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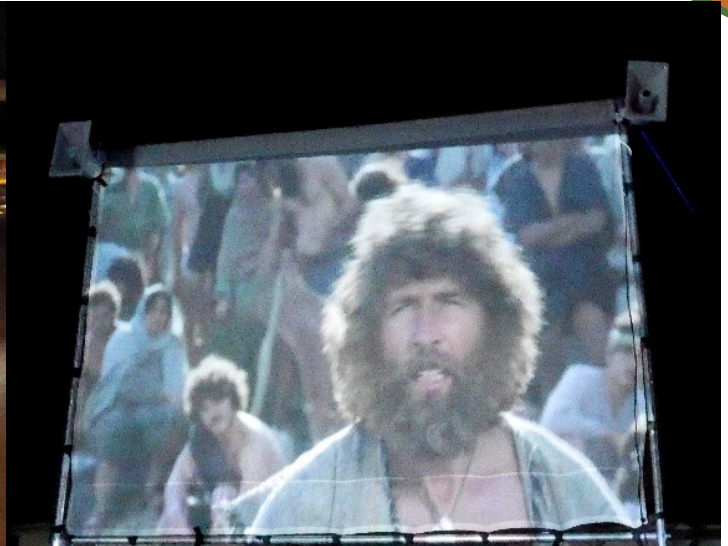


INTEGRAL MISSION

Students at Phereni Primary School in Malawi receive learning materials.



The Power of Film Evangelism



Good stories have the power to attract and impact lives, regardless of social, religious, language and cultural barriers. Robert McKee said that ‘the most powerful way to insert an idea into the world is through story’. Even more powerful is a story shared through a visible media like a film or movie show.

Connecting with the characters and identifying with them enhances one's understanding and makes lessons clearer and more practical for viewers.

A gospel film is one of the most impactful and life-changing mass media and entertainment in our days.

Most people in our societies, especially the youth, are easily drawn to entertainment. Movies are a great form of entertainment, which has the ability to open doors for significant conversations, hence, an opportunity to share the gospel with others. AE Ghana in partnership with the Great Commission Movement and Living Waters Baptist Church embarked on a three-day film evangelism to assist the Baptist Church to plant another branch of the church.

The 3-day film evangelism held from 27th to 29th January, 2021 at 3 locations on the Kasoa - Bawjiase road was very strategic and impactful. People in the community, including children, youth and adults were attracted to the venue to watch the movie. Others who could not come to the venue watched and listened from their homes and shops. In total, approximately 6,800 people were reached with the gospel.

At the end of the evangelism, 45 people made a commitment for the Lord Jesus Christ. Out of this number, 10 made a first-time commitment to the Lord and 35 rededicated their lives.

A follow-up strategy has so far been set up to enable us monitor the growth of the respondents. A team from the Baptist Church started with a telephone follow-up and the team later embarked on person-to-person follow-up.

The film evangelism also gave us the opportunity to educate the people on COVID-19 related issues. Virtual images such as illustrative videos and animations on the causes, signs and symptoms and prevention of the virus were shown for the purpose of this education.



Mass Media Outreach in DRC

A TV Broadcasting program with B-One TV has helped us reach out beyond the DRC Borders. Our sharing on Trauma Healing and Home-Based Evangelism has impacted Pastor Daniel Nelson Ngaguangera from Luanda in Angola, who decided to watch our weekly programs and translate them in Portuguese and share them in his church and sphere of influence.

As if this teaching was a genuine preparation before he was attacked by criminals in the evening, while coming back from the Hospital with his wife and their children who had broken his leg. The criminals took away their money threatened them to death. But thank God they were released and reached their home terribly terrified.

Pastor Daniel recalled the teaching on the trauma healing by AE DRC and prayed and shared with his wife and family on the great love of God that saved them so they can be a point of encouragement and assistance to those who could experience such multi layers trauma.

Not far away from that experience, Daniel's resilience prepared him to assist Sister Rosa, who was so traumatized after the death of her husband. The family-in-law asked her to leave the house and everything she and her husband acquired during their life together. She was so much humiliated that she thought her life had no more meaning in the area where she was so much appreciated by those she helped.

Daniel now became a tool used by God to lead Rosa through the three villages of the trauma healing journey. On the broadcasting program Daniel witnessed that Rosa found hope and meaning again in her life as he accompanied and encouraged her to look up at Christ who redeems and restores everything in our lives.

As Pastor Daniel witnessed this live who all at the stadium as well as the technicians of the B-One TV were in tears of joy and burst in worshipping God.



Capacity Building for Leaders in Ghana & Tanzania

On 31st March, African Enterprise Ghana Team and Movement Day organised a webinar themed “An African Perspective of Advancing the Gospel from City Centres: a reflection on Paul’s Mission Strategy & relevance today”. By the grace of God, 75 leaders from West Africa participated.

In Tanzania, AEE has continued with the program of envisioning Church Leaders. It has succeeded to meet with leaders from ten Denominations sharing the vision and planning of the Evangelistic Mission in Dar es salaam. Also, a lot of work continues to be done among the youth.

The Lord has provided opportunities to preach and share entrepreneurial skill trainings in different groups through different churches as AEE-Tanzania.



A Leader Never Stops Learning

My name is Elizabeth Muthui Smith. Married to Pastor Edward Smith and a mother of one. I joined the AEE family sometime year 2020 during our country’s lockdown having been introduced by a friend to join the Pastoral Training Course (PTC). That was one of the most valued decision that I made. I have learnt a lot having been fully equipped and enlightened in the study of the Bible. As a minister of the gospel, my understanding of the scriptures and the Bible in general has been shaped by the study.

There is always something new to learn in each lesson. I have grown and now better understand how to rightly divide the word of God for personal enrichment and for the equipping of those under my leadership. A leader never stops learning and this is a course I would highly recommend for many to join. Thank you to AE partners who support this program. Our prayers and gratitude goes out to you. God bless.





Youth Empowerment



Foxfires Engage in Online Ministry

Even Amidst Covid, the Foxfires have relentlessly serve in through online ministry via a program called the **Youngsters' Chat Hour** which happens every Friday. They have so far managed to have more than 1000 views on all their social media. These conversations cut across life skills to the spiritual aspects in life.

It is our uttermost prayer that many youths will have been reached by the insights from these conversations but also the salvation that comes with hearing the word of God.



The Youngsters Chat Hour has been such a great platform since the day it started. The chat hour has really challenged me in the following:

One, it has helped me not only to be a thinker but also to be a critical thinker, Two, it has helped me to make appropriate decisions.

The Youngsters' Chat hour is just the best moment since am able to learn new things concerning this life. For the past few Fridays I've really been learning. It is my wish that many young people will come to know of it and get inspired.

Millicent Wanjiru
Foxfire, Kenya



I like the way we get to discuss various topics/issues affecting the youth, this has helped in some way reach youths out there and not only reaching them but impacting their lives through topics like Critical Thinking.

I have also managed to speak my mind through the youngster's chat hour by indulging in the various conversations and I believe I have helped some youth out there, which is the main goal of the program.

Allan Nkobulu
Foxfire, Kenya



Foxfire Program: A Source of Hope and Emotional Healing

The missions team in Malawi conducted an evangelism and discipleship training in Mzuzu from the 27th to 28th of February, 2021. The main purpose of this initiative was to equip Mzuzu churches with the appropriate skills to reach out to the lost amidst the challenges brought about by the pandemic. During one of the training sessions, a former foxfire member from the time the program was first introduced in Malawi- Tiwonge Soko, now Mrs Nyirenda was in attendance and she testified of how the program shaped her life.

She committed her life to the Lord at the tender age of twelve but lived a passive Christian life throughout her primary, secondary and tertiary education. After she graduated from the Bunda College of Agriculture in 2010, she heard of the foxfire auditions on the radio and decided to audition for the program.

“I was full of bitterness and hurt at this stage of my life, I was coming off the back of a bad break up with my- then boyfriend who I grew up with as a childhood friend and it left me emotionally broken. He cheated on me and made me feel worthless and left me confused to the extent of falling sick. Due to this experience, I found men detestable”, she said.

She expressed that when she was enrolled into the foxfire program, she began to see a glimmer of hope in that all was not lost. She explained that the foxfire coordinator took a keen interest in every member’s background and personal life. She found it easy to open up about her life to the coordinator because he expressed that he had gone through a similar experience in his youthful days.

After a series of counselling and training sessions, she experienced a shift in her life and recovered from her adverse experiences. She finally understood the role of Christ in her day-to-day life and began to counsel other ladies that were going through similar experiences. She emphasized on how her life benefitted from the program. She is now married to a loving husband and God blessed them with a baby. She has a Master’s degree within the research field and continues to serve Christ through her church.



Mrs. Nyirenda



Abandoned by Father, Now Fully Employed



Mukama Emmanuel and Ngobi Franko stay with their mother in Lwanda Wambuzi Village and her only source of income is selling charcoal in the nearby market. Mukama and Ngobi did not go far with their studies due to lack of fees and the father abandoned them.

Being young, they had started to fend for themselves in whatever way they thought was right. At an early age they were exposed to pressure groups in the village and hence they would have been influenced by wrong people.

Mukama and Ngobi were enrolled in AEE-TVET program where they would be trained in life skills and hands-on skilling. They took on building and construction cohort. At the training centre, life skills were taught; respect for themselves and others, hygiene, credit and spiritual wellbeing as a youth.

With the skills acquired, Mukama and Ngobi were connected to Strategic Brothers, company AEE contracted for construction work, to do

their apprenticeship. During their training, they were paid a retainer worth 250,000UGX and this enabled them to do the group savings.

Through the group savings they managed to buy four piglets which they rear at home and hoping to have a bigger piggery project.

“I could not afford my life but at the moment I can take care of my mother and buy myself necessities as a youth,” Mukama said. Mukama is very grateful to AEE that he was given another chance to study and earn from the works of my hands.

Mbeiza Resty Eseri, mother to Mukama and Ngobi, said there is difference in their behavior at home and in the village as well as their spiritual life has grown. They are prayerful boys and that has improved their decision making.

Mbeiza is glad that now her sons can take care of themselves without worrying of them joining pressure groups.





From a Sex-worker to a Businesswoman

NYANDWI Felicite lost her parents when she was very young and started living with her relative who was also poor and not able to care for all the needs she had. When Felicite was seventeen years old she became pregnant and her relative chased her out of his house. Felicite joined the streets and started working as a female sex worker to get food and rent money.

In 2019, other female sex workers who had joined AEE program called DREAMS in 2018, introduced her to DREAMS. They told her the goodness of the program and they asked her to join. Felicite joined DREAMS and started attending safe spaces where she received lessons on SRHR, she learned that practicing unprotected sex and having different-sex partners was putting her life at risk of acquiring HIV and other STDs.



As part of economic strengthening, Felicite and other girls in her safe space were mobilized to start a Saving group. She started saving 300 RWF per week. Later on, she was able to take a loan of 20,000 RWF which she used in starting a small business of making flower pots.

Many people liked her pots and she started making good money. After paying her first loan, Felicite thought of other possible ways of adding value to her product, she started growing flowers and selling pots with well-grown-up flowers. Felicite increased her revenues because for a pot she sold

at 5,000RWF if it had a flower in it, she would sell it at 8,000RWF.

Felicite explains that her business has grown from 20,000RWF to 150,000RWF in one year and being able to make her own money boosted her confidence. “Because of DREAMS, my life is transformed for good, I am happily married with two kids and I am able to support my family.” Says Felicite. She also goes around inspiring other female sex workers who were working with her to get out of their comfort zone and start income-generating activities.



ABOVE: Distribution of Hygiene materials in Shyira in Rwanda
BELOW: A team of 20 women currently going through a 6-month sewing training in Ethiopia.

