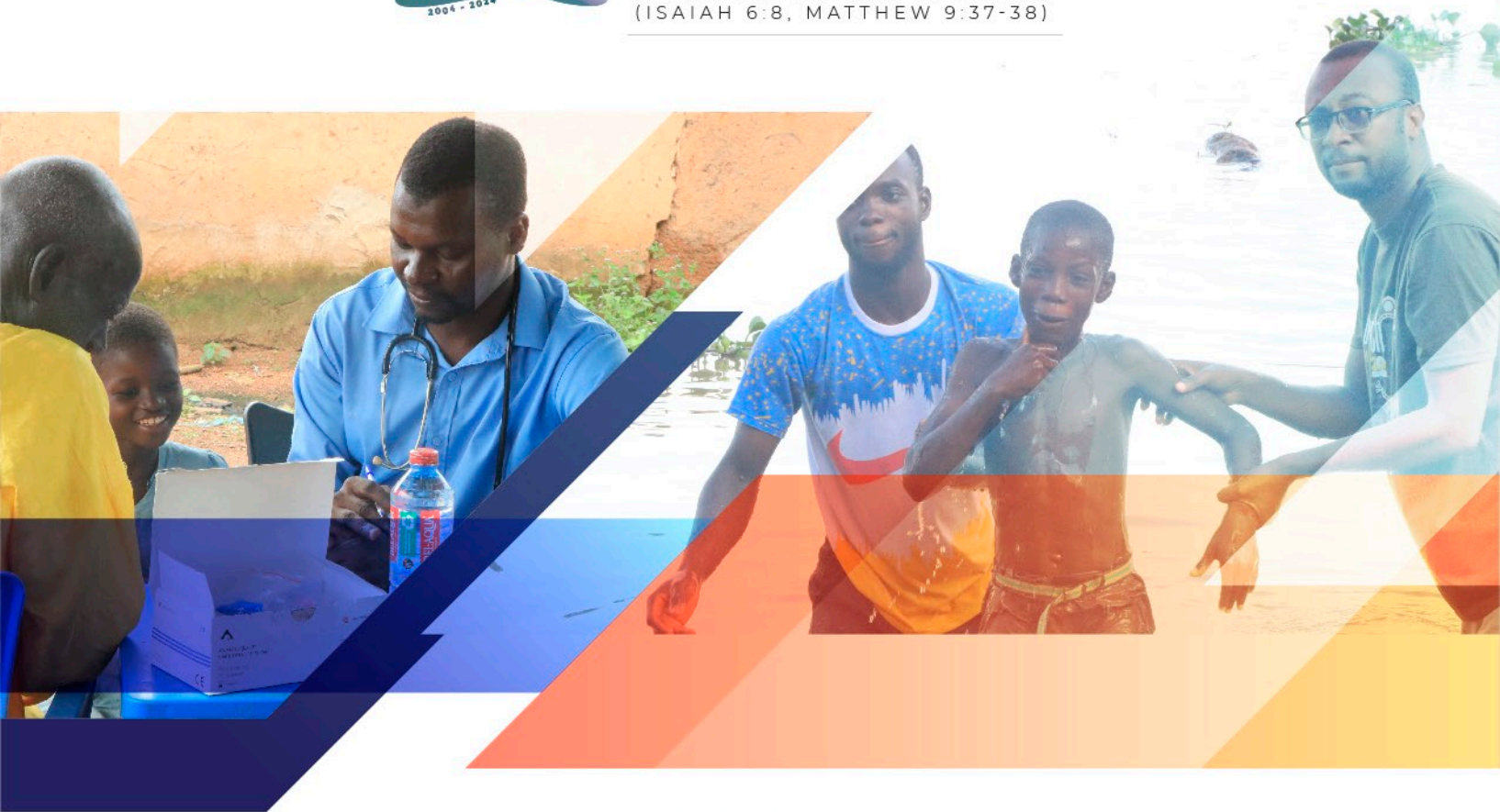




Go-North
Missions 2024

THEME: LORD, HERE I AM,
SEND ME TO THE NATIONS
(ISAIAH 6:8, MATTHEW 9:37-38)



God Wonders

did among the Nanumbas

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GOD DID WONDERS among the Nanumbas

You are the God of great wonders! You demonstrate your awesome power among the nations.
Psalms 77:14 (NLT)

The God who initiated missions is indeed a God of great wonders. The wonders of God were seen in diverse ways through this year's Go-North Missions among the Nanumbas from 13th September to 10th October 2024.

Even though events beyond our control changed the mission's plans to travel to the Kusasi and Walas, we could conclude that they were the Holy Spirit's restrictions.

