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GO-NORTH MISSIONS 2021

Among Nanumba People Group in the Northern Region of Ghana
From 1st To 30th May, 2021



THE LAND IS OPEN FOR THE GOSPEL

FEATURING STORIES:

- Many disciples established in the Lord.
- God wrapped our hands with miracles of healings.
- Building God's Church Together: Physically, Spiritually and Socially.
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- One Goal: And they heard the Gospel through Football.
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- Life Transforming Testimonies of Missions Team Members.

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

THE LAND IS OPEN FOR THE GOSPEL

*Open to me the gates of righteousness; I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to the Lord.
Psalms 118:19*

The persistent and fervent prayers of the body of Christ for the unreached Nanumba people group in Ghana is making the land open for the Gospel. It's been four (4) years of pursuing God's vision of reclaiming the North of Africa for Christ through church planting and disciples making among the Nanumbas. Within this years, we have mobilized and sent labourers for both long and short term missions. This year's Go-North Missions among the Nanumbas which was embarked on by twenty five (25) missionaries from 1st to 30th May 2021 is a testimony that the Nanumba Land is Open for the Gospel.



FHI Missions Team with Capro National Co-ordinator, Mr. and Mrs. Ojo and some missionaries serving among the Namunbas.

FHI in partnership with Capro Missions have been working among four (4) Nanumba communities namely Koraji, Gimam, Kpanyesi and Ponyila in the Nanumba South District in the Northern Region of Ghana. These are predominantly Muslims communities. There have been several evangelistic outreaches such as school outreaches, house-to-house evangelism, discipleship, follow-ups, visitations and Jesus film show among these communities. Initially, it was difficult to penetrate with the Gospel but we can testify this year to the glory of God that the land is open. Many people were eager to hear the Gospel from the Missions Team.



Jesus film show at Koraji.



Puduya Mission Team and their host family.

The amazing testimony is Puduya, the new community we wanted to enter during this year's Go-North Missions. After several interaction with community leaders and the difficulties in getting accommodations for the team, the communities leaders who happens to be Muslims announced to the communities that some Christians have visited the community with the Gospel and encouraged all to give the team their cooperation.

This is an amazing spiritual breakthrough because Puduya is a Muslim community without any church presence. For the first time, the team had three (3) consecutive Church services every Sunday with an average attendance of ten (10) people.

Truly, the land is open to the Gospel. The Kpanyesi chief and household freely hears the Gospel. Everyone in Gimam, Ponyila and Koraji knows the amazing story of the Gospel. No one was left out. From Adult to children. They heard what Jesus Christ did on the cross for them. At the of the missions, thirty four (34) people have given their lives to Christ. Many of them being Muslims. There were approximately five hundred and forty seven (547) people who heard the Gospel throughout this year's Missions.

This year's Go-North Missions started with a three-day training and retreat. The training was meant to equipped team members with the knowledge of christian experiences, assurances, Nanumba people group, team work, child evangelism and reaching out to Muslims. The team also spent days in praying and fasting.

There were many Nanumbas who heard the Gospel but couldn't make a decision due to the fear of persecution. We encourage you all to continue praying that the Lord will break the bondage of fear so that many who heard the Gospel will boldly make a decision to follow Jesus.

MANY DISCIPLES ESTABLISHED IN THE LORD

*And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples.
Acts 14:21b*

This year's missions continue to pursue the sole purpose of the missions which is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. The Ponayila team had a discipleship group of seven members which met weekly for discipleship class teachings. The teachings was based on disciple making structure from Christlike Disciples Movement (CDM) Bible college. Puduya team had a secret discipleship for a Muslim convert. Gimam Team had constant household follow up to teach and make disciples. The Koraji Team follow up backsliding church members to encourage, teach and to make them disciples. The Team focused on two (2) disciples by visitation and teaching. A different strategy of one to one disciple making was adopted by the Kpanyesi Team for six (6) disciples.

In all, fifteen (15) people were discipled. They were opened to the teachings and readily asked questions to clear their understanding. We thank God for this disciples of Jesus Christ among the Nanumbas. We pray that more disciples will be made and established in the Lord.



