

# FOCUS HIGHER INTERNATIONAL (FHI)



(An Interdenominational Evangelistic Ministry)

### GO-NORTH MISSIONS 2019

Phase One (I), 7th - 30th June, 2019
Nanumba People Group in the Northern Region of Ghana



# Building God's Church, Spiritually and Physically

**Inside This Issue** 

A Discipler Didn't Return | The Joy of Being a Missionary

Dream Big Arise and Let's Build Gospel Hand

A Chief Priest's Son Gets Baptised & many more

... Reclaiming the North of Africa for Christ ...

### BUILDING GOD'S CHURCH SPIRITUALLY AND PHYSICALLY

I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. Matthew 16:18b



Truly, our Lord Jesus Christ has been building His church amongst the Nanumbas through Go-North Missions.

This year's missions began our five (5) year strategic plan on reclaiming the North of Africa for Christ through church planting and disciple making among the Nanumbas and Wala people group.

The missions was embarked on by twenty one (21) missionaries, whom the Lord used to build His church among four (4) villages in the Nanumba South District of the Northern Region of Ghana. The villages are Kpanyesi, Ponayila, Gimam and Koraji.

Apostle Paul noted that he planted and Apollos watered but the increase came from God. The missions team spent twenty-one (21) days watering the seed of the Gospel planted by CAPRO Missions through Missionary Yemi and his wife.

Although CAPRO Missions has been working on the Nanumbas for the past seven (7) years, there's still more work to be done because the Nanumbas are predominantly Muslims. That was why this year's missions theme was hinged on Matthew 9:37, The Harvest is Plentiful.

Truly the harvest is plentiful. Through the outreaches of Go-North missions among the Nanumbas, an estimate number of thousand three hundred and seventy-eight (1378) heard the Gospel via Jesus Film show, House to House, Crusade and Specialize outreaches.

To God be the glory for the one hundred and fifty-seven (157) people who gave their lives to Christ and the ten (10) people who availed themselves to baptized in water.

Many of the new converts received the Power of the Holy Spirit but four (4) people instantly manifested the gift of the Holy Spirit with evidence of tongues speaking.

All the things that God had done with us shows that God is building His church spiritually and physically among the Muslim communities.

#### A DISCIPLER DIDN'T RETURN

But both Silas and Timothy remained there. Acts 17:14b



Over the years, we have trained and empowered recruited missionaries to be disciple makers before sending them to the missions field and this year wasn't an exception.

Our recruited missionaries from schools and churches via Mission Awareness Campaign (MAC) were empowered through the Praying Through Summit (PTS) and trained to be disciple makers at the Christlike Disciplesmakers Movement (CDM) Bible College.

In addition, they went through specialized trainings such as child evangelism, Film show evangelism and sport ministry.

These trainings added knowledge and understanding to the youthful zeal of the missionaries.

One of our missionaries who embarked on this year's missions decided not to return with the team back to the city. He decided to stay on the missions field to disciple the new converts.

Our Bro. Pade Kwame Reynard, a discipler didn't return. He will be on the missions field for a year. We thank God for his life and continually ask for your support for him.

"If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrificie can be too great for me to make for him"

- C. T. Studd -

#### THE JOY OF BEING A MISSIONARY

So that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company. Romans 15:32









The joy of being a missionary started when we first gathered during the Praying Through Summit (PTS).

Since then, it has been an exciting journey of other missionaries fellowship with different denominations in redeeming the lost and establishing God's kingdom among the Nanumbas.

The twenty-one (21) missionaries who embarked on this year's missions worked as a team with love and joy. The team was divided into four sub four villages. There teams for three-member coordinating team to plan and coordinate the various teams for a successful missions.

It was refreshing to be in the company of this year's missionaries, the shouts out and chants like, "Man of God", "Be led" and "I'm in the Spirit" with the selfies on the ferry and motorcycle made the missions a memorable and joyous one.

