

Legacy Footfalls Ministry - Monthly Summary Report, November 2023

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In November, we had a special experience where the Lord opened a door for us to conduct two successful outreach programs in a new location in Mityana District, my birthplace. It was an amazing experience to do one of the outreaches along with my parents, Pastor Julius, and Emmanuel. Although I was new to the children on the first visit, the older people had known me since I was a child growing up in one of the poorest homesteads with no hope for a meaningful life. I am now a living testimony to them that God can transform lives, and it was a great opportunity to share my story of transformation with the children on the first visit. Their admiration and appreciation were evident, and I felt confident that the Lord used me to inspire hope in them.

1. LF MINISTRY UPDATES

During our second visit, we were amazed by the warmth and hospitality of the community. Elder Kesi, who is an icon of the village, welcomed us to his home. I had heard that both children and adults hold him in high regard, not only for his leadership in the Anglican local church but also for his wealth and long life. As an elder in the community church located next to his land, he is highly respected. However, he also has a shrine where he worships and evokes the spirits of his ancestors, just like any other older person in the village. His compound is well-kept, and he proudly informed us that he has 5 wives and 10 acres of coffee.

We desire to impart the next generation of believers in this community with the true teachings of Christ Jesus and empower them to live out the bible. We plan to continue doing outreaches in this community and teach the children the foundations of the Christian faith and computer skills until they complete both curricula, we desire to equip them to be ready to effect change in their community some day. We are so glad that the journey has started.

The children have come to understand from the bible lesson done on visit 2 that the Bible is God's Holy word, written by men who were inspired by God. Originally written in Hebrew, it was later translated into Greek and many other languages. They have also mastered the sequence of the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

We faced a challenge when we had to set up the new gazebo tents in time. It was our first time using tents instead of the school building, this took away time from our computer program. Despite this setback, the children began learning text formatting, specifically how to highlight and enlarge letters.

1.2 EVANGELISM

Door to door/ home visits /prayer walks

We dedicated November to follow up with those who committed to following the Lordship of Christ through our door-to-door outreaches this year. We established two channels to meet with them, and pray for their needs. The first channel being an intimate catch-up gathering of 1-4 people at the mission house, while the second channel is a larger gathering of 15-30 people - the River Missionary Fellowship. So far the attendees are 15 - 18 people. We plan to cap the maximum number of attendee to 30 for each meeting. This is the maximum number of people the mission house can hold at a time.

2. PRAISE REPORT

Praise God for you NUBF for providing the Gazebo tents, the tent came with a blessing of working outside the classrooms, this attracted community members to come and watch the program, they actually stayed until the end. We believe that this will help us establish a positive relationship with the community in a short amount of time. We were happy that some teachers from the school joined us, observed our work, and started helping out. We are also excited to see the impact that the ministry van will have on our work.

Praise God we expanded to a new location in Mityana, made possible by the grace of God. Our team had been eager to serve this community for a long time, but we needed someone or an organization to collaborate with us as a person of peace. We are delighted to have found Allen and her husband Charles, who have generously volunteered their family to be our person of peace. Charles is the local chairperson (LC) for the community, and we are confident that his leadership will help us serve the community even better. It is worth mentioning that this new location is situated near the school we started working with about two years ago, this proximity allows us to serve both schools at a small additional cost that our current budget can comfortably accommodate. A person of peace is one who has good will in the community and is willing to be our host and image for the outreaches.

We thank God for enabling us to establish The River Missionary Fellowship for people who have decided to follow the Lordship of Jesus through our door-to-door outreach program. It's a beautiful idea to have a smaller meeting for those who cannot attend the big one. We see spiritual needs met through both fellowships.

Praise God! Our young evangelists and Awake program alumni are progressing well in their college academic pursuits. Emmanuel has just graduated as a medical doctor, Vivian is pursuing a Bachelor of Law, and Nuru is studying for a certificate in journalism. Jonathan and Mercy are also back to school. We are excited about the future of our country, we pray that these passionate Christians will one day assume leadership roles in the different areas of influence in our country. And keep God in our schools and other public places. Awake is our gap year placement for christian youth that enables them to grow their personal lives as they share their faith with others.

3. PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for the emergence of a new generation of true Christians in Mityana who will worship the Lord in spirit and truth. In present times, as in the past, most Christians in Mityana, such as Elder Kesi, offer sacrifices to ancestral spirits. This practice is passed down from generation to generation. Families make sacrifices to their ancestors, such as communal offerings where extended family members gather to share food and drink with the gods. They also voluntarily bring presents to thank the ancestors, appease them in cases of offense, or make preventive offerings to prevent disasters. In some cases, they make substitutionary offerings, where they sacrifice a living animal to save the life of a seriously ill person. As a child, I remember my family members making these sacrifices as well. We are confident that God will use the LF team to bring true Christianity to the next generation in Mityana.

Pray for Charles and Allen. to get numerous opportunities to come together as a family and pray, pray for their love for God and their community to continue to grow. I also ask that you pray for our team to work well together with them, united in both body and spirit

Please Pray for Ivan and his wife Lydia. They are believing God for a baby. Ivan volunteered with us at the most recent outreach to Mityana. His wife had an ectopic pregnancy. It ruptured one of Lydia's fallopian tubes. They got surgery to close the wound. They are now having challenges conceiving. They want the Lord to give them a baby. An ectopic pregnancy is when a fertilized egg implants itself outside of the womb, usually in one of the fallopian tubes. The fallopian tubes are the tubes connecting the ovaries to the womb. If an egg gets stuck in them, it ruptures them as the egg develop into a baby.

Please pray for Joan. She is a young evangelist who serves with us and an alumni of the 2021 Awake program. Joan set up a food vending stall by the roadside, but heavy rains have damaged the structure. The owner of the space now wants it back for other uses. Joan needs help to stabilize and make her business profitable again. She is at a stage where she is thinking about her next steps in business, so please pray for her wisdom and insight.

Please pray for Aaron, Levi, and I as we work towards providing for our families. Aaron has a desire to grow a brand in the printery and photography business, and is currently seeking printing equipment. Levi creates curtains and blinds for profit, while Mercy and I are involved in small-scale agriculture and also receive support from our parents, Mike and Laurie. Our goal is to expand our agricultural business and also establish a bread-making business, and we hope that these ventures will grow into successful enterprises that can support our families and enable us to financially contribute towards the Lord's work through LF. We would also appreciate prayers for opportunities to build our management skills and find capable men to take up the responsibilities to run these business as we continue to share our faith with unreached people in far-off places.

Please pray for my wife, Mercy. She is almost eight months pregnant now and currently taking her first-semester college exams. Unfortunately, she became dizzy while completing one of her papers this week, but thankfully, a kind female teacher noticed and offered her assistance. Our gynecologist has advised us to ensure Mercy's diet includes green leafy vegetables, meat, and spinach to support her body in making more blood for both her and the baby's health. she is also taking iron supplements.

Please pray for me to get a US visa interview date between April and May next year? The problem is that the available appointment dates are only in 2025, which is not optimal for my situation. The agency helping with my application said that it's rare for an appointment to open up in my desired time-frame, but it's not impossible.

4. NEXT STEP

- i. Door to door reach out.
- ii. Weekly Fellowship for New Believers.
- iii. Short films production
- iv. Awake program

Thank You