A discipleship class teachings for some Ponyyila youths.



The woman who entered church for the first time after being healed.



This is the dumb and incapacitated woman who God healed.

GOD WRAPPED OUR HANDS WITH MIRACLES OF HEALINGS

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

God fulfilled the promise of accompanying us for the missions with miracles. The missions team testify of the following amazing miracles of healings.

#. A young man in Puduya was delivered from spirit of death and Epilepsy after the team prayed for him.

#. A man from Chichagri, who have been under the attack of the spirit of infinity for about 7years was healed during Sunday Service at Puduya.

#. In Ponyali, God healed an incapacitated and dumb woman after the team prayed on a cup of water for her to drink.

A Kokomba lady attended church for the first time after being healed from chronic body pains during house-to-house evangelism.

#. The son of a believer who fellowships with the church in Kpanyesi who was suffering stomach pains and admitted at the hospital was prayed for and healed.

A son of community opinion leader who had sort of a swollen reaction on his entire body as a result being bitten by bee received an instant miracle. The team offered to pray with him during house-to-house evangelism and realized that the swollen places were gradually vanishing after the prayers. After some few minutes of leaving their house to the next house, we heard the report that he was fully well now. Praise be to God for miraculous healing.

#. A woman in Gimam had been sick for a period of time. She has been suffering from severe body weakness. The mission team paid her a visit, prayed with her and she was completely healed when the mission's team visited again in three days time.

#. A thirteen year old girl who could not hear with her left ear, from birth was prayed for by a member of the team and she heard with that ear instantly.

#. A Muslim lady in Gimam had been suffering from demonic attacks. This even made her stop schooling. She accepted Jesus into her life and prayers of deliverance was made for her. She is now completely free and has shown great commitment to the things of God since then.

Many others who were sick were also prayed for, and some received their healing. We thank God for working miracles among the people so as to draw them to the saving power of Christ. All Glory to God.

BUILDING GOD'S CHURCH TOGETHER; PHYSICALLY, SPIRITUALLY AND SOCIALLY

So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were saved.

Acts 2:46-47



Mission teams digging gravel to fill the church hall.

For the past four years, FHI has been watering the community church planted by CAPRO in Gimam. The ministry through short term missions and a serving long term missions continue to build the church spiritually, physically and socially.

Spiritually, The church has grown in numbers and understanding of being a disciple of Christ. The average attendance of Sunday church service has increased from sixteen (16) to twenty five (25). There are many youth who gave their lives to Christ during previous Go-North Missions, they were baptized in water and with the Holy Spirit. These youth joined the church in Gimam and being discipled to God's Glory. The missions team had always been following up on souls in Gimam. They have continued to strengthen the church to grow in the Lord. In all, eight (8) new converts have been added to the church.

Socially, The missions team had constantly share clothes, toiletries and education support with members of the church. FHI's ministry supported two young people in the church to enrol in Senior High school.

Physically, the Go-North missions team continue to help the Gimam local church in building a place of worship under project "Eradicating of Churches under Tress (E-Cut Project)". In previous missions, we have helped in moulding blocks. This year, we donated benches and roofing sheets to the church and assisted in cutting woods for the roofing of the temple and a two-bedroom missions house.

Praise God for the success of the journey in building God's together spiritually, physically and socially.



Conveying woods from the bush to the house to roof the church.



Donation of four bundles of roofing sheet to the Gimam church.



The roofed Gimam church.

WULENSI SHS SCRIPTURE UNION ENCOURAGE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH OTHERS

And He commanded us to preach to the people.
Acts 10:42a

Missions is not only to preach the Gospel to unbelievers but to also strengthen already believers to continue in the faith. The Missions Coordinating Team and Koraji Team took a visit to fellowship with Wulensi SHS Scripture Union almost every meeting.



A picture of the souls at the SHS who gave their lives to Christ.

During one of the fellowship meeting, FHI's Executive Director encouraged the students with a sermon title "Build with God." He encouraged the students to build their lives with God by accepting Jesus, following Jesus and sharing. He passionately ask the students to share the Gospel with other students. At the end, five (5) students gave their lives to Jesus Christ and many prayed to obediently follow Jesus and share Jesus with others.

