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Nothing
could
stop us!



FEATURING STORIES

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NOTHING COULD STOP US!

For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

Acts 4:20

Ever since FHI started embarking on Go-North Missions among the Nanumbas, every year has witnessed the force of opposition and severe challenges, yet the Go-North Missions team has not relented from sending the gospel to the unreached Nanumba people group in the Northern Region of Ghana.

For the past six (6) years, FHI has partnered with CAPRO for consistent short-term and long-term missions amidst all the difficulties in reaching out to communities dominated by Muslims.

This year's missions among the Nanumbas, which had two teams stationed at Wulensi and Pudua, also had their challenges, yet nothing could stop the twelve-member team from preaching the gospel, praying for the sick, and teaching God's word.

The mission, which started on September 17 and ended on October 22, witnessed dynamic outreach strategies such as household film shows, family audio Bible listening groups, discipleship groups, and many more.

At the end of the 32 days of mission fieldwork for the Pudua team and the 18 days for the Wulensi team, respectively, a total of eight hundred and ninety-two (892) people heard the gospel.

To the glory of God, two hundred and thirty-eight (238) people gave their lives to Christ.

Although we couldn't have any water baptisms for these converts due to doctrinal differences, we are hoping that subsequent follow-up by our long-term missionaries will yield the needed results. Moreover, the churches planted during previous missions in Kpanyesi, Pudua, Gimam, and Ponayila were visited, encouraged, and revived.

Praise the Lord for this year's missions and be grateful for all and sundry support.

This report further shares stunning stories of what the Lord did through the team during all the persecution and troubles.

*Truly,
nothing
could stop
us.*



CONSECRATED FOR GOD'S PURPOSE

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.

1 Peter 3:15



The God who calls, consecrates, and conditions people for noble services continues to call people to the Nanumba missions field every year.

Although FHI couldn't achieve the mobilization target of thirty people (30), the twelve (12) people who participated in the missions among the Nanumbas were exhorted on the need to make themselves available for God to set apart for His purposes.

Throughout the mission retreat and training, various missionaries emphasized the need for all people, whether workers, students, parents, businessmen, etc., to make themselves available for God's use.

Truly, God is ready to anoint every believer for greater good works.

The anointing is expected to be used for service, but how many people have availed themselves of responding to missions and sacrificing the things that engage them just to be available for missions? Only a few and many look unconcerned.

The call to be set apart for God built faith in the hearts of the mission team, and it is our fervent hope and prayer that it will encourage everyone ready to be set apart for mission work. The Lord be praised.

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.
Acts 4:12

Salvation indeed comes through Jesus Christ alone, but God continues to use different means to reach out to the lost.

Over the years, Go-North missions have adopted various outreach methods to share the gospel with the unreached Nanumba people group.

Besides the usual routine of dawn prayers, personal quiet time, evening prayers, and daily evaluation by the missions team while on the field, the team at Pudua and Wulensi decided to volunteer daily at basic schools to teach. Volunteer teaching offered a means to share the gospel with the pupils.

SALVATION COMES THROUGH VARIOUS OUTREACH MEANS





Aerial View of Pudua Village

Credit: FHI MEDIA

Moreover, the team also embarked on house-to-house evangelism and household film shows. The house-to-house evangelism witnessed souls winning and the sick being prayed for. The daily film shows aids discipleship through the watching of the Walk with Jesus series.

To the glory of God, seventy (70) unreached Nanumbas gave their lives to Christ. The Lord has been faithful and continues to be faithful.



JESUS

SENT US TO YOU

So Ananias left and went to that house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were travelling, has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 9:17

There is more to communicating the gospel message than just repeating a Bible verse or story. The missions team in Wulensi, with their interpreter, adopted interactive greetings for their house-to-house evangelism, which had interesting responses.

In each household they entered, after an exchange of hospitable northern traditional greetings, the team then informed them that "Jesus sent us to you."

"WHERE IS HIS HOUSE?" and "WHO IS HE?" were among the many responses received at the statement. Of all the experiences, there is one worth sharing. The team entered into a Fulani family, and after telling them that Jesus sent us to you, the response was, **WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?**

The response ignited smiles all over the faces of all the team members because it offered a great opportunity to preach Christ to an unreached Fulani family settling among the Nanumbas.

