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Easter Outreach UPDATE!!!!

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Masindi is a semi-rural town about 3 ½ hours from the capital of Kampala. Because the rural nature of this area makes gathering many people fairly difficult. What our team didn't realize before arriving was that this is primarily a Muslim town and during our visit it was a fasting period for many of the community. Because of this the number of participants was limited but God always goes before us and knows exactly who is meant to be there and be exposed to the Good News.



What is the Easter Outreach????

It's a 5 DAY OUTREACH including Community Service, Soccer Tournament & Clinics, Children's Ministry, Family Food Packs, Kids Kids and ending with a community-wide dinner and Gospel presentation!

**"GO & MAKE
disciples of
ALL NATIONS"**
MATTHEW 28:19



An interesting thing that happened was that many of our current students were unable to make this practicum event but we had 5 individuals who participated as volunteers who are now very interested in enrolling in our training program as a result of being a part of this outreach. How amazing, right! I can't wait to get them started with their training and see how God is going to use them to further His Kingdom. See, God always has who is meant to be there, there! He moves in the hearts of the lost but He also is stirring the hearts of believers to be His hands and feet and GO!!!

During the course of the 5-day outreach, our team was asked by many of the townspeople, where we were coming from and why we were holding this event..."what does it all mean?". During these moments of conversation God opened up a unique opportunity to share the mission and vision of what GSSM training program is all about and why the GSSM team felt led to be there. There were so many divine appointments in which team members were able to share the Gospel and share from the scriptures. The feedback from the community was that of such gratitude and appreciation for the time spent loving their community. All Glory to the Lord!

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I CORINTHIANS 9:22



Our staff "Ebenezer team" members brought with them some of the youth they minister to or in whom they are training as their "timothies". This allowed for some practical experience for them to share their faith and be bold in Christ. They especially had opportunities to share one on one after the soccer matches & clinics. What an amazing experience for them!





The team also did community service in which they took many hours cleaning up the town and helping those in need. One of my favorite parts of this outreach is when the team goes door to door and identifies the poorest of the poor families in order to provide for them Food Packs. These Food Packs will last a family of 4 up to one month or more. To hear the stories and see the reactions of these families in the team reports and photos is priceless. This is what the Kingdom of God is all about...Loving God & Loving others. There are never mistakes in how God moves in our team's hearts to award these Food Packs to, they are always divine appointments. Because of this part of the outreach 8 people came to Christ. We also give out Kids Kits which contain clothing and shoes for those children in most need. What a blessing to provide for these kids and show Christ's love in doing so!



During the soccer matches and clinics **111 people came to Christ!** Isn't that amazing and such a testament to the power of sports ministry. Using such a simple tool like sports to save some! "...I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel..." I Corinthians 9:22 It always challenges me in looking and searching my heart in what ways, what means could I use to save some? We are called to GO and share the gospel. I challenge you to think on what ways or through what means could you use to share the gospel to save some. He wants us to be His hands and feet and be bold in the Gospel of truth...how can you be bold in your faith?





At the conclusion of the GSSM's team's time in Masindi, the team holds a community dinner to celebrate Easter and share the Good News of Christ's resurrection. During this community meal 40 people came to know that Lord as their Savior. Wow, what a huge momentous step towards true freedom in Christ. So because of the faithfulness of our staff, students and volunteers, 159 people are now our brothers and sisters in Christ. The most amazing thing about these outreaches is that it doesn't just stop there, there is a follow-up team ready from local churches in the area to disciple these new believers and get them involved in their local church. That is such a vital part of ministry...the follow up and discipleship. To make a decision to follow Jesus is huge but to grow in Christ and GO and do the same is so important as a new believer. So please commit to praying over these 159 believers; that their faith stays strong and God uses them mightily in their Muslim community to win more for Christ.

I love these outreaches for so many reasons but one main one is that our students, staff and volunteers get real life practical experience in boldly sharing their faith. It is an act of obedience to the Lord where the reward is eternal. I am so moved by how many God brought into His kingdom and how God not only moved in their hearts but also encouraged and moved in the hearts of those sharing the Good News. What an awesome God we serve!

I want to circle back to my challenge I shared earlier..."In what ways or through what means could you use to share the Gospel to save some?" We are in very uncertain times that requires us as believers to stand in the word of truth and share our faith. We need to act in obedience and be unashamed of the Gospel. Our faith and walk with Jesus isn't always popular and sometimes deemed as being intolerant. But I encourage you to be bold in your faith...sharing the Gospel and your story any chance you get. When God moves your heart to share...do it! Also don't be afraid to walk in obedience to His calling on your life. JUMP IN, GO ALL IN! Don't worry about offending, stand firm and share the truth of God's word whilst loving others well. One of my favorite quotes we share with our students during our training is by Francis of Assisi "Preach the Gospel at all times; when necessary, use words" Let that sink in...our actions are just as important as the words themselves. Take time this week to pray and ask the Lord how He might use you to further His kingdom and bring others to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We don't have much time, we need to stand united as believers and share the love of Christ and save some by all means necessary!

I wanted to thank each one of you that prayed and gave so generously to make this Easter Outreach & Practicum happen. Without you none of this would be possible, so thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You are an intricate part of our GSSM team. I am excited to share with you what else has been going on with our staff, students and graduates. In the next news brief I will be updating you on what is going on in the GSSM family! I cannot wait...God is literally moving in so many ways and revival is coming I feel it!!!! Pray even now that God would work in and through each person as they go boldly into the harvest fields of the world and share the Good News of Jesus!

Thank
you!

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