#### DREAM BIG

May He grant you according to your heart's desire, and fulfill all your purpose. Psalm 20:4



The missions coordinating team took time to visit various schools at Wulensi to motivate pupils to dream big in their career pursuits. They were reminded not to neglect God.

The various teams at their respective villages offered free tuition at basic schools and homes as part of FHI's social intervention projects aimed at motivating children to pursue higher education. The Gospel was preached during these sessions. At kpayansi, the team organized a Youth Career Summit on the theme: Dream Big. Participants were admonished to commit their desires and plans into God's hands, who is able to make it happen.

#### ARISE AND LET'S BUILD

So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set their hands to this good work. Nehemiah 2:18b



The Church at Gimam which worships at an open area under a mango tree was encouraged by the Go-North Missions team to start molding blocks to build a place of worship.

As part of building God's church physically through our Eradication of churches under tress (E-CUT) project, FHI ministry donated ten (10) bags of cements to support the church's effort to mold five hundred and twenty-nine (529) blocks. Members of both Go-North missions team and the church in Gimam set their hands to molding the blocks to build a place of worship.

This is a good work and the church in Gimam is hopeful to continue to completion.

### BY ALL MEANS SAVE SOME MORE TO WIN IN LIFE

I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more. 1 Corinthians 9:19



To the football fans, we became Focus Football Club (Focus FC) in order to win them for Christ. The missions team organized a football match between the youth in Gimam and Ponyali. This was witnessed by a great number of youth in

these villages. It was a heated game because it happened to be a match between Nanumbas and Kokombas.

The winner of the match, Gimam FC had a friendly match with Focus FC.

The Gospel was preached to both the footballers and spectators.

The footballers were told that if you want to win in life, you have to be born of God because 1 John 5:4 says, "he who is born of God overcome the world". Many of them who wanted to win in life and heard the word, believe it and confess Jesus Christ as Lord.

We are grateful to God for the twenty four (24) souls who gave their lives to Christ during the sports ministry.

#### **GOSPEL HAND**

Let the little children come to Me. Matthew 19:14a



"Gospel hand 1 2 3 4 5 God loves me 1 2 3 4 5"

The various missions team didn't neglect reaching out to children during the various outreaches.

The children were gathered and the Gospel was simple explain to them using the Gospel Hand.

About three hundrend (300) children heard the gospel and many of them believed and surrendered their lives to Jesus. Besides, the children also received toffees, biscuits and various educational materials during the children's rally.

#### MIRACLES GLORIFY GOD

Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul. Acts 19:11

### THEY HAVE OPENED UP TO US; THE AMAZING STORY OF KPANYESI





Missionaries Obiri and Hammond shared their joy on how our God had opened the hearts of the people in Kpanyesi, a Muslim community, to receive the Gospel. According to them, the people were closed to the Gospel during last year's missions but are now very open. We know that the hearing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ will produce faith in their hearts. The full interview video of both Obiri and Hammond, titled "A call for partnership" is available on our youtube channel.

### A MUSLIM GIRL ATTENDS CHURCH SERVICE



The missions team at Koraji gave a testimony of a Muslim girl they shared the gospel with. She complained of having chest pains of which she got healed when the team members prayed for her. After following up on her, she attended the last Sunday church service at Koraji before the team departed.

#### A CHIEF PRIEST'S SON GET BAPTISED



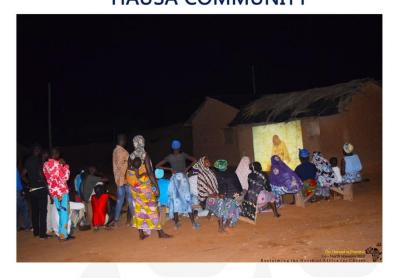
We praise God for Bro. Moro, a believer in the Koraji church who had his water baptism during the missions. Bro Mono is the son of the Chief priest of Koraji. We continue to pray for him that the Lord will strengthen him in the faith.

