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LOVE IN ACTION

Students at Phereni Primary School in Malawi receive 50 desks donation.



Training in Baking and in the Faith



As part of AE Ghana ministry through social action projects, Five young ladies were recruited from the Benkum division (Mampong, Larteh, Obosomase and Mamfe) for a two-week training in a bakery in Accra. Hopespring Foundation, an AE Ghana partner, took them through an intensive programme in which they were taught how to make different kinds of bread and cakes. They were also trained in marketing, entrepreneurship, packaging, costing, and more.

The training also gave them the opportunity to commit their lives to Jesus Christ. Pastors and counsellors spent time with them to take them through the scriptures.

AE Ghana paid for the full cost of their training and provided accommodation and feeding for the two weeks they spent in Accra. After graduation, they were each presented with a gas cylinder, an oven, flour, seed money and other accessories to enable them to set up their own small businesses.

“I see this training as an answer to my prayer. I have always wanted to learn bakery. Unfortunately, my parents could not afford to put me through the training. When I heard about the free training by African Enterprise my joy became full.

Today I have acquired skills and I have the necessary tools to start my bakery business. I

must say that I am grateful to God and the donors of AE Ghana,” said Abigail Boateng, one of the beneficiaries.

Abigail was asked by the Hopespring Foundation to do an internship with them for three months. This is the third social action project executed by AE Ghana after a commitment to do a social intervention project in each of 5 Divisions of the Akuapem State in the Eastern Region within 5 years from the 2018 mission. In 2018, AE Ghana in partnership with the 5 divisions organized a city-wide mission during which they made the commitment.

The first was in Akropong, where ten women engaged in ‘Women in Farming’ producing cassava and processing the cassava into gari (a staple food in Ghana and other West African countries).

The second social action project was conducted in Aburi in 2019. Fifteen young people were recruited and enrolled into the vocation of their choice: hairdressing, dressmaking, carpentry, steel bending, ICT, carrot farming, etc.

AE Ghana is planning to do more of such training as and when they receive funds from our partners and donors. The staff pray that the Lord will continue to bless all the donors.



Evelyn Moses: A Life Restored with Hope

She was mischievous during her teenage years. She was outrightly rebellious to her parents and did not heed to counsel. She was unapologetic about her behavior, and often lied to her parents about going to study while she was out with boys.

Unfortunately, she ended up being pregnant during her late teenage years and she regrets the way she led her life. She figured that it was high time that she started to do something with her life, she decided pursue her secondary school education and successfully completed it.

Evelyn Moses, 22, and a mother of one, is one of the women currently undergoing sewing school training at AE's Vocational Center in Malawi. She is a member of the Church of Christ. Her highest educational qualification is a Malawi Secondary Certificate of Education which does not give her much opportunity to find decent jobs. Prior to joining the sewing school, she had no economic engagements and she stayed with her parents, solely depending on them to feed her and her child.

Although she decided to lead a better life, she always found herself lacking something that she could not pin point. It was only when she joined

the sewing school that she realized that what she was missing was Jesus in her life.

During one of the daily devotions that the sewing school matron holds in the morning, the gospel of Christ was preached and an altar call was made. She was quickened to receive Christ as her personal Lord and Saviour and she began her walk with the Lord. Since then, she has seen her commitment to Church, bible study and prayer grow. She testified that she has been experiencing peace beyond understanding throughout the time she has been in the Lord and is grateful for the grace of salvation.

She did not only testify to gaining spiritually, she has also gained skills in tailoring. She can comfortably design different types of outfits and she is excited to graduate. She hopes to open a tailoring and design business upon completion of her sewing school training.

Once a life without a ray of hope from the mistakes she made, now full of hope for the future. She expressed her gratitude to African Enterprise and its partners for the unwavering social support they are rendering to her and all the other women.



Family Fellowship Born through HBE

COVID 19 shook pastoral ministry in Rwanda following frequent lockdowns and different restrictions that limited religious gatherings and fellowships. During this time of the uncertainty and ambiguity, Pastor Deogratias Rwabuyonza was privileged to undergo training on Home based Evangelism (HBE) facilitated by AE-Rwanda. He recounts that it was a great time to figure out the new way of continuing the ministry in new environment and circumstances.

After the training, Pastor Deogratias, 55, decided to do ministry in his family – with his wife and 6 children. This was a dynamic transition for the pastor who serves with Pentecostal Assemblies of God, Rwanda. “I have been in ministry for the last 25 years. I have been an interdenominational pastor as a coordinator of local churches in Kabarondo for 15 years now,” he says.

In the family ministry, Pastor Deogratias used to have fellowships on daily basis at home with his wife and children.

“We enjoyed moments of fellowshiping together as a family, where we used to have time for the word, sharing testimonies, thanksgiving and we got time of open confession to each other. My wife and I as parents were free and open to our children and they were open to us. We experienced brokenness in our midst,” the pastor said.

The family took time to build each other by encouraging each one to keep up on the areas they were doing well and also highlighting areas that each one needed to improve in. They came up with a plan of evaluating every one’s development; and the outcome of the family fellowship was confessing to and forgiving each other.

In the fellowships, the members of the family used to give offerings for helping the needy outside the family. The family also decided to do evangelism through humanitarian activities.



Pst. Deogratias' Family

“We managed to help 6 children who were underserved and 2 of them came to faith in Jesus Christ. The 6 are still coming to our church and we are trusting God, the other 4 will come to the faith as well,” Deogratias recounted.

As the pastor, Deogratias continually helped the 6 children by buying them books, paying money for shaving their hair, hosting them at his home and sharing meals. The family is now looking forward to do hospital ministry where they will cook food for the needy patients and pay medical insurance for the poor.

“In the spirit of Home Based Evangelism, I have tried to reach 3 street children, where I give emotional care by bringing them home to share meals. My target is to bring them back to their homes so that they can be helped to continue with their studies,” Pastor Deogratias remarked.





The Contradiction in My Life Solved



I had a very contradictory life. I loved roaming around and had unwanted behaviors. I was an impatient person, always wanting to fight with people. I hated protestant believers; yet I had a big hunger for the truth and was reading the Bible.

One day during the Akaki-Kaliti mission, a friend invited me to a church and when I heard the preacher speak about Jesus, I was convinced I had come to the place my soul was searching.

Now I have stopped arguing and debating with believers because I have come to know the Master of my life. I feel His presence wherever I go. In future, I want to tell about Jesus to people and become a missionary.

Melaku Kidanewold

Ethiopia

Melaku got to know the Lord a few months ago and is currently enrolled in a discipleship class and is also being followed up by the pastor of the church he attends.

The Discipleship Program Reignited My Love for Jesus



As a high school student, I greatly benefitted from the discipleship program. I received basic Christian education from the courses which effectively molded my spiritual thinking and drew me closer to church.

Yea, before the program, I was a nominal Christian, but after the training, I have a love for Jesus based on an appreciative knowledge of the Bible. That is why I have committed myself to raise the youth in my church with an understanding of the Bible through the discipleship program.

Yordanos Bargude

Ethiopia

Yordanos, who attends Hiwot Birhan Church in Bahir Dar, took two rounds of the discipleship program 8 years ago in Sodo town, South Ethiopia. He then joined university and became a lecturer after completion. He now serves as a youth leader and coordinator in his local church.



Peace Building & Reconciliation



IN PICTURES:
Launch of the Trauma Healing Project in South Sudan





No Testimony is Insignificant - Memory Suwadi

I struggled with unforgiveness before I got born again and after I received Christ, I struggled with the issue again at some point. When I joined African Enterprise Malawi's Foxfires team, God began to heal me from the ill through a number of different sessions I had with Pastor Moyo, Pastor Sauti and Mrs. Nazimera.

My experience at AE Malawi has been life-changing. I have been undergoing evangelism and discipleship training for the last five months in preparation for Evangelistic activities within Lilongwe, the capital city of Malawi. My perception towards soul winning has changed. I used to think that my testimony carried no weight because there is no element of "more noticeable sin" that I can be able to point out and be able to convince someone to change. Little did I know that a person's testimony is simply a way of expressing what God has done and is doing.

Having gained confidence to share my testimony from the trainings I had, I was granted the opportunity to share my testimony during our first outreach in Mdzaleka. To my surprise, people paid close attention to what I was saying. That was the day I realized that it is not about what you are saying, but who you are talking about.

I am very grateful to God for the privilege given to me to be part of the 2021 Foxfire Team. This has been one of my biggest dreams. I remember praying to God countless times to grant me the ability to share Christ and I believe that this was an answered prayer. I got born again at the tender age of 11 during a Family Sunday service.

My life has been impacted spiritually, socially, mentally and physically. I am glad to go through such a holistic transformation. I have come to learn a lot of things, some of the things I have already started applying in my family and church; and I have been able to share some with my Friends.



We Believed We Could, So We Did It

UWIMANA Harriet and SIBONIYO Aline are AEE beneficiaries in Rwanda who joined hands and started a canteen business. Harriet got pregnant and dropped out of senior school while Aline dropped out because of financial problems. In 2018, the two girls got enrolled in the AEE Rwanda Young empowerment program and they were able to receive different lessons on sexual reproductive health and rights and they were mobilized to join saving groups.

They started saving 500 RWF (\$0.50) per week. After saving 60,000 RWF (\$60.15) in a span of one year, they took a loan worth 200,000 RWF (\$200.50) and started a canteen business. They started small – selling tea, juice and snacks. Their canteen was strategically located near the school and the sector's office which helped them to get clients easily.

Their business was at the verge of collapsing due to poor service delivery although they had many clients. Harriet and Aline lived very far from their workplace and would get late to work. Adding salt to the injury, they used charcoal stove to prepare tea which would take long to get ready.

During field visits done by AEE staff, Aline and Harriet presented the challenges they were facing the office supported them with equipment to use in their canteen which included; a fridge, plastic chairs and tables, cups, plates, saucepans and a gas stove. That boosted their business and they were able to deliver their services on time.

Harriet explains that their life changed for good. Every week she stocks her canteen for 100,000 RWF (\$100). They have already paid the loan and they opened up a shop alongside the canteen from which they sell most of the foods needed in the community. They also bought 2 pigs and they have 300,000 RWF (\$300) on their business saving account.

Harriet says she would not have known Aline and other girls she got to know through discipleship and Mentorship program at AEE and she would not be where she is right now.

Although Aline and Harriet have a different personal saving accounts, they also kept the spirit of saving with other girls in a Community Transformation Group in their community and they increased their savings from 500RWF (\$0.50) per week to 5000 FRW (\$5).

MOMBASA WEST MISSION

2021
1ST - 11TH JULY

SCHOOLS' MINISTRY

People Reached - 4,440
People Saved - 768



SOCIAL ACTION

People Reached - 303
People Saved - 12



STREET EVANGELISM

People Reached - 28,764
People Saved - 3,011



RADIO MINISTRY & HBE

People Reached - 324,262
People Saved - 5,598



CHURCH MINISTRY

People Reached - 22,218
People Saved - 784



Total Numbers
People Reached - **383,278**
People Saved - **10,986**

POLICE & SPECIAL MINISTRY

People Reached - 3,291
People Saved - 795



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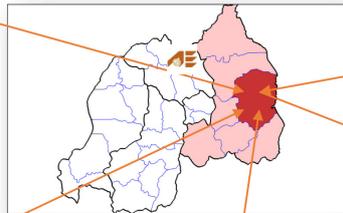
TOTAL REACHED: 908,819 , TOTAL SAVED: 3,822

OUTDOOR EVENTS

Reached: 15,783
Saved: 1,801

STREET EVANGELISM

Reached: 27
Saved: 15



MASS MEDIA

Reached: 875,000
Saved: 29

SOCIAL ACTION

Reached: 13,997
Saved: 1,765

HB EVANGELISM

Reached: 1,714
Saved: 212

