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Melvin University  
and Me

## THE NECESSITY of MELVIN UNIVERSITY

For a while ago, I went to the students' home. It can be seen as a kind of home visit. I wanted to see how our students lived and how they lived. I went to a student's house, and it was a little far away from school for almost 30 minutes.

When I went there, there were parents, and it was a typical African life. I met his father and he told me, "Thank you very much for building a university." It meant thanks to me for establishing a university in such a poor and underdeveloped place.

Our Melvin University has settled in a really underdeveloped countryside. This is because Pastor Ogilla, the current vice president, donated 6 hectares of land inherited from his father to the Melvin University Incorporated. Personally, I hated this place at first because it was too rural and underdeveloped. Rather than saying no, it was too inconvenient to live, so I had to. However, I think I changed my mind a little after hearing the words of the student's father, "Thank you for setting up a university in such an underdeveloped countryside." I told myself, yeah, this is a place like this, so they need a university even more.

In fact, it is true that universities in Kenya are almost in cities. First, there are many students in the city and money in the city, so that's right in terms of strategy. And everyone accepts that as a valid reason.



However, Oyugis, where our university is located, is an underdeveloped area, so we realize that the number of students is not as high as the city and is limited.

However, on the one hand, should the number of students be large? After thinking like this, I talked to the whole students, professors and university staffs during the chapel. They explained that the reason why the number of students should be large is that tuition fees are high in the end, which is inevitable for the development of schools. The simple reason why there needs to be a lot of money was that the building should be built and the professor's salary should be paid. In any case, Melvin University emphasized that we should think their careers after graduation and a fruitful education with the right number of students rather than many students.

Another is the reality of present pastors. I have heard several times that most of them do not studied theology, but are ordained and

pastored. Since our region does not have a seminary, and they cannot afford to go to seminary financial difficulties, they are "ordained and pastored" with prayer and church passion.

Fortunately, the Kenyan government has known this since the end of last year and announced that pastors without degrees must enter accredited seminaries or universities to qualify as preachers, so many such pastors seem to be preparing to enter Melvin University, raising the need for weekend classes and night classes.

Anyway, Melvin University is grateful for providing hope to underdeveloped young people and opportunities to study again for many pastors with no degree, and best for these two roles.