The twenty-one (21) days among the Nanumbas in Gimam, a community in the Nanumba South District in the Northern Region of Ghana, were filled with wonderful occurrences of God's grace and mercies.

The wonders of God started with the missions retreat and training in Accra, where the team was strongly admonished that the God who sent us is real.

Then, our missionary journey started with numerous vehicular challenges, such as car battery failure, which ignited a start and brake failure that delayed us.

As though these challenges weren't enough, a motorcycle that crossed us nearly caused a fatal accident, but the God of Wonders was there to deliver the team.

In addition to the usual Outreaches such as House-to-House Evangelism, Jesus Film Show, Children's Rally, Church Discipleship Fellowship,

Sports Evangelism, and School Outreach, FHI partnered with Christian Missions Resource Foundation (CMRF) to organize medical outreach in three different communities in the Nanumba region.

The wonders of God were manifested throughout all the outreach with God-glorifying outcomes. In all, thousands four hundred and twenty-three (1423) people got the opportunity to hear the Gospel as a result of two hundred and eight-one souls surrendering their lives to Jesus Christ. We bless God for twenty-eight (28) people who made themselves available for teaching and water baptism.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit resulted in seventeen (17) people receiving healing and deliverance and twenty-three (23) people being baptized in the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues. The team also gave five Bibles to those who could read and audio Bibles in Dagabni to those who couldn't read but had media phones to play with and listen to.

Truly, God demonstrated His awesome power among the Nanumbas through this year's Go-North Missions in Gimam, and it has been well captured in the subsequent captivating and thrilling stories. We are grateful to God and the financial support of all FHI partners. We bless God for the partnership with CMRF and CAPRO Missions.

Ayeko to all who participated in the missions.

The God Who Sends is Real

Also, I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:
"Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?"
Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."
Isaiah 6:8

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The calling of God is not easy; we could face rejection and hardship, but the team should be empowered by the knowledge that the God who called us is real, sovereign, and faithful.

The Let's Pray Half-Night ended with an anointing and communion service to deepen the covenant relationship with God, who's real in sending us.

God's reality is not passive; He is a God who calls. He invites us to participate in His work of salvation and restoration in the world. The call to Isaiah is the same call that echoes to all believers today.

God is seeking those who will respond to His voice and go where He sends. During this year's Go-North Missions, the missions team gladly responded to the leading of God to be in Gimam and the Lord worked with us with amazing testimonies of salvation, healing and deliverance.

Truly, the God who sends us is REAL.

FROM THE NORTH to the North

But go rather to the lost
sheep of the house of Israel.
Matthew 10:6

Mobilizing a few Christians among the unreached to reach out to their own was one of our missions' strategies for Go-North Missions 2024.

The essence of this strategy is to send northern believers to their own people first, recognizing their unique ability to relate to their cultural contexts and needs.

Through God's leading and empowerment, we have five (5) northerners as part of the thirteen (13) members of the missions' team currently working among the unreached Nanumbas. The five (5) northerners comprises of two students who were mobilized to join the missions team from KNUST (Noah) and UDS (Samuel).

The other three are disciples of our missionaries working among the Nanumbas. These Nanumba disciples serve as leaders of the church planted in Gimam and helped the missions' team in interpretation and organizing various outreaches.

With these northerners on board as part of the Go-North Missions team, it gave the team more access to the people, credibility and understanding of the cultural dynamics that helped spread the Gospel effectively.



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

The church is often regarded as a sacred space for worship, fellowship, and community. However, its primary purpose extends beyond these essential functions. At its core, the church is a place for discipleship, that is a sanctuary where believers can grow, learn, and mature in their faith to be Christ-like disciples.

Throughout this year's Go-North Missions in Gimam, the missions team strategically met the church almost every evening and all Sundays for a systematic teaching that focused on building a strong foundation for their Christian faith. The church in Gimam, a simple building started in 2019 by FHI's missionaries in partnership with CAPRO Missions during a short-term mission, is the only church among the unreached Nanumbas in the Gimam Community. At the heart of every church service were teachings on the Christian experiences and assurance.



In such a Muslim-dominated community, it was a miracle to have an average attendance of thirty-one (31) adults and hundreds of children gathered to worship every Sunday morning and week day evenings throughout the three weeks. It was a joy as they prayed and sang in Dagabni to glorify God.

In every church service, the place was full of already church members, new converts and others who had returned to church after years of stopping. Many throng to this church service to be taught of God's word.

