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## **GO-NORTH MISSIONS 2018**



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## FAITH COMES BY HEARING

*So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17 (ESV)*

Throughout the centuries, millions and millions of people develop their faith in the Lord

through the proclamation of God's word. We were sent to proclaim God's word among the unreached people group of the Nanumbas because faith comes by hearing.

This year's Go-North Missions forms part of our five-year strategic plan of reclaiming the North of Africa for Christ through Church planting and disciple making among the Nanumba and Wala people group. This missions, which is the first session of this year's missions was held among the people group of Nanumba in the communities of Kpanyansi, Gimam, and Ponayila in the Nanumba South District of the Northern Region of Ghana.

The missions hinged on the theme; "Lord, here I am, Send Me" and it was embarked on by sixteen (16) missionaries. The eighteen (18) days missions focused on sharing the Gospel through house to house evangelisms, school outreaches, rallies, Jesus film shows and teaching services.

To the glory of God, an estimated number of seven hundred (700) people heard the Gospel out of which one hundred and seven (107) gave their lives to Christ. Since the communities were typical Muslim communities, most of the people who believed couldn't come out to attend our evening teaching services on the foundations of the Christian faith.

Notwithstanding, out of the few who attended the teaching services, nineteen (19) people were baptised in water and twelve (12) were baptized in the Holy spirit with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues.

## ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET. GO!

*Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly .....  
1 Corinthians 9:26 (NIV)*

Take your mark, get set. Go! The missions started on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 commencing with a week training and retreat session which was held in collaboration with Christlike Disciple makers Movement (CDM) Bible College. The training session equipped the missionaries in the aspects of the Christian foundations, Assurances, Practical Evangelism and Missions, doctrinal studies, Men and Women ministry, living a Christ-like lifestyle and the making of disciples.

Moreover, there were on the field training sessions on how to reach out to a Muslim, adapting to a new environment and basics of the local languages spoken in Northern Ghana.

## TEAM BUILDING

*Two are better off than one, because together they can work more effectively ..... Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NLT)*

The sixteen (16) missionaries who embarked on the missions were grouped into three teams to reach out to three communities namely; Kpayansi, Ponayila and Gimam. The various teams had the flexibility in organising their outreaches and subsequent follow up schedules to ensure that disciple making is continuous and sustainable. Besides, there was a three (3) member coordinating team that harmonized the entire missions. We bless God for the zeal and understanding of missions by the team members. Two members of Ponayila team stayed back for extra two weeks for the purpose of follow up and discipleship.



## Making Disciples through planted Community Churches

*And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples ..... Act 14:21 (NKJV)*

In building strategic alliance with existing Churches and Para-Church organisations, this year's missions was held in collaboration with Capro Missions Movement (CMM) to reach out to the Nanumba people group. Capro Missions, through their full-time missionaries, Pastor Yemi Ojo and wife, have been working among the Nanumbas for the past five years. They have planted Churches in some communities that required more discipleship attention.



The three teams reached out to the three communities namely Kpayansi, Ponayila and Gimam through House-to-House evangelisms, Jesus film shows, dawn broadcastings, rallies school outreaches and teaching services.

In Gimam, an estimated number of two hundred and forty-three (243) people heard the Gospel out of which thirty-seven (37) gave their lives to Christ and nine (9) availed themselves for water baptism. To the glory of God, five new members joined the Church.

In Kpayansi, an estimated number of three hundred and thirty-three (333) people heard the Gospel, fifty-seven (57) people gave their lives to Christ and four (4) people were baptized in the Holy spirit with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues. The Sunday service attendance increased from sixteen (16) to twenty-eight (28) members.

In Ponayila, one hundred and seventy-seven (177) people heard the Gospel, eleven (11) people accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour and twelve (12) people were baptized in the Holy spirit with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues; eleven (11) souls were baptized in water to be united with Christ in his death, burial and resurrection.



## CHILDREN'S RALLY

*Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them  
..... Mark 10:14 (NIV)*

Nobody knows which seed can bear much fruit. The children were not neglected from the various outreaches. The children's attendance was overwhelming. A special children's rally was organised for all the three communities. The Gospel was shared alongside songs and children goodies.



## SPORTS EVANGELISM

*So that I may win more ..... 1 Corinthians 9:19 (NLT)*

Sport evangelism is not the traditional way of sharing the Gospel, but we used it to engage the youth of Ponayila. The missions' team played a football match with the youth of Ponayila. In fact, the missionaries played very well; they are not only missionaries but footballers too. The match ended in a goalless draw. The team took time after the match to share God's word with the youth.



## LOVING OTHERS

*Beloved, let us love one another. For love is from God; ..... 1  
John 4:7 (NKJV)*

Missions is all about loving God and loving others. The missions' team demonstrated the love of God on the mission field; slightly used clothing, toiletries, food items and many other items were given out as gifts to the indigenes of the communities.





## TESTIMONIES

*"As you go, preach saying, the kingdom of God is at hand. Heal the sick, raise the dead..." Matthew 10:7-8 (NKJV)*

In Kpayansi, a young boy suffering from epilepsy was healed in the name of Jesus when prayer was said for him.

In Ponayila, Elimoi, a five-year-old boy was healed from a heart condition. A young lady named sister Peace who was finding it difficult to pray opening her mouth gave a testimony on how she was able to open her mouth and pray by herself. Also, Sis Belinda also gave a testimony on how she felt the thirst for praying in tongues after she received the Holy Ghost baptism.

The Team in Gimam were blessed with four healings; A young boy was healed of stomach ache; A lady was also healed from severe body pains; Another lady, who, due to an accident couldn't raise the hand, was able to do so after being prayed for; finally a lady who initially used to limp was healed after she was prayed for; in fact she was seen the next day running all over the place.

## APPRECIATION

*And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ. Philippians 4:19 (NKJV)*

All glory goes unto God, who laid compassion on the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Yeboah to support this ministry purchase a Nissan Pick Up meant to ease the stress and cost of movement of the ministry.

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

Each year, as we look back on what the Lord has done through and among us, we continue to praise and give glory to the Lord our God for the wonderful work He has been doing. We continue to affirm David Sills' statement that "Some of us are senders and some are goers; neither is more important than the other; neither is possible without the other." We would like to sincerely thank all and sundry who supported us in diverse ways to make this missions a success.

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 onto you. Likewise, thanks to the following Churches and Para-church organisations for their tremendous support; University Interdenominational Church-Cape Coast, CDM Bible College, Salt and Light Ministries, GCMG, CEF, 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.



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