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"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him. And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent." Romans 10: 13-15.

Samaritan Strategy, Africa Working Group Meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Last month, the various regional coordinators of Samaritan Strategy, Africa, met in Addis Ababa. It was an opportunity of evaluating our work for the previous six month, strategize, plan, share stories and fellowship. It was also a wonderful time of togetherness as we learnt a lot from the experiences and activities of our colleagues in Ethiopia.

Mercy Ships Follow up Program of our Pastors training programs in Sierra Leone

Mercy Ships did a good job to follow up with the pastors and church leaders' conferences in Bo, Makeni and Freetown of which I was the main speaker. Among the many, some of the action stories received includes the following:

a. *As Sierra Leoneans we have to develop our country ourselves; people are joining hands to win more souls to Christ for the kingdom of God; through hard work God can move through us in amazing ways and our life will be changed; I have all that it takes to become what God wants me to be; starting seed projects; put on the biblical glasses; the little I have + God= Abundance;*

b. *As a family we started praying and fasting together and organized a bible study weekly with other families as well; I have put together a program to be able to help pay school fees for parents who are unable; at my church we have started doing thing ourselves with the resources that we share as a church; started doing community cleaning, help wife cook at home, organize social and physical activities for youth*

c. *We started having community meals where we all bring a small thing and come together to share; started working as a team to act like the body of Christ; together as a church we pulled our money together and we bought a piece of land to start a garden and then one day build our expanding church*

Maranatha University College World View Lessons

I am happy to share with a Discipline of Love from one of my students. A Moslem! I happen to be in a position to assist many youths in my community who were not privileged to go to school to acquire vocational skills. It is an undeniable fact that doing things in God's way is the only way one can develop himself and the remedy to mental slavery. This is just to demonstrate to you the experience I had as a result of a single thing I did to a neighbor whom I do not share the same faith with. This is after I came to Maranatha University to hear for the first time a subject called '**WORLD VIEW AND DEVELOPMENT''**. Then I began asking myself questions as to what my faith could have been if I had not had the opportunity in this class (world view).

It was Friday when I was setting off to the mosque at about 1:00pm, which was a day after I had listened to lectures on world view and development with much emphasis on human development-loving your neighbor as yourself.

As I was walking towards the junction, I met this lady whom for about three years I have not spoken to due to the fact that she once verbally attacked my religion and I have since sworn never to have anything to do with her or any of her siblings again. Meanwhile, after this worldview class, I have said to myself that I was going to greet anyone I meet on my way to the Mosque with open arms and smile as a step of making peace with people in my community. But sincerely

speaking, I was not expecting to meet this lady at that moment. However, I saw this development as an intervention by God so I said to myself 'God is giving me this opportunity through this lady to open a new chapter in my life, so let me grab it at once". As we approached each other, I was trying to figure how the lady was going to receive this new development after ignoring her for all these years, but guess what; I called her by her name but she could not believe her ears so she turned round obviously to make sure she does not respond to the wrong call. I called again and this time she looked at me and asked 'are you referring to me?" then I said yes, and I continued 'can I have a word with you for a moment? She responded; oh why not, from that moment, I decided not to recap the past so I shook her and started sharing some jokes with her till I was fully convinced that she has actually put the past behind as well. I then asked if I could offer assistance to two of her children who could not go beyond the Junior High School level to have vocational skills training. She was so much excited about that and told me she had been looking for such opportunity for sometime now but did not know where to go. Though the lady was so much excited to hear this, she was quick to admit that she has not even a cent to transport the children to the office for registration, but I asked her not to worry and that I will come personally to the house to register them. I went to the house with a photographer to take them through the registration process and asked them to report to the training center the next day. After the six month training, each of them is going to be equipped and set up in business. At this juncture, she invited a some of her family members around to thank me for the kind gesture, but I only told them I was only exercising my godly love, so I referred them to the bible and specifically the book of (1st John 3:17) and used the opportunity to take them through some few lessons I learnt from worldview which has had a greater impact on me.

Ever since, I have tried other reconciliatory measures in the community which include trying to bring the two main opposing political parties together at community level to engage in a joint communal labor and subsequently a unity walk within the community to promote peace ahead of election 2012.

Prayer requests

I. Kindly pray me as l discuss with the President of my Church (biggest Pentecostal Church in Ghana) partnership agenda for the coming year. Pray for us as a team as we meet to strategize for next year.

2. Pray for me as l travel to Monrovia, Liberia next week for IFES Vision Conference. Kindly pray also for the Vision Conference of Guinea Conakry from 28-2nd December. Pray for the team and Rene, Pastor Happy and l as we facilitate.

3. Kindly pray for our collaboration with (a) Compassion International. We have three training programs in 3 project areas this month. (b) I also have a day's training program for all officers of the Abeka district of the Apostolic Church.

4. Pray for our studies: Adjoa, Chris Junior, Eugene, Jennifer, Edwina, Edwin, Ebenezer and l.

Your kind support and partnership is REALLY helping to expand the Kingdom of God in this part of Africa. We deeply appreciate and God richly bless you.

Sincerely Yours,

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