in the past and where were they?**

Save Our Soul (S.O.S) International from USA

**13 - How many churches have you started? One. I did this with my mother church.**

**14 - What are their names? Where are they located?**

- 1) Kandasikiriet Church at Olkokola
- 2) Kisimiri Baptist church where I serves during this time as a pastor

**15 - What countries do you serve in and what tribal groups do you work with?**

Tanzania. Maasai and Wasafa.

**16 - How many languages do you speak and what are they?**

Two languages, Swahili and Kimasai

**17 - How many souls have you led to Christ in your life? More than 120 hundred.**

**How many have you baptized in your life?**

In my area evangelists not allowed to baptize. Only pastors do it but more than 50 were baptized after I led them to accept Jesus.

**18 - Do you work alone or with other preachers? Give details.**

I work together with other preachers in evangelism, seminars and fellowship.

**Relevant Family Information:**

**19 - Are all of your children Christians and have they been baptized? If not, please explain.**

No because they are young and not received Jesus as their personal Savior. The two grown up, Loserian and Neema accepted the Lord and are in baptismal training to get baptized in this year. Others are already prayed for.

**20 - What is your house made of and how many rooms does it have?**

My house is made of soil, timber and iron sheet.

**21 - What are your favorite foods**

Ugali, maize and beans, meat, rice and potatoes.

**22 - Describe a typical daily schedule.**

I wake up in the morning and do prayers at 6.00 am take tea and start my schedule at 8.00 am. At 8.00 am we go to our farm and work there for 4 hours and come back home at 12.00 pm. On other days we have to look for people who have extra farming work to hire us and pay us a little amount of money. We take our lunch, sometime stay without. From 3.00pm to 5.00 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, I go to church for prayers or choir. On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays I visit people and tell them about Jesus. Sunday is a worship day.

**23 - Describe your wife's typical daily schedule.**

Most of my wife's schedule is related with mine. Except sometimes I can leave her at home doing some other home activities.

**24 - Do you grow your own food or do you purchase it?**

Yes I do grow some food crops and buy other food. Most of family food is bought.

**Accountability:**

- 25 - Though you will not be employed by Final Frontiers, will you be willing to acknowledge (when asked in person or in writing) that you receive support from us?  
Yes

**Summary:**

If you would like to give us any other information than what was asked for, you may do so.

**Final Notes:**

Remember that we will use the information you give us to write a short biography about your family and ministry. The more detailed information we have, the better. Also, we will need four to five photos of your ministry including one of your family). Such information will help us, not only in finding a sponsor for you, but also for other men around the world who need help. When sending photos, please remember to always write an explanation on the back side of the picture.

Funds will be sent to you (once approved and having found a sponsor) on a quarterly basis. If your report has not arrive at our office by that time, your support will be suspended until we receive your letter or quarterly report. If political or geographic barriers prohibit you from mailing quarterly reports, exceptions can be made. However, we must receive information as often as possible to be accountable to the donors.

Please pray for us daily that God will equip us to find sponsors for men like yourself, in need around the world.

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