

AFRICA NEWS FOR FEBRUARY 2024

OUR MINISTRIES ACROSS AFRICA.

Grace and peace be unto you in the matchless name of our lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! It is with immense joy that we extend warm greetings to you in this edition of the Africa News as we celebrate the blessings and transformations witnessed through the spirited efforts of our ministries across Africa.



AYUSH GUNPUTH'S JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY AT YFC



Ayush Gunpath, a 13-year-old follower of the Hindu faith, currently in Grade Seven (7), joyfully participates in the Youth for Christ (YFC) center's activities. Introduced to the center by his friend Kean, Ayush has been an active member for the past four months. Living in close proximity to the center, Ayush is enthusiastic about attending YFC meetings.

Impressed by the engaging sports activities, games, camaraderie and prevailing discipline, Ayush finds the center to be a positive influence on his life. Although he has only heard about Jesus, he recently received a Bible and he has eagerly started reading the book of Genesis. What makes this experience even more special is that Ayush's mother has joined him in exploring the Bible. The narratives of the creation story, Adam and Eve, and Jesus have captivated Ayush's interest.

Grateful for the positive changes in his life, Ayush no longer spends his time wandering the streets aimlessly. He has also observed a positive transformation in his younger brother, who now accompanies him to the center. Ayush is now making plans to extend the invitation to his cousins, sharing the uplifting experiences he has found at the YFC center.



INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING



To commemorate the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking by UNODC on June 26, YFC organized a one-day seminar at the YFC Centre. Two ex-drug addicts, Ackshay Chuttooree and Patrick Charles, shared their past lives under the bondage of hard drugs. They discussed how prayer, faith, and their encounters with Jesus helped them overcome drug addiction. Each speaker delved into all aspects of drug addiction, including the consumption of legal substances like alcohol and tobacco.

This event stands as a modest contribution to the fight against and prevention of the havoc wreaked by drugs among the youth. The event garnered good attendance and media coverage. Four (4) youngsters approached for prayer during the altar call, including three (3) drug addicts. They are now being followed by a pastor.

SHAUN: "SPORTS AND PRAYER DREW ME IN"



Shaun Parsooramen, aged fourteen (14), resides near the YFC center. Although he consistently observes the center's activities from a distance, he harbors a desire to closely check them out one day.

"As I don't have much to do over the weekend, one Saturday I came near the center and was welcomed. I was accompanied by my little brother Kean, who is 11. I was immediately introduced to basketball. I'm of Catholic faith and I'm comfortable with what is being done related to youth activities. My parents have no objection to me attending YFC center as they are open-minded. I'm in Grade 8 and it is with great anticipation that I regularly follow what is going on at YFC. I appreciate the discipline and the times of prayer."



IMPROVING GIRLS' ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE



The primary objective of this Initiative was to mitigate the rate of absenteeism among girls aged eight (8) to nineteen (19) in schools and facilitate the acquisition of knowledge and behaviors conducive to their health.

The ultimate goal is to nurture girls who are well-cared-for, in good health, educated, sensitized, well-nourished, led to Christ and content to pursue their education while aiding their parents. Notable outcomes of implemented actions include two thousand, two hundred and seventy-eight (2,278) girls being exposed to the gospel, sensitization of seventy (70) orphaned girls on menstrual hygiene, and training for thirty (30) vulnerable young girls in both menstrual hygiene and the production of washable menstrual diapers.



YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS COMMITTED TO CHRIST

The aim of the " YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS COMMITTED TO CHRIST " project is to set up a center for biblical entrepreneurship training and coaching for young people. This aims at training four thousand (4,000) unemployed young people in five (5) regions of Benin to become godly entrepreneurs. This resulted in ten thousand, eight hundred and ten (10,810) young people exposed to the gospel and sensitized to entrepreneurship and fifty-five (55) young people trained in small trades.



PIONEERING NORTHERN BENIN

The objective of this initiative is to transform each of the four (4) regions of northern Benin into a high-growth area for the gospel by winning more young people for Christ. This endeavor has empowered JPC-Benin to address the challenges associated with evangelizing a predominantly Muslim region. Introducing the gospel to the youth in this area proved to be a difficult task, but through prayer, significant progress has been achieved. As a result, ten (10) high schools have been won over for weekly club meetings, and a total of four thousand, two hundred and eighty-five (4,285) young people have been exposed to the gospel within high school campuses.





SHARING THE GOSPEL THROUGH CINEMA

The ministry in Amparafaravola is currently showcasing Jesus' movies followed by the Acts of the Apostles to a group of two hundred and fifty-five (255) students at Future Generation College. The weekly routine involves projecting the Gospel of John to individual classes comprising thirty-five (35) to forty-five (45) students and providing them with an opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior immediately after the screening.

The ministry has also actively preached the Gospel to the parents three times throughout the school year. Encouraging them to join YFC as partners in prayer and in guiding their children towards the transformative path of life embodied in Jesus Christ.



COMPUTER CLUB IN BAKARO

Lalaina and her spouse Radio have initiated a computer club catering to hundred and twenty (120) students from the Local Government's College. With a vision to provide technological opportunities, they have successfully acquired 15 computers for the club. This aims to empower students with essential computer skills, fostering a learning environment that aligns with the demands of the digital age.



MINISTRY IN FIANARANTSOA

YFC Fianarantsoa, embarked on a mission to spread the Gospel of Jesus across various districts around the city of Fianarantsoa. Their evangelistic efforts extend to markets, streets, and the discipling of individuals who have received Jesus Christ as their Savior. Weekly discipleship programs are conducted under trees and within homes, providing ongoing spiritual guidance for those seeking to deepen their faith. This emphasizes YFC Fianarantsoa's commitment to sharing the transformative message of Jesus and nurturing a community of believers in the region.



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