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# MISSIONARIES MOVED WITH COMPASSION FOR THE WALA PEOPLE



*But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.*  
**Matthew 9:36 (KJV)**

Despite the current global economic hardship, the FHI ministry has never given up on reaching out to the unreached people in Northern Africa.

The ministry has been undertaking Go-North missions to reclaim the North of Africa for Christ. This year's Go-North Missions among the Wala People take place in the Upper West Region of Ghana from 1st to 18th November 2022.

The ministry sent six missionaries and recruited four souls won from previous outreach as interpreted in focusing on two villages (Charia and Siriyiri). The missionaries were divided into two teams and adopted strategies such as House to House Evangelism, Gospel Rally, School Outreach, Small Group Disciple-making, and Dawn Broadcasting to proclaim the Gospel, win souls for the Lord, and make disciples of Jesus.

At the end of the missions, over six hundred people heard the Gospel, forty-four souls were won for Christ, two people rededicated their lives to Jesus, five souls were baptized by water, and two souls received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues. In addition, the team formed three small discipleship groups of 24 people and gave five people a new Bible.

Besides the great things the Lord did during the missions, the missionaries saw that many souls won during last year's missions were just helpless in their faith, like sheep without a shepherd. They needed people to train and teach them the word of God, but no one was there to help them. Some new converts can't also read to understand on their own.



The eighteen (18) days weren't enough for FHI missionaries as they were moved with compassion on the Wala People to even stay for more days to help many souls. Some missionaries, including first-timers, were desperate to wait for some more weeks, but due to financial challenges, they couldn't.

We pray that God will grant FHI more financial support to help send missionaries among the unreached Wala People in Ghana.

All Glory to God for successful Go-North missions among the Wala, and God bless all for the support. Amen

# I COULDN'T SLEEP

*Come to Me, all you who labor and  
are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*  
**Matthew 11:28 (KJV)**

Sleeping is a natural routine in a man's life. No one can deny the good benefits of sleep, but some people can have difficulties or challenges sleeping. One could not have imagined that not accepting the Gospel of Jesus might cause trouble in sleeping.



On one slightly hot harmattan afternoon, the missions team were about the Lord's business gathering the five (5) souls who had openly accepted Jesus the night before at a crusade for a discipleship meeting. These newly converted souls had made themselves available for teaching on water and Holy Spirit baptism as part of their preparation for baptism that afternoon.



Our interpreter, Stephen, returned from fetching one of the women to be baptized and said: "One woman couldn't sleep". Our reaction was to pray for her after our teaching; Stephen interrupted: "because she didn't accept Jesus as her Lord and personal saviour".

The missions team wondered how can this be because she had been thinking about the message preached at the crusade, titled "Come to Jesus", throughout the night.

The missions team went to the woman's house right after the teaching meeting with the new converts. We thank God that the missions team led the woman to accept Christ but couldn't make herself available for baptism. It is our prayer more people will encounter the Lord supernaturally.

# JESUS IN PARLIAMENT

*So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*  
**Romans 10:17**

Hospitality is at the centre of the culture of the Walas, but Jesus is hardly welcome in their way of life or homes. The reason is a result of their solid Islamic culture. On returning from house-to-house evangelism during the missions, the team decided to pass through Siriyiri's parliament.

The parliament, which is a place where only young men gather to talk and drink local tea, is the last place to hear anything about Jesus.





The team played the bible audio of John 3 in the Wali language using the five fish App. Everyone in the parliament became attentive when they heard their language. After listening, the team realized they truly understood what they heard due to the feedback.

Praise be to God for being able to share the Gospel in the Wala Language. We pray that what they heard will abide in their hearts forever and cause them to have faith in Jesus.

# HEAL ME, BEFORE YOU GO

*And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"*

**Mark 10:47**



People in captivity mostly expect men of God to pray for them for healing. FHI missionaries prayed for a sick woman for healing during last year's Go-North missions at Siriyiri. The woman was so joyous of the recovery and went to broadcast the miraculous encounter in her neighborhood.