# FROM A NEW CONVERT TO AN INTERPRETER; THE STORY OF RAZAK



Razak, a Muslim, heard the Gospel when the missions team visited his household during their house to house evangelism. Razak's father recovered from an ailment which he had been suffering from for the past three years. Razak, in due course, gave his life to Christ, got baptized and became an interpreter for the missions team.

### THE JERICHO WALL OF THE HAUSA COMMUNITY



The Hausa community in Gimam had built a defensive wall against the Gospel being preached to them.

We, however, thank God for the privilege to have held a Jesus Film show in Hausa in the community. Most of the youth and children who could not express their faith in Jesus due to fear of persecution, had the privilege to do so during the school outreaches in Gimam and during the football match at Ponayila.

## WE WILL CONQUER THE LAND IN A DAY OR TWO BUT...



The missions experience of our Bro. Dennis Appu heightened his optimism that he was going to conquer the land of Koraji for Christ within a day or two but he later realized that the area was a Muslim community and difficulties existed in the land. Bro Dennis shares his missions experience in a video titled "A call to partnership"; you can find this video on our YouTube channel.



The successful missions was not without challenges; access to transportation, inadequate interpreters and insect bites were some of the varied challenges the missions team encountered on the field.

We are trusting God to get a motor tricycle to aid our transportation.

#### GOD, OUR PROVIDER AND PROVISION

We are grateful to God, our provider and provision for helping us to raise funds for the missions. We set off to the missions fields without adequate funds but whiles there, God provided more than enough. This same God provided a refrigerator to Missionary Yemi and his wife through a donation from FHI.

This was sponsored by a partner who wanted us to encourage missionaries on the field for the good work they were allowing God to use them for. We Praise the Lord.



Sacks containing some of the items the team received as donations from various partners



Presentation of the refridgerator to missionaries

Mr. and Mrs Ojo

"God's will done God's way will never lack God's supply"
- James Hudson Taylor -

### GOD ANSWERS THE MISSIONARY'S PRAYERS SPEEDILY

Truly, God answers the missionary's prayers speedily. Most of our missionaries testified of our God answering their prayers for the availability of interpreters, parental consent to the missions, open hearts of the people to receive the Gospel and traveling mercies.



Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

- Matthew 7:7 -



A briefing session for the missinoaries led by Pastor Yemi Ojo.



Praying for the baptism of the Holy Spirit for the new converts



A scene from the Jesus film show session in Kpayansi



Go-North Missions 2019

### **Acknowledgement**

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful. Hebrews 12:28

We are grateful to God for the earnest continuous support of FHI's partners and associates in providing us with funds for the missions. To our partnering host missionaries; Pastor Yemi Ojo and his wife, we say, Ayeko and more grace Likewise, thanks to the following Churches and Para-church onto you. support; organisations their tremendous for Living Temple-Winneba, University Interdenominational Church-Cape Coast, CDM Bible College, Salt and Light Ministries, Great Comission Movement Ghana, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Rescue Sports Ministry and Bible Society of Ghana. We pray for God's blessings on all disciples who helped us in diverse ways, especially the missionaries and translators. Remember; Together, we are reclaiming the North of Africa for Christ.

Focus Higher International... Great Minds, Think Like Christ!

### **PARTNER WITH US**

Focus Higher International is supported by the prayer and sacrificial giving of Churches, Partners, Associates and Students. You can support in cash, kind or volunteer to join the team. All cash donations should be made payable to;

#### Account Name: Focus Higher International

Barclays Bank (High Street Branch) Account Number: 0481328284 GT Bank Account (Cape Coast Branch) Account Number: 4511053230140 GT Bank Dollar (\$) Account (Cape Coast Branch) Account Number: 4511053230220 Swift Code: GTBIGHAC

Ghana Commercial Bank (UCC) Branch Account Number: 3021130005877 EcoBank (Accra Main Branch) Account Number: 0013034445522501

Mobile Money

MTN: 0249208196 Airtel Tigo: 0572621691 Vodafone: 0208893394

....Great Minds, Think Like Christ....

www.focushigher.org



