The Koraji Team followed with practical steps of sharing the Gospel with others in subsequent meeting. We thank God for Scripture Union and the great work they are doing in the schools. It's our prayer that the students will obediently share the Gospel with others and many will be drawn to our Lord Jesus Christ.

ONE GOAL; AND THEY HEARD THE GOSPEL THROUGH FOOTBALL MATCH

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?
Acts 10:14

In order to engage the youth in Kpanyasi, the Missions Team organize a football match between the Missions Team and Kpanyasi youth.

The atmosphere was filled with expectation and excitement as Kpanyasi prepares for the football match with their visitors who have been in the community for close to a week. The chief and his elders together with other opinion leaders have been duly informed concerning the up coming match. And that caused the chief to remember the days of his youth when he was once a strong defender, no striker can by-pass.

The D-Day finally arrived and the game they have always wished for was here. The referee whistled for the match to commenced. The defenders on both sides were defending with all their heart and strength and the strikers from both sides were bent on scoring.

After the first-half, both teams had kept a clean sheet. The referee whistled for the players to assemble for the second half. Those who will be substituted have been substituted and both teams were anticipating a win over the other at all cost.

The second half began with expectation and carefulness not to concede a goal. This time, both teams were strongly defending their goalpost. Close to the end of the second half, the community team scored one goal against the missions team. A few minutes after the goal, the referee whistled to bring the game to an end. The Kpanyasi community team could not hold their joy and excitement as they have emerged as the winner of the game. It was an exciting game which attracted the entire youth in the community.

At the end of match, Mrs. Yemi, our host missionary's wife, shared the gospel with the youth to run the race of life not to only win on earth but to also win in heaven. She shared the Gospel with over hundred (100) youth gathered after the match. We thank God for the opportunity to share the Gospel through sports.



Mission football team.



Missions football team and the Kpanyasi football team.



Kpanyasi football team.

ABCD OF THE GOSPEL TO THE NEGLECTED CHILDREN

Then they brought little children to Him.
Mark 10:13a

Through out the outreaches, children were not neglected from hearing the Gospel. Many of the children were gathered in house-to-house evangelism to hear the Gospel. The team took time to explain the Gospel using Gospel flip chart and actions songs. We shared some biscuits, drinks and toffees with the children during Sunday school service. It's a joy to share the Gospel with over hundreds of children in eight (8) Communities among the Nanumbas.



Discipling the children at Kpanyasi.



Children service at Koraji



Altar call at Ponayili film show.

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES THROUGH SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT TALK, DONATION AND VOLUNTEER TEACHING AT SCHOOLS

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. 1 Thess 5:14



Health talk at Koraji.



School outreach at Ponayili.



Medical donation to Puduya chips compound.

The Missions Team at Koraji engaged the community on health and environmental issues. The focus was on the dangers of smoking and how to keep the environment clean. After initial talk with community leaders, the team organized an health workshop to educate the community on how to keep the environment clean and dangers for smoking. The meeting was attended by the entire community and was spearheaded by the health team from Wulensi clinic. The community expressed gratitude for the talk and expect a change in the behavior of the community. It's our prayer that the workshop will yield the anticipated outcome.

Besides, the Missions Team at Puduya on behalf of FHI donated some medical equipment and First Aid medication to the Chip compound. The Chip compound is the only health facility available to the community. It lacks basic medical equipment to serve the community, especially children and women. The sought for their immediate needs and this donation was provided as a means of supporting the community.

Moreover, the missions team members offered volunteer teaching at the various schools in the communities. It offered us the opportunity to interact with the pupils and to share the Gospel with them. Both pupils and teachers were grateful for such a kind gesture of helping them. All Glory to God.



School outreach at Ponyila.



School outreach at Gimam.