After clearly explaining who Jesus is to them, the team requested to show the Jesus film to the family, which they accepted.

The team went there to show the Jesus film story to the family. Although nobody accepted Jesus, we thank God for the opportunity to hear the gospel.



DISAGREEMENT LEADS TO MARVELOUS HARVEST

Those who go down to the sea
in ships, Who do business on
great waters,
They see the works of the
LORD, And His wonders in the
deep.

Psalms 107:23-24

The opposition to the gospel
didn't start today and will prob-
ably not end with the
Go-North Missions team.

The missions team at Pudua
during house-to-house evan-
gelism encountered an elderly
man who disagreed with the
gospel message.

The elderly man wasn't willing
to let go of his charms and
religion.

After a long, friendly disagree-
ment, the team was inspired
by the Holy Spirit and decided
to visit him again and have a
film show with his family.

After a day's interval, the team
headed to the man's house to
set up for the movie.

The elderly man and his family began to watch the movie titled
"Walking with Jesus." Suddenly, people in the neighborhood
began to troop in to watch the movie. From just a small family to
many people. God's hand was truly at work. The team ensured that
the gospel was shared intermittently.

At the end of the movie show, twenty (20) people out of an estima-
ted sixty (60) people gathered and gave their lives to Christ during
the altar call.

The missionaries led the people to Christ. It was truly glorious. Inter-
estingly, the elderly man's initial disagreement had turned into a
marvelous harvest of souls.



For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light.

Luke 8:17

The Secret REVEALED

The conversation that leads to conversion doesn't only reveal the intent of a man's heart but also the secret of the land.

The Pudua team encountered an elderly Muslim man who didn't decide to accept Christ after hearing the Gospel but revealed deep secrets about how Islam spread and grew faster among the Nanumbas, especially in the Pudua Community.

This elderly man revealed that the community has become Islam-dominated because the early Muslims who invaded the land moved from house to house, teaching Islamic doctrine and assuring them of paradise. The revelation encouraged and challenged the missionaries to constantly preach and teach God's word from house to house. It is our prayer that, with a full-time FHI missionary at Pudua, the power of the Holy Spirit will help the people discover the truth and be set free from religion.

MISSIONS TRANSFORM LIVES



But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Cor 3:18

The testimony of those who have encountered Jesus and whose lives have been transformed turns out to be an inspiration to both the unreached and the entire body of Christ. In the report, we share the testimony of a disciple of our full-time missionary in Gimam, a community in the unreached Nanumba in the Wulensi district of the northern region of Ghana.

I am a person of Sei Badu from Gimam and I begin by thanking the Almighty God for what He has done in my life.

It's a great pleasure for me to share my testimony. It has not been easy to be a Christian in an Islam-dominated community.

I'm a Muslim convert, and I would like people to hear how my life was as a Muslim.

Although I was praying every day, I was still engaged in bad groups doing all sorts of evil things and also doing things to please myself. Truly, God being so good to me, my life began to turn up for good when I encountered the FHI Go-North Missions team in June 2018.

The missionaries had come to my village and preach, Jesus to me. I decided to accept Jesus as my Lord and personal Savior. I had my water baptism at the end of the missions. The team didn't leave my faith to nothing. They took time to teach me God's word so that I become a follower of Jesus.

The team was led by Pastor Yemi and other supporting FHI members, Pastor Kingsley, Bro. Prince, and Bro. Nana Yaw. Things began to change in my life although leaving the past life behind me wasn't easy, but His Grace was sufficient for me. I thank God for saving me and I also thank everyone most especially those who led me to Christ.

I want to encourage everyone to come to Jesus because I've given my life to Christ and realized that the Lord has transformed my life."



Bro. Sei Badu witnessing Jesus Christ to the people in Pudua

GRATEFUL HEART

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Col 3:15

With a deep, grateful heart, we praise God for His faithfulness, provisions, and protection during the 2023 Go-North Missions among the Nanumbas.

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