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Dr. Gladys Mwiti

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Dr. Gladys Mwiti earned her MA in Counseling Psychology from the United States International University in Nairobi, and her MA in Christian Leadership and PhD in Clinical Psychology from Fuller Theological Seminary. She is the author of four books and a video-based training curriculum for counselors in Africa, produced in conjunction with Fuller Seminary. She is currently the Chair of the Kenya Psychological Association and a consultant to the Lausanne Consultation on Care and Counsel as Mission.

In 1990, Gladys and her husband Dr. Gershon Mwiti founded **Oasis Africa**, a highly respected training organization for peer counseling and trauma intervention. She now supervises a team of over 20 psychologists. Oasis Africa has worked with the US Embassy, USAID, Coca Cola, the South African High Commission, and Food for the Hungry. In addition, the Mwitis have founded several grassroots ministries to serve the poor in Kenya through education, economic development, and empowerment.

Gladys has led teams to train trauma counselors and provide crisis intervention during the Rwandan genocide of 1994, the US Embassy bombing in 1998, and the Gujarat (India) earthquake in 2001. She has also written on HIV/AIDS counseling and contributed to curricula for serving HIV/AIDS patients. More recently, Gladys has also contributed to curricula for training counselors in post-civil war Burundi. In response to the violent aftermath of the 2007 Kenyan elections, Gladys provided training and counseling to eight major corporations and all 57 public high schools in Nairobi.

