

Jo's Update February 2015

Discipling Children to Disciple others for Christ through Children's Community Health Evangelism (CHE)

God's Work sometimes calls for long days! We started our journey at 11 a.m and arrived at the field at 6:30 p.m. We were received by our host missionaries and we had a good time with them planning together for the week. The temperatures were too high for us but God gave us enough grace. We woke up fresh in the morning ready to begin the trainings.

At the Primary School



We ministered in the primary school each day we were there. This school represents six villages. More than one hundred kids studying at three different grade levels are grouped into one class with only one teacher because of the lack of teachers. The teacher allows us to teach the kids our CHE material along with Bible stories. It was indeed a great favor from God for us. We taught them how house flies spread diseases through germs, and how good personal hygiene, a clean home and proper use of garbage pits and latrines prevent disease.

We also taught moral lessons using Bible stories and the last day we shared the story of the prodigal son, the lost coin, and the lost sheep. It

was then that we realized they have never heard about the compassionate and forgiving God. They have never heard of a God that forgives sin. All along they have been taught of a God that keeps record of good and bad and how He will weigh them during judgment day.

If good deeds will be more than that the bad deeds then they will go to heaven and if the bad are more than the good deeds then will go to hell.

We asked the children from the first day to put in practice what we taught them and also share with their parents, friends and siblings. They faithfully shared with them and many parents visited us in the school just to hear what we were teaching. Because of the children sharing at

home what they learned, more parents brought kids to us just to let them hear what we are teaching. Other parents wanted to transfer their children to that school. We glorify God for acceptance and protection.

Later we found a man who is a believer and a CHE trainer. He has never known about the opportunities for ministry in that place. We invited him to come with us and see what we were doing. The Lord opened his heart and he was moved and compelled by God while visiting the school together with our host missionary that he committed to continue teaching the kids. We officially launched children CHE program and our



host missionary and the brother we found there will be doing it every Thursday.

It is an amazing connection from God alone.

During our last day we prayed with the children and the parents that were there asking God to bring teachers to the school and to bring transformation to that community. I pray that you too will pray for the children in this school very often that God will use them to witness the good news to the entire community

At the High School

Two of the afternoons, we visited a high school and we met with about 50 girls. It gave us the opportunity to share on healthy relationships with self, God and others. We also touched on FGM (Female Genital Mutilation), early marriages and sanitation. These are core issues that girls face on daily basis.

They had a lot of questions and by the help of God's Word we responded. We counseled with one girl concerning how her parents and brothers treat her. She has 24 siblings from four different mothers and she is the only girl who has managed to reach high school. The brothers are so jealous about her studies and they are trying to convince the father to marry her off. She is feeling so bad that the people she expected to protect and care for her are the ones mistreating her. We talked at length with her and prayed and it is our hope that she will be encouraged by the Word of God.

She kept our contacts and we have been communicating with her regularly. We hope the Lord will reveal Himself to her and even to His family members. Continue praying for us that our communications with her will point her to Chris Jesus regardless of the distance between us.



Challenges

1. Our host missionary has only a one roomed house. We had to walk at night for about three kilometers away for us to find a place to sleep. It is my prayer and the prayer of our missionaries that they will find a house sufficient for visiting missionaries like us. They have land and what remains is to build a house.
2. The clinic is ready for use and what remains is the initial drugs and initial support for the missionary nurse. This clinic will help us a lot with the new established Children's CHE program. The clinic will act as a bridge for us to reach to more people.
3. It is my desire to visit this community on monthly basis and take advantage of the acceptance that the Lord provided in this community. Travelling and my stay there have a cost and at the moment, I have not been able to meet that cost. If you wish to help me with these costs, please use the "Donate" page on this Web site.

All in all I am encouraged by 1Thessalonians 4:16 that I will be joyful always, I will pray continually and I will give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for me in Christ Jesus. I invite you to be part of what God is doing in this community by praying, supporting and even visiting with me as God allows. Please let me know how I can pray for you.

God Bless You!

In His Service,
Jo