



RE-CHRIST

Dec 2011

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Continue to pray for our students as they hear the Word of God each week.

Pray that the Word is hidden in their hearts.

Pray for the students as they go back to school after the holiday break to remain focused and finish the year well.

Pray for several students who are behind in their academic progress.

PRAY!!!

Pray for wisdom, guidance, and like mindedness for all those involved in

RE-CHRIST MINISTRIES.

Pray for God to continue to complete the work He started in us as fulfillment of His word!

Praise the Lord for a powerful ending to a powerful year in the ministry. My mission trip to West Africa was nothing more than spectacular. Each trip I take God works a mighty miracle of sanctification (to become more like Christ) in me. This year God strongly impressed upon me His unconditional love for all of mankind and the need to make sacrifices with our lives to display this unconditional love to a lost and dying world.

For three days we taught a group of twenty plus men, local pastors and evangelist, the biblical concepts of fruitfulness and God's warnings against being unfruitful with our lives. God created all people to bear good fruit with their lives (acts of service that bring God glory), but apart from a personal relationship with Jesus this is impossible. There is none good, but God alone, therefore God is the standard by which all acts of service are judged. The sad reality is most people deceive themselves by believing they are bearing good fruit in their lives. Rather than measuring themselves to the standard of Christ they measure themselves with worldly possessions and titles. These things mean nothing in the eternal life. One cannot take his possessions with him nor can a person enter into heaven on the merits of his vocational title. Nope, full surrender to Christ and obedience to do His will is all that God will accept upon judgment day. Christ will either claim to know you or He will simply ask you to depart from Him because He did not know you personally. Do you know Jesus personally? I did not ask if you knew of Him, but do you know Him? Does your life exhibit the qualities of God or are you simply satisfying your needs here on the earth? Don't deceive yourself because God is not deceived; He knows the truth and so do you.

Over the course of the first three days in Africa we taught similar messages like the one just spoken, but in much more detail. It is very convicting to say the least to teach people the things of God. I am constantly examining and reexamining my life. Does what I say and teach from the Bible represent my life? When people look at my life do they see fruit that resembles that of a man who loves God and loves other people? {I welcome any feedback} I know I am not perfect, but I do believe when people see me, they do see good fruit and they do know I love God and others. This was not always the case; I did not always bear good fruit in my life even though I did do some good deeds while living a sinful life. Good fruit only comes from Jesus and apart from Him you can do nothing worthwhile. Those of you who knew me before my personal relationship with Jesus can bear witness to the radical change in me and the good fruit that I now produce because of the

PRAYER REQUESTS

**1) PRAY FOR A NEW
CHURCH PARTNER TO HELP
WITH THE VISION OF A NEW
PROGRAM AT ANOTHER
APARTMENT COMPLEX.**

**2) PRAY FOR FINANCIAL
BLESSINGS AS WE SEEK TO
CONTINUE TO BE A
BLESSING TO OUR
COMMUNITY.**

**3) PRAY FOR ANOTHER
TEACHER TO HELP AT THE
CORNERS' ESL PROGRAM**

**4) PRAY FOR WISDOM AND
GUIDANCE IN 2012.**

**“And my God will
meet all your needs
according to his
glorious riches in
Christ Jesus”
Philippians 4:19**

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life of Christ living in me. I give all glory and honor to Christ who produces good fruit in me. Thank you Jesus!

After teaching for three days, for 5-6 hours each day, we were prepared to take the knowledge that we learned to the people living in the surrounding villages. In order to get to the villages we first hiked five miles down a dirt road. During our travels we meet a woman named Rosa. Rosa did not know Jesus personally but offered up herself to God right there on the dirt road. Praise the Lord! God gives to all people freely, the gift of salvation, but it is each individual who must receive the God's free gift. When the dirt road ended (after 5 miles) we had to cross fifty yards of some of the most painful walking I have ever experienced. The fifty