

News Brief

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Easter Outreach

The Ebenezer Team, Barnabas, some GSSM alumni, and youth from the Ebenezer Team's discipleship groups hosted the Easter Outreach in Jinja, Uganda this April and it was a huge success! The team of 30 members shared some of their favorite moments as well as great photos of the event. We hope you enjoy reading about the annual outreach, where Jesus' resurrection was celebrated *and many* who attended became new believers! We're praising God for such an incredible outreach.

“ The last outreach match on Easter Sunday, God staged it at such an evening when all community people had to come and watch. As you know [in] rural [settings] on such days people in the evening [are] looking for entertainment, and God had ordained us to be there on Easter.



The match as it was gave us an amazing atmosphere to be able to share the gospel to hundreds of people. It also gave a platform for other activities to be done well ... people enjoyed the meal in large numbers!

[Distributing] the family gift packs ... the families we went to were surely desperately in need, not only the need of the fresh [food] but [also] spiritual food of the gospel of Christ. Introducing the salvation plan of Jesus to them was needed. These gifts opened these people's homes [and] hearts to share the gospel to them, surely I know these families will never be the same again after experiencing the Easter story that we experienced with them.



Thirdly, the place we went to [was] new to the kind of our ministry, it was like the gospel had never been preached before in that manner in that place. God sent us this time as He does also in hopeless communities to install [and] restore hope in such communities. By God's grace, we were able to reach out to such [a] community. And our going there gave the church in that place a new way of sharing the gospel, how to reach out to the communities, making outreaches thus fulfilling the great commission (Matthew 28:18-20). Thanks and Praise to God! ”

— Isaac, Ebenezer Team Member



“ Community work was a new plan of ministry. The people of Jinja show [an] avenue of reaching to the lost souls [by] using community work service. They appreciated this kind of ministry service [that] we brought to them.

[At the] Sunday outreach, the glory of the Lord overtook the day and the all ministry program[s].

The food was good for the community members, [they] appreciated everything done on that day.

Sharing the Gospel was good throughout the Easter outreach! ”

— Jimmy, Ebenezer Team Member

[During] community work 1 soul got saved, [at the] matches and soccer clinics 88 souls [were saved], [from distributing] gift packs 14 souls [were saved].

At the Easter meal, 200 souls and [after the] video evangelism 300 [souls were saved]. [Overall, at the] Easter Outreach, [the] total number of people who got saved was 602. In the children's camp, 19 souls got saved.

— David, Ebenezer Team Member



“ Praise God for the great [time] we had in Jinja. The [village] was called Soweto and it was a place for the very poor people. The [village] really needed Christ and yet churches exist [there]. We did our part through community service, soccer clinics, film show[ing] and soccer games. We faced alot of resistance spiritually during our time but we were able [to] conquer the enemy, especially on the last day.



The family gift pack[s] were a practical tool to demonstrate Christ's love for mankind. Heavy hearts were ministered to [and] we got testimonies from the of the host church. People were coming to him crying and testifying how the [family gift] pack [was] a surprise.



We also had a chance to minister in church [at the] Sunday service where God spoke to many through the messages that we shared about the cross's impact.

We had [the] last game that was out of our hands in first half. I don't actually how God miraculously [moved] in the last 20 minutes, we gained momentum and [were] able score three goals against a tough team that scored two goals in the start.

[A]fter scoring the third goal, the host [team] attacked the referee who was also from the same [village] asking why [the] results were not in their favor. The win attracted a great multitude of spectators [before] the meal. They all ate, [and] later [we] gave out clothes and shoes to the few identified children. The number [of children who] were in need was overwhelming and we couldn't satisfy everyone.



The show began [and] no one moved until we finished; at last the gospel was shared on the loudspeakers brought by the church. So many people gave their lives to Christ.

During the evaluation meeting, the [local minister] said "I preached the gospel for years in several places but I have never had such people come to Christ in one day. This is a unique kind of ministry. You need to come back".

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— Patrick, Ebenezer Team Member



“ The purpose of the Outreach was to:

- Share soccer and the word of God to the community in Jinja.
- Share the moment of the death and the resurrection of Jesus.
- Celebrate the Easter holiday with the Jinja community by offering some gifts to needy homes and children.
- Feed the community with an Easter meal of rice, meat, cake, and soda.
- Encourage the Pastor to use soccer, and any other sport, as a tool to share the word of God.
- To use the opportunity to bring believers to Christ.



Evaluation:

- The purpose of the mission was realized and 602 people coming to the Lord becomes our new and latest record. We Praise God for sharing His Glory with us.
- From the community, up to now, more requests are coming in that we go back to minister to them.
- The Pastor confessed that he had not anticipated that we could gather such a number for the Gospel and be able to bring some to salvation.
- He Praised God for giving us a clean and clear means of harvesting for the Kingdom of God.
- He also thanked us for our simplicity, love, and humility that we exhibited.
- The GSSM students expressed gratitude for having [been] offered an opportunity to learn how the Ministry operates.

— Barnabas, GSSM African Director

A Note From Alyssa:

It is incredible to hear in our team's own words how God moved and stirred in the hearts of many and drew them to Him! The GSSM team, discipleship youth, and graduates were the hands and feet of the Lord, and because of their faithfulness, many are now born-again believers. As a result, it gave the local church a new way to reach the lost. Isn't that what it's all about? Using all means to save some!

If you'd like to support the annual Easter outreach by donating to the Easter Outreach fund, you can help GSSM be prepared for next year's event. To donate, please visit Globalssm.org/donate or use the included response card.

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