

REACHING THE UNREACHED

CHALA &
KOTOKOLI

Giving voice and
hands to the gospel
of Christ in Ghana



As we reflect on our second year (Oct 2020 – Sep 2021) of partnership with International Needs Ghana on “The Gospel, My Life, My All” project, we have many reasons to rejoice!

“The Gospel, My Life, My All” is a collaboration of PPC, International Needs and Center Point Christian Church to bring the gospel to two unreached people groups (UPGs) in Ghana: the Chala and Kotokoli. The project included hiring two native Chala missionaries, Samuel Awiagah and Peter Adisi. PPC committed to providing 75% of their financial support, a total of \$1800 per month for five years (Oct 2019 – Sep 2024). In addition, PPC provided \$48,776 to support second year project expenses for activities like training, Jesus Film meetings, travel, administration, radio ministry, etc.

The global pandemic certainly affected Ghana, although thankfully, the numbers were much less than much of the world. Schools were closed for most of 2020, but resumed in 2021. Infections peaked in July 2020 and again in February 2021, but for now, the borders are open.

AWANA and Literacy Classes

In June 2020, representatives from International Needs Ghana (INGH) along with those from AWANA traveled to the Oti region to train twenty leaders from four communities in the AWANA program. They introduced AWANA to two communities and since then, have expanded it to four communities. As many as 672 children have participated in the program. Initially, the Muslim community of Kue welcomed the program to their community. However, upon learning the spiritual underpinnings, many parents withdrew their children. Some have since returned. Additionally, several AWANA leaders from Kue have moved to other communities, so there is a need for new teachers. Please continue to keep this program in your prayers.

The Chala literacy classes are now offered in three communities with an average of 322 people in attendance. The classes were initially offered in two communities. Upon seeing the success of the classes, the village of Odormi requested that Peter and Samuel also teach Chala literacy in their village. The classes are especially popular with the children. Peter and Samuel report that when they come to teach, the children have the “class” set up and greet them in the Chala language. The class activities include spelling, construction of simple sentences in writing, translation of Christian words into the Chala language and practice speaking the language. Children in the village of Keri were unable to speak the Chala language prior to this instruction.

Radio Ministry

The weekly radio program activities on Beyond FM Nkwanta were carried out as planned each Thursday. Topics include those which are consistent with goals of the ministry, such as COVID-19 protocols, parenting advice, gospel presentations, and many other issues. Occasionally, a guest is invited to participate with Peter or Samuel. The program is aired in the Chala language. It has been well received by many in the area, who appreciate the efforts of INGH to give visibility to the Chala language and reach the Chala people with the gospel. In 2021, a second radio station picked up the program, expanding its reach.

Evangelism

Samuel and Peter have continued to reach out to the people of Keri, Old Agou and Odormi house-to-house and share the word of God with them. They encourage new converts to become involved with a local church and begin the discipleship process. So far, they have been well received by Christians and non-Christians alike. In the Muslim community of Kue, they carefully visit house-to-house, getting to know the people and share the gospel when possible.

The Jesus Film has been shown in several communities on two separate occasions. The first was in the latter part of 2020 and resulted in 5 new believers. The film was then shown in the larger community of Keri in spring 2021.

The evangelism and holistic ministry efforts have resulted in over 15 new believers. One, a Muslim background believer from the village of Keri, has had to relocate to Nkwanta as a result of her conversion.

A medical mission trip in November 2020 to the Oti region was canceled due to COVID-19 precautions. Another medical mission trip is planned for this November with 5 participants from PPC.

Respectfully submitted,

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