



# The Gambia Partnership

*Supporting the work of the Gospel in the Gambia*

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Dear friends, supporters and encouragers,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ from The Gambia (Smiling coast of West Africa)

William Carey once said “Attempt great things for God, Expect great things from God”. As most of you may already know, I started a full time mission work in the month of August through the support of the Gambia Partnership which has been blessed by God daily. To God alone belongs the glory for the work and the fruits that will follow.

The Gambia is a small country in West Africa with peaceful people who are predominantly Muslims. This makes it a great field for harvest. As one whose life has been touched by the transforming power of the Gospel and knowing the consequence of dying without a saving reliance and trust in Christ alone for salvation, I am all the more happy to be a servant of God pleading with men to be reconciled with God albeit through the regenerative work of the Holy Spirit.

In the words of Dave Davidson “If you found a cure for cancer, wouldn’t it be inconceivable to hide it from the rest of mankind? How much more inconceivable to keep silent the cure from the eternal wages of death”.

I consider the work of missions an honour and will ‘GO’ wherever the Lord leads. ‘Go ye’ is as much a part of Christ’s Gospel as ‘Come unto me’. Working in a nation with so much ‘spiritual lostness’, I am constrained by a passion for God and compassion for people and I’m daily reminded of the Lord’s command to ‘Go’ trusting the Holy Spirit to bring such as he wills.

I want to thank you all for your prayers and support. Prayer is the mighty engine that will move the missionary work so let's continue praying for the Gambia, the people of Kabekel village where much of the partnership's work is been carried out.

I am presently running a Bible school in Kabekel village for the youth on Fridays and also engaged in weekly home visitation through the village. It is my prayer that these brilliant youths will be so powerfully transformed by the Gospel and this will yield much fruit as they seek to produce their kind within their community and outside. So far, my class with the youth has been very interactive with so many questions asked regarding the content of the Gospel.



We also have a similar class in town on Tuesday and to the glory of God, the testimonies from people attending the class has been encouraging. A Roman Catholic friend who has been attending the class asked "Why isn't the Bible taught with so much clarity and truth as it is taught here on Tuesday?". It seems to him and of course to me that the peril of the unredeemed sinner is unbelief whereas the peril of the redeemed sinner is misbelief. I trust God that these classes will be used of Him mightily in spreading Gospel truth in the Gambia. It has been said that the GOSPEL never shines brighter than when we are revealing the word of TRUTH to all who will hear it.



The Gambia partnership has recently begun a fellowship for pastors in the Gambia. Being ministers of the Gospel within the Gambia from various denominations, we trust that a weekly fellowship of Pastors coming together to pray and listen to lectures on “Reformed Experiential Preaching” as taught by Dr. Joel Beeke will be used of God to help the pastors (most of whom have little or no theological training) in their ministries. This fellowship has been blessed by God and we solicit your continued support and prayer in ‘Supporting the work of the Gospel in the Gambia’.



I believe the call of missions is to love Jesus in such a way that you don't need a specific event or place to witness but that from a heart desiring to see humanity saved, we live every single moment committed to being witnesses of the Gospel and it's transforming power. As an itinerant evangelist, I have been to a few summer schools to deliver talks at their assembly. I hope to reach more schools when the new academic years resumes. I have also used private chats on social



media to engage university students here regarding the case for Christianity. These friendly chats often seem like an exchange of ideas and disputes over beliefs but I trust they can be used of God for his glory.

I have also been distributing Christian literatures bought by the partnership to Muslim friends and believers. Books like “ Who is this Jesus?, Your questions answered : A reply to our Muslim friends, Can I know God? to name a few have been given out as reading materials to those who can read and having questions about the faith. The container sent down to the Gambia also had many theological books which have served as a library where people can request books and return back. Pastor Sylvester Konteh of New Harvest Ministries for instance has been a beneficiary and his positive comments upon reading each book has kept me giving him more books to read.

Finally, my work in August was not without some sore providences of God. Some houses within Kabekel village were affected due to rains and violent winds that struck recently. One family had their roof taken off by the wind at night and some of their materials destroyed.



### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Pray for the nation of the Gambia and those in authority that God will use them in the advancement of the Gospel through various means
- Pray for the mission worker and mission work. That I will be used of God to reach more people and that God will open their hearts toward the Gospel.

- Pray for the Alkalo (Village head), VDC (Village Development Committee) and the people of Kabekel village. That God will use the partnership's work in the village to bring many to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ
- Pray for all the Theological classes conducted by the Partnership. That God will use these classes to minister to both believer and unbeliever to the end of renewing and redeeming respectively.
- Pray for more support that the Partnership will be able to touch more lives with the Gospel and through various charitable aids.
- Pray that God will cause the seed of the gospel been planted to germinate and bear God honouring fruits.
- Pray for the families affected by the rainstorm. That God will provide relief and use this situation for his glory.
- Pray for the Gambian committee. That God will keep and bless them as they seek to foster the aims and objectives of the partnership.
- Pray that God will turn difficulties faced in the work into opportunities for his honour and glory.

**“Some wish to live within the sound of chapel bell; I wish to run a rescue mission within a yard of hell.”- C.T. Studd**

In His Service,

Philip A. Senessie.