The Gambia Partnership

Supporting Gospel work in the Gambia

CHARITY UPDATE WINTER 2018

Our aim as Christians is to **know God**. That is the focus that we should have as we live this life, that and to do all we can **so others may also know Him**. Sometimes we lose our focus and become distracted, we must remember we are merely beggars showing other beggars where the bread is.

Can we say we **know God** or that we have done all that we can to ensure that others **know Him**?

Through love and respect, we aim to point Muslims and all others that we meet, to Christ.

Philippians 2: 15-16, "shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life".

FACT

There are currently about 6900 of the 16000 people groups in the world that are still considered unreached with the gospel having little to no access to Good News. So, there is still a huge task remaining. However, in the world today there are about 7 million churches meaning that there are approximately 1000 congregations for every unreached people group. Ifthe church would start working together as well as praying, giving, going, and welcoming strategically, we could see all nations reached with the love of Christ in our lifetime!

PLEASE PRAY

- FOR GOD'S LEADING
- FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING
- FOR TEACHERS IN THE SCHOOL
- FOR OUR NEW HEADMASTER
- FOR THE TEACHER'S FELLOWSHIP
- FOR FUNDS TO CONTINUE THE WORK
- OUR EVANGELIST AND THAT HIS WORK IS BLESSED
- SUSTAINABILITY FOR THE SCHOOL

THE EVANGELIST

2 Corinthians 5:14

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;

We recently appointed a full-time evangelist, Benjamin Demba, who will work for the charity full time in the Kabakel area. He will be tasked with discipling the young Christians in the village with a focus on empowering people to reach their fellow villagers and work colleagues. It is essential wherever we are in the world to pursue the biblical model of empowering individuals and discipling them to avoid dependency. The bible teaches that we must move from spiritual milk to solid food, we want to see fires started all over that region as the gospel goes from compound to compound, village to village...

It is important that people have the Gospel to support them to avoid false teaching. There is much confusion in The Gambia with a mix of anethist religion, Christianity and Islam all often mixed up together. Please pray for us as we seek to provide bibles for the area. We hope the evangelist will be able to equip people to teach the Bible through bible study and other means. One of the effective means we hope to further employ is the use of the Mega Voice, a portable audio bible with a solar panel on the rear.

FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

It is always a great encouragement and blessing to see God's hand in a situation. To share; when considering the appointment and possible management of an evangelist, God brought about an ordained appointment with <u>www.frontiers.org.uk</u> which provides resources and guidance on how to reach Muslims through love and respect. They are an amazing organisation and worth reading up on. We look forward to seeing what God will do in the future...

THE SCHOOL GARDEN

2018-2019 sees the start of the third year of the school. The big news is that we have a new headteacher in place, Mr Paul Koroma. Paul has been teaching with us for the last two years and has shown himself to be a capable and consistent individual. Pray for him as he leads the school in his new role.

The school garden is coming to life and is the first step in sustainability. Currently the pupils and teachers are growing Maize and Cassava along with beans.

Casava Plants in the school garden:

SGOIL CREIDHEAMH (FAITH SCHOOL) UPDATE



The school now caters for upwards of 180 pupils in the Kabakel area with the charity employing 12 staff from the village. Teachers attend a bible class once a week which one of our committee members, Pastor Konteh, runs after school. One of the encouragements has been to see the local Imam attending the classes, please pray for Tairu that he would be saved. What a mighty impact that would have on the area.

We will require to add two classrooms to the school in the next year or so to accommodate grades 5 and 6. We also have to develop playground materials as well as a library and a kitchen to meet with government expectations, please pray with us as we seek God's guidance in completing these tasks to God's glory.

A big thanks to all who support the Gambia Shop. Please continue to donate, we would especially like teenager clothes, furniture and bric-a brac. 7-9 Church street.

SPONSORSHIPS

Sponsorship is key to children receiving an education due to the poverty experienced in the Gambia. Education brings hope for a better future. We have had frustrations in obtaining and providing sponsorship reports in the past, with our new headteacher we believe this issue has been resolved.

For those who currently sponsor, we will be providing an informal and academic update with picture of your sponsored child in the coming months.

For those interested in sponsoring, the cost is £10 per month, please send any queries onto <u>n_maciver@hotmail.co.uk</u>

PROJECTS

Recent projects have seen us fund a bakery at a cost of $\pm 2,000$ for an individual in the Gambia so that they can provide for their family.

The other significant recent investment was over £1,000 for a borehole and water pump for an individual to provide for his family and which will allow him to minister to his community. This is important as a Christian where he has been previously targeted by Muslim neighbours cutting off his water supply.