



African Christian Fellowship (ACF) Missions Inc. 2011 Summer Missions' Trip Report Ikpindle, Benin Republic

The team which comprised of four members from Baltimore and DC chapters (Prof. Hyacinth Ezeka, Pastor Sunny Ikotun, Sis Elizabeth Ikotun, and Dr. Festus Ukwuani) and two nurses/volunteers from Nigeria arrived Ikpinle in Plateau State on Sunday July 31, 2011 where we were gracefully welcomed by Agape Ministry. Our Missions Director, Dr. Festus Ukwuani, gave a welcome address, and encouraged the team members to put away all distractions and focus on the need of the hour, which is bringing souls to the kingdom. His address was followed by a time of prayer and intercession for the entire week. Each day started and ended with periods of devotion, prayers, evaluation, and planning.

Economic Empowerment Program

On Monday, the team visited beneficiaries of economic empowerment program. It was rewarding, fulfilling, and encouraging to witness how this program has helped put people back to work, most especially pastors' wives. Some of the projects visited are pure water retail sale, palm oil & ancillary production, and small scale animal rearing. Truly, the economic empowerment program has put smile on the faces of families. We need more resources to meet the needs of the local people.



In the evening, we met with the economic empowerment committee who reported that all recipients meet with committee once a month for repayment of loan and to monitor project progress. It was noted that the committee needs some running expenses. The committee was encouraged to operate on Christian principles and love. It was reinstated that ACF is not a social organization. The committee is required to send regular reports to ACF East Region. We then met with the local pastors and brothers who will be serving as volunteer counselors during the medical mission and crusades. Counselors were encouraged to lead people to Jesus Christ (instead of just introducing them to their churches) and pray with them as He is the Great Physician.

Medical Missions

Our Medical Mission was on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am to 7pm. The Medical Mission was announced over the local radio station, and the natives walked great distances to attend this program. Over all, about 600 people were seen by nurses and doctors, and they received free medicine from our pharmacy unit, free community and health education from the nurses. None

of the people who came to seek for medical treatment was turned back despite the crowd and limited space.



The people of Ikipinle were calm and patient throughout this medical outreach. One event that blew our minds was seeing a man who came in blind with a guide, but he left seeing with the glasses that we gave him without the need of a guide. Many people gave their lives to Christ during the outreach.

Pastoral and Leadership Training



The Pastors and Pastors' Wives meetings were held on Thursday and Friday from morning till evening, followed by open air crusades. At these meetings, team members gave discipleship, leadership, spiritual warfare, and marriage/family life trainings.

Each training session was followed by questions and answers. The fact is that most of the local ministers need more spiritual and life education to be effective in the ministry. They are also very willing to commit to the training provided the resource is made available to them. All the pastors and their wives were fed on both days. We heard the ministers say "Come over to Ikipinle and help us" and we promised to come back and help them. The harvest truly is plentiful but the laborers are few. Is the Lord speaking to you about going to missions and helping in any way?

Open Air Crusade

The local missionaries and ministers labored relentlessly both physically and spiritually to make Thursday and Friday nights' open air crusades a success. Both crusades were well attended. The film shown on both nights demonstrated the power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to deliver from all bondages, and to give eternal life. Many of the local people identified with the message of the film, which made them stay to the end of the crusade irrespective of a torrential rainfall on Friday night. Many people came for altar call to give their lives to Christ amidst the torrential rainfall. Watch out for the video recording of people coming to the altar covering their heads with chairs!!! That night, we returned to our local accommodation soaked, walking, leaping, and praising God.

The team departed on Saturday morning after a period of praise and worship. The Missions Director encouraged the Agape long term missionaries on the ground to follow up with the new converts.

We need funds to support Agape Missions to restart the pastors' training school that closed down three years ago. Most of the pastors that attended our leadership training this summer graduated from the pastors' training school. The training school has been instrumental in ensuring constant supply of trained ministers to reach lost souls in remote areas of Benin Republic and other parts of Africa. We are planning to send support to reopen the school before our missions' trip in July 2012. Benin Republic is the global headquarters of Voodoo worship, and we request continuous prayer from all ACF East Region Chapters for God's intervention against the stronghold of Voodoo in Benin Republic. Ask the Lord to shine the light of Christ in Benin Republic to dispel spiritual darkness in the land.