It's our prayer that the seed of God's word sowed in their hearts will generate faith to stand against any persecution. Amen



PREACHING CHRIST THROUGH SCHOOL OUTREACH

And whatever you do, do it heartily,
as to the Lord and not to men.
Colossians 3:23

During this year's Go-North Missions, the team decided to engage and serve the community by assisting at the local school in Gimam, which had a predominantly Islamic staff. We were strategic in our approach, avoiding any perception that we were trying to "colonize" the school for Christ. Instead, we focused on building trust and providing support where needed.

We worked with students from primary 4 to JHS 3, helping with lessons and providing extra support outside of class. Many students struggled with basic concepts, including spelling their names and understanding English.

We used this opportunity to assist with their studies and share biblical lessons, guiding them towards the Gospel.

As students came to our home for extra lessons, we engaged them with biblical reading materials, improving their reading skills and this sparked questions and curiosity, leading some to surrender to the Lordship of Christ.

These students became ambassadors of the Gospel, sharing with their mates and spreading the Gospel.



As we continued to teach and mentor, our patience was tested, but we relied on the Holy Spirit to guide us.

We recognized that we were not just teaching academic lessons but also sowing seeds of faith in the hearts of these students.

May Christ reign in their hearts and may the seeds we planted continue to grow and flourish.

We will Think About it

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?

Romans 10:14

House-to-house evangelism is a common approach in rural missions yet very effective in sharing the Gospel. Throughout this year's Go-North Missions, the missions team embarked on many House-to-House evangelisms. In one of the encounters, the team met a group of five young men who were smoking and conversing.

Although the team was nervous to approach them at the first instance, they gathered the courage to share the Gospel with them. After the sharing of the Gospel, there was a moment of silence, after which they responded almost in unison, "We will think about it; it is a hard decision". This response was general to almost everyone the team encountered throughout the house-to-house evangelism because most of them were Muslims and feared persecution.



Besides, there were others who, for fear of being killed by their idols, also gave the same response. In all, we shared the Gospel with sixty-three (63) people during house-to-house evangelism, and twenty (20) people gave their lives to Christ.

We continue to pray that all who heard the Gospel and are thinking about it will surrender their lives to Jesus Christ. Amen

They won the match, but we won them for Christ

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world.
And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.
1 John 5:4



In today's world, sports like football are a metal force that attracts both the young and old. The missions' team, as part of the strategies to share the Gospel with the youth in Gimam through sports Evangelism, organized a football match between the missions' team and the Gimam youth.



At the end of the match, the missions team concealed a score of one against four. There was jubilation among the Nanumba youth in Gimam. After the match, a compelling message was preached on who the true winner is.

The message stated that, in any match, there's either a win, a loss, or a draw. Nevertheless, on the final day, people on earth will be judged as either winners (being sent to Heaven) or losers (going to hell), emphasizing that the only way to be part of the winners is to believe in Jesus as your Lord and personal Saviour.

Upon hearing this message, thirty (30) of the youth gave their lives to Christ. Drinks were shared and a football was presented to the winner.

Truly, they won the match, but we won them for our Lord Jesus Christ. Hallelujah!

JESUS DIED FOR CHILDREN TOO

But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 19:14

In most rural communities in Ghana, like Gimam in the Nanumba South District in the Northern Region, children make up one-third of the population.

Children are known to have open hearts and minds to readily receive the simplicity of the Gospel.

The Go-North Missions team didn't neglect the Children in Gimam. We organized a special rally for the children of Gimam, and a hundred and four (104) of them joined the rally, eager to learn and have fun.

With joy and laughter, we preached a powerful message, teaching them that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).

The children quickly memorized the memory verse, demonstrating their eagerness to learn. In the end, ninety-eight (98) of the children said the salvation prayer to receive Jesus Christ into their hearts.



Besides, the team shared pens, pencils, and erasers, and played games that unleashed their creativity. Jesus died for children too, and we are grateful to God for the opportunity to share His love with these children.

MANY CAME TO **JESUS** THROUGH THE MEDICAL OUTREACH

So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

Luke 9:6



In celebrating FHI's 20 years of God's faithfulness, the ministry, as part of this year's Go-North Missions, decided to organize a special medical Outreach in partnership with Christian Medical Resource Foundation (CMRF) among three communities of the unreached Nanumbas in the Nanumba South District in the Northern Region of Ghana.

The purpose of this special 20th-anniversary medical Outreach was to address both the physical and spiritual needs of these communities with limited access to healthcare and the Gospel.

The nine (9) medical officers who joined our team for the three-day medical outreach provided essential medical services such as basic health check-ups, treatment for common illnesses with free drugs, eye clinic with free lenses and education on disease prevention.

The medical Outreach, which took place in the Muslim-dominated communities of Gimam and Kpanyesi and an idol worship community of Ponayili, was designed to meet urgent medical needs while planting seeds of the Gospel through compassionate service.



The Gospel message was presented in culturally sensitive ways, integrating spiritual care with medical services using medical counsellors.

In the end, this holistic approach to missions, which strive to embody Christ's compassion for everyone everywhere using medical Outreach, resulted in six hundred and eighteen (618) people hearing the Gospel and one hundred and twenty-three (123) people giving their lives to Jesus Christ.

Moreover, there were testimonies of both physical and spiritual healing received through the outreach. We thank God for making all resources available for this medical outreach.



Impacting lives, **TRANSFORMING** Communities

And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. (1 Thes 1:7)

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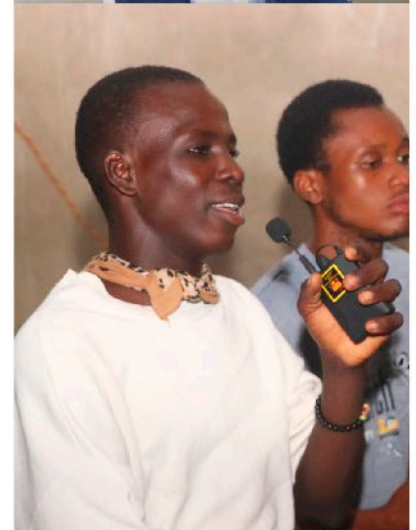
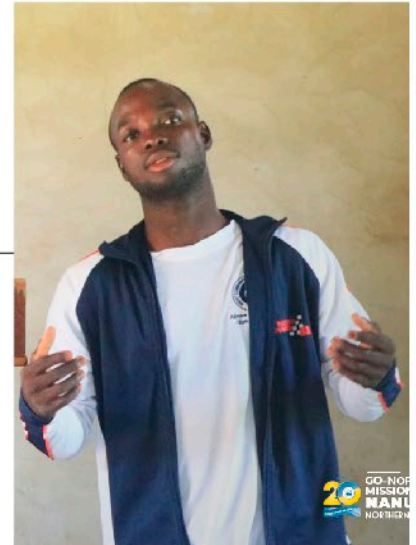
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He emphasized the need for us to respond to God's call in Faith. During this year's Go-North Missions, we noticed our consistent missions to the same community have brought transformation into the lives of three young people who joined the team and served as Interpreters.

Baidu, Godwin, and Akwesi are products of missions that transformed lives and communities. Not only have they been transformed in their character and zeal for the Lord, it has also reflected in the good performance of Baidu's Senior High School results. In the subsequent days, FHI will be knocking at your door for support to assist him to continue to the University.

It's our hope and prayer that these transformed young adults will continue to influence the Gimam community for Christ.



Testimonies of Healings, Miracles and Deliverance

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people.
(Acts 5:12)



The testimonies of healings, miracles and deliverance are absolute occurrences that accompany the sharing of the Gospel during missions. During this year's Go-North Missions, we witnessed numerous testimonies, and we share them as follows.

1. During a church service prayer in Gimam Church, three girls were miraculously delivered from the spirit of dwarves (genes).
2. A lady who suffered severe eye pain, which blurred her vision, was healed after we prayed for her.
3. A boy who couldn't read due to vision problems received his sight and can now attend school.
4. During a house-to-house evangelism, a man who relied on a walking stick for mobility received instant healing after prayers and can now walk independently.
5. Three girls testified about their deliverance from demonic attacks, which occurred while they slept. They heard their names being called but found no one present. God delivered them from these terrifying experiences.
6. During a Jesus Film show, a woman with a leg condition received instant healing after prayers.
7. There was also a testimony from two women experiencing body pains who also received healing.



We bless God because each day in Gimam on the missions' field was a testament to God's word and His presence working with the missions team. We give glory to God for these incredible testimonies!

We are **GRATEFUL** for Everything

.... give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thes 5:18)

In everything that apprehend during this year's Go-North Missions 2024 among the Nanumbas, we give all the glory to God for His faithfulness, provisions, and protection. We continue to be highly grateful to the gracious hosting of Pastor Yemi and his lovely wife, Mariam Ojo, for hosting the Go-North Missions team for the past seven (7) years.

To the Yemis, thank you, and God richly bless you.

In the same spirit, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Jacob Opatá and the Christian Medical Resource Foundation (CMRF) for the collaboration in the medical Outreach. Also, we couldn't have gone on the missions without the financial support of FHI partners and associates. God bless the work of their hands and increase their financial blessings.

Special gratitude to Acts 13 Ghana for their participation in this year's missions. Moreover, many thanks go to the FHI leadership for their wisdom and strength in organizing the missions. Lastly, big thanks to all who participated in the missions. God, renew your strength and bless us all.





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