LIFE TRANSFORMING TESTIMONIES OF TEAM MEMBERS

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15b

I started the year 2021 with so many challenges relating to my health, marriage and ministry. I got dispersed, discouraged and depressed such that I wanted to quit everything. During Praying Through Summit, when brethren prayed for me, I got revived with strength to lead the team for this year's Missions. Thanks be to God for enabling me to lead the team and reviving me with insight and inspiration for missions. It's been one of the amazing Missions in my life. **(Samuel Kofi Asiamah, FHI Executive Director)**

For so long, I have had the desire of going for missions. I thank God I found Focus Higher International during a time of searching online. I am glad I joined this year's Missions. Even though it was short it has affected my life and decisions for the future. I thank God for such an opportunity and I pray He continues to touch others with a desire for missions and promote Focus Higher International to achieve greater things. **(Maria Arthur Gyamfi, a member of Gimam Missions Team, 2021)**

Praying for long hours wasn't my thing, but glory be to God, joining Focus Higher International for this year's mission to the North has trained me and has helped me build my spiritual life very strong. I thank God for such strength given to me to tarry in prayer. **(Asare Fedalix A. Greene, a member of Kpayansi Missions Team, 2021)**

I joined this year's Missions because my Lecturer asked to come over to help as a driver. I wasn't close to God as I wanted but the missions gave me the opportunity to rededicate my life to Jesus. Moreover, I had an open confession of my new walk with God through Jesus Christ by going through water baptism. I thank God for encountering Him through my participation in the Missions. All praise be to God. **(Asante Daniel, a member of the coordinating team)**



Daniel Asante undergoing water baptism by Mrs. Yemi.



Daniel Asante undergoing water baptism by Mrs. Yemi.



Missions Team praying after water baptism practicals.

BREAKING LANGUAGE BARRIER WITH 'REACHING YOUR OWN' CAMPAIGN

*For now I will break off his yoke from you,
And burst your bonds apart.
Nahum 1:13*

The most common barrier to cross cultural missions is language. In spite of the effort to bridge this barrier with translators or translation, there's a persistent language barrier for missionaries serving among the unreached. Over the years, language barrier have been a challenge to our Go-North Missions team.

In response to finding solution to this challenge, the missions mobilizing team will be embarking on a mobilization drive on campuses to mobilize Nanumbas and Walas or individual who can speak Dagbani or Wala. The campaign is dubbed; "Reaching your own." It's our prayer that we will be able to mobilize Nanumbas and Walas Christians in the south to join us for subsequent Go-North Missions.



Reaching out to a family in Kpanyansi

NO PLACE TO LAY OUR HEADS

And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

Luke 9:58

This year's Go-North Missions among Nanumbas was challenged with accommodations issues in the communities. The mobilized labourers couldn't get accommodations in some of the communities upon arrival.

Some Missions Team had to lodge in other communities before the completion of temporary accommodations at their assigned communities. In other instances, the provided accommodations had several safety and health concerns. This couldn't stop the spirit-filled missions team members from pursuing the reason for going to the field.

It's our prayer that God will supply the resources for the building of missions houses or touch the hearts of Nanumba Christians to offer accommodations for subsequent Go-North Missions.



Working on a room for the mission team at Puduya.

CONSTANT PRAYERS NEEDED

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 mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains.

Colossians 4:2-3

We encourage you to continue praying with us on the following;

#. Pray for all especially those who accepted the Gospel during the Missions that God will give them the boldness to stand against persecution.

#. Ask the Lord to grant understanding to all Nanumbas who heard the Gospel during the Missions. Pray that the Holy Spirit should continue to minister the Gospel to the hearts of the Nanumba people

#. Ask God to establish peace among rival families among the Nanumbas.

#. Ask God to raise church leaders among the local people to lead planted churches among the Nanumbas.

#. Pray that God will soften the hearts of parents who would not give their sons and daughters the liberty to serve Christ.



Prayer time at the three days retreat.

APPRECIATION

(Together, we are reclaiming the North of Africa for Christ)

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. 2 Cor 2:14

We are always grateful to Elohim for calling and granting us grace to embark on the Go-North Missions among the Nanumbas. We praise God for labourers, financial help, prayer support, and all logistics that was made available through out the Missions. We express our dearest appreciation to FHI's Advisory Board, Executive Council, Partners, Associates and Missions Team members. Thanks very much for the support and God richly bless you all.

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Kpanyasi Missions Team.



Puduya Missions Team.



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