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NEWS BRIEF

How About Some Really Good News to Brighten Your Day!

No Longer Forgotten: Village in SW Uganda sparkles as GSSM students and staff smother hopelessness with Christ's love

- GSSM's Christmas Outreach quickly penetrated the darkness that permeated this out-of-the-way community some 40 kilometers off of a main road. Smiles slowly replaced faces painted with sadness as these "outsiders" cleaned up the village, repaired homes of the elderly, provided food packs for families on the verge of starvation and provided Kids' Kits with clothes, shoes and other much-needed items to children who had little or nothing.
- Smiles broadened as children engaged in a variety of fun games and a soccer clinic followed by a soccer match which brought out the entire village.
- Topping things off, the villagers celebrated Christmas as they gathered for a video and a special dinner which included a birthday cake in honor of our Lord.
- Most importantly, not only did they hear about the first Christmas but this was followed by the sharing of the Gospel that provided them with a type of GPS as to how each of them could become citizens of heaven.



OUTCOME?

READ ON AND REJOICE WITH THE ANGELS IN HEAVEN



- 32 responded to the Gospel at the soccer clinic!
- 44 invited Christ into their lives following a village soccer match! This number includes players and spectators.
- 3 more came to Christ when they received food packs and other help which often brought a flood of tears.
- 54 villagers became followers of the Lord after enjoying a wonderful Christmas dinner, the sharing of the Gospel and a video that touched many hearts.
- In total: 133 precious people now have their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life!

Now if that doesn't make your heart dance a bit perhaps you need another cup of coffee... because with your help and prayers over 100 deeply hurting people have become citizens of heaven and someday you may have a chance to personally meet them.



LIBERIAN STUDENTS COMPLETE GSSM TRAINING IN RECORD TIME

- Wellington Morris, a GSSM graduate, pastor of a large church in Monrovia, the capital, and an instructor at a leading seminary in Liberia offered GSSM's training program in an accelerated fashion to eighteen hand-picked students. Those enrolled included pastors, youth leaders and several highly dedicated individuals.



- Each student represented a different region of the country and will soon be returning to their homes where they will initiate sports ministry programs in their local churches and in some cases will begin equipping others to "go and make disciples".

- When the training was completed Pastor Morris asked each student to briefly evaluate the significance of the course. Read and rejoice at some of the student comments that follow. The plan is to reach every region of Liberia with the Good News and later to move into neighboring countries.

STUDENT TESTIMONIES

Derrick Payetee

“Before going through the course, I was deeply into sports but never thought that sports could be used to bring people to Christ, most especially young people. It was during the GSSM course that I learned about purpose, objectives, anticipated questions, vision and mission, etc. about sports ministry. As a pastor, I hope to train the youth in my church and equip them for sports ministry in the community.”

Irene Kilay

“In many ways my life has been impacted by the GSSM course; it has made me to understand how to use sports to illustrate Scripture in the Bible, then talk about making disciples and winning souls to Christ. I am going to establish a sports ministry in my local church by the grace of God; I hope to win souls for Christ and make more disciples for him by using the steps and Scripture references that I learned in the GSSM course.”

Jonathan Z. Gbeadh

“GSSM has impacted my life and ministry in such a way that it has given me a different perspective about ministry, especially with young folks. Before then, I took sports as mere pleasure; but now, I have realized that sports have a way of drawing young people close for the purpose of evangelism. By God’s grace, I am going to train some trustworthy youths in my local church to join me in launching a sports ministry that will evangelize and disciple youth in my region.”

E. Munnah Weeks

“I am greatly overwhelmed. [The] GSSM course has given me a clearer picture of using sports for evangelism and discipleship. I can’t wait to see this semester ending, so that I can launch my sports ministry through my local church.”

“Through [the] GSSM course, I have been motivated to establish a sports ministry through my local church. The course equipped me to evangelize and disciple new believers. My faith was strengthened through GSSM course this semester! I hope to establish my sports ministry in two regions of Liberia.”

Emmanuel M. Blagaye

Korlu K. Seazia

“GSSM has impacted my life and ministry greatly. I never used to go out on outreach in my community before; also, I knew nothing about sports ministry. But now, I can go out on outreach, share the gospel, and plan and implement a sports ministry. I hope to establish a sports ministry in and through my local church to reach out to youth in the community. I will also train others to use sports for evangelism and discipleship using GSSM course.”

Emmetty P. Hoff

“The most important parts of the course that impacted my life were the methods of evangelism, especially with youth. I have started using the knowledge and skills acquired from [the] GSSM course with the youth in my churchy already. I will formally launch my sports ministry through my church next year.”

FINALLY, SOME REALLY BRIEF NEWS AS WE SPRINT TO THE FINISH LINE:

- Another camp for children who live in a slum was a huge success. Eighteen young people signed up to become residents of the kingdom and nine more have re-dedicated their lives to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
- Jimmy's farm projects in Uganda take off. The home on his property is almost complete; life skills will be taught there with a basic education offered to those unable to attend school due to a lack of school fees. A real school building is part of Jimmy's dream for the future. The recent "bore hole" (well) drilled on the farm property now serves scores of people from 5 villages whose smiles are a mile wide as they fetch clean water for their families. There is also a soccer field that was just completed allowing the children to have a wonderful playing field rather than just a patch of dirt. There is lots more but we will share additional good news in our next update.
- The translation of GSSM's textbook into Swahili is underway. This will open GSSM's training program to hundreds more who do not speak or understand English.
- A major conference & workshop is being planned for leaders in several African countries. This special gathering will be held in Uganda where the participants will see first-hand some of the incredible programs now operating throughout Uganda. Seeing is believing and helps bring understanding. God willing, many of the successful programs in Uganda will be replicated in other parts of Africa and beyond.



In closing, one final quote from a recent Ugandan graduate named Julius:

"EVERY TIME I OPEN GSSM'S TEXTBOOK I AM MOVED TO TEARS... IT IS MY CONSTITUTION FOR MINISTRY."

Thank you for your prayers and thoughtful support for GSSM that make it possible for all this to happen. We deeply appreciate your help as God leads and enables you. Please let us know if we can pray for you or be of any assistance to you or your family.



Julius during his verbal exam sharing his passion for sports ministry.

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