During this year's missions, another sick woman who heard the testimony of the previous healings upon sighting the missionaries in the vicinity begged them to pray for healing before she would allow the missionaries to proceed.

The missions team prayed for her, and to the Glory of God, she received her healing.



# NEW CHRISTIANS BECOME INTERPRETERS

*I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.*  
**1 Corinthians 9:22b**

Christians are saved to serve, the mindset that moved that missions team used to recruit new Christians who gave their lives to Christ during last year's Go-North Missions among the Wala.

Although language has been a barrier in most cross-cultural short-term missions, this spirit-filled strategy yielded a massive harvest of proclaiming the Gospel and saving some more by all means. The missions team had planned to mobilize more new Christians as interpreters but could get only four people because many had migrated to the south of Ghana for better living conditions.

The four new Christians who joined the team as interpreters for the house-to-house evangelism and Gospel rally helped to share the Gospel in the Wala language effectively. Praise be to God for these new Christians' availability and faithfulness. Our prayer is that this exposure will lay a burden on the hearts of the new Christians in Chaira to reach out to their own people in their own language.







# MAKING MORE DISCIPLES AMONG THE WALA PEOPLE GROUP

*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)**

The primary purpose of missions is to make disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. During the missions among the Wala people group, the team intentionally focused on discipling souls that were won during missions and the youth of the host church.

The missions taught the new converts and the youth practical evangelism, quiet time, and how to facilitate discovery bible studies.

Also, they encouraged them to share their faith with others. In the end, the team formed three discipleship groups of eight members each for regular discipleship meetings.

Let's pray that there will be more faithful disciples among the Wala people group.



# EMPOWERING THE LOCAL CHURCH

*... strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."*

**Acts 14:22**

Go-North Missions among the Wala People continue to partner with the Church of Pentecost to reach out to the unreached Wala people.

As part of this year's missions, the missions team scheduled youth meetings, church evening prayer meetings, and follow-ups on the church members who were not attending the church.

God is faithful, some church members started coming to church, and existing church members have been revived through the encounter of the Holy Spirit during the various church service.

We glorify God for empowering the local church.





# FEED ME! OH BRETHREN

Everyman has experience hunger in one way or another, but hunger becomes more difficult during famine or when there is no means to get food to satisfy one's hunger.

During the missions' house-to-house evangelism, the team encountered a man who requested food because he was hungry. The man who had already accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour asked if the missions team had something to give him to eat since he was starving, but unfortunately, the team had no money or food to give to him at the moment.

Besides, the place of meeting the man was far from the missions team's residence. It was a sorrowful moment that the team couldn't provide for Him like Jesus told the disciples, "give them something to eat". The team only encouraged him, but that wasn't enough. Some people only need food to eat to come to the full realization of the love of God for their lives.

Let us pray for more sponsors so that we will be able to provide food for hungry souls during the subsequent Go-North Missions.



*... So they all ate and were filled,*  
**Matthew 19:20a (NKJV)**





# HUSBAND CHASING WIVES TO THE BUSH

*Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*

**Matthew 5:12**

Persecution is one of the hardest things to go through as a new believer. The Bible makes it clear that Christians are not exempted from persecution. In today's world, persecution of Christians takes different forms, such as insult, false accusations, no food, beheading, rejections etc.

It all depends on the location you find yourself. The primary purpose of persecution is to demoralize believers and eventually push them out of the faith. In and around the unreached Wala people group, children and women are the most persecuted for their new faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The missions team were reliably informed that some husbands beat their Christian wives in the night for their conversion, and no one comes to their rescue. Culturally, it is widely accepted for wives and children to follow or receive their husband or father's faith or religion of practice. The resistance of wives and children to follow the family's head religion often resulted in severe persecution.

During the missions, the team witnessed husbands persist in persecution by chasing their wives with canes during church service. Upon seeing their husbands coming with canes, the wives run into the bush to avoid some lashes. To the team's amazement, the women quickly return to worship their Lord immediately after the husbands leave the church premises.

Let us continue to pray for these Wala women facing persecution for their faith and all Christians being persecuted.





# THEY WERE NOWHERE TO BE FOUND

*While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.*

**John 17:12 (NKJV)**



Lost, in general, seems not to be a nice word to many people, either traders, businessmen, or footballers. Even though they all lost something different, we can't hide the fact that it cost them. Pastors or missionaries are not exempted from losses.

The Charia team, on arrival for their first Sunday service, were expecting to see the three converts who were baptized during last year's outreach. The team were disappointed to find out they hadn't been coming to church and were out of fellowship for various reasons.

The missions team followed up and got all three converts back to church. The conclusion is that there is a need for effective follow-up. The missions team had informed the host pastor, and he had promised to pick the issue up with his elders to ensure adequate follow-up after the missions.





# BAR JESUS AT CHARIA

*But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.*  
**Acts 13:8**

During last year's missions among the Wala People in a village called Charia, the missions team won two souls (Mr Alhansan and his wife) to Christ, and by the grace of God, they were integrated into the local church.

The missions team learned that the couple stopped attending church a few months later. To the surprise of everyone, there was a woman in the church who was serving as a hindrance to the couples from going to church. According to Mr Alhansan, his wife's father is a Muslim and doesn't want her daughter (the wife of Mr Alhansan) to go to church. Anytime the wife goes to church, the woman in the same church will inform the wife's father that the daughter has started going to church instead of the mosque. Due to this, the lady (Mr Alhansan's wife) is afraid to go to church because of her father's actions towards her.

Meanwhile, the lady desires to go to church, but the woman is always there to send information her father. This woman's attitude is like a Bar Jesus stopping Mr Alhansan and his wife from attending church. The team has reported the issue to the host pastor for redress.

Let us pray that the matter will be addressed appropriately to avoid further inconveniences and that the couple will stand firm in their faith and decision to follow God.



# THE SUN WAS TOO HOT

*Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.*

**John 4:6**



The early missionaries encountered their challenges in sending the Gospel across the nations so is the current missionaries who participated in this year's Go-North Missions.

Upon arrival in Wa, the missions team realized the sun was too hot an encounter for the first time team members. It was the beginning season of the harmattan with dryness.

Although the sun's hotness caused some team members to have slight headaches, dry throat and cough, this difficult encounter could not quench their zeal to passionately share the Gospel of light with the unreached Wala people group.

Let's pray these encounters will not hinder our first-time missionaries from participating in subsequent missions to northern Ghana.



*Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the [a]mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.*

**Colossians 4:2-4**

# LET'S PRAY MORE FOR THE WALA PEOPLE

- Pray for more Wala people to come to the saving grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and be saved.
- Ask the Lord to send more faithful long-term missionaries who are disciple-makers among the Wala people to proclaim the Gospel, teach God's word and make more disciples of Jesus.
- Pray for Local churches and Missions Agencies working among the Wala people. Ask the Lord to multiply their labour and make it fruitful.
- Pray for all Wala Christians to come to the full knowledge of God and to stand against the persecution wiles of the adversary.
- Ask the Lord to deliver the Wala people from the blindness of false religion and pray that the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ will shine on them.

Great missionaries are men given to prayer, and God uses men of prayer to channel his word to the unsaved, unchurched, unreached and un-evangelized.

During this year's missions journey to encountered many situations which needed the call to invest more prayer before, during and after the missions.

Let's use beside prayer bulletin to pray more for the Wala unreached people group in Ghana.





# GRATEFUL FOR THE MASSIVE SUPPORT

*And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*  
**Philippians 4:19**

FHI continues to be always grateful for granting grace to embark on our 15th Go-North Missions.

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*Together, we are reclaiming the North of Africa for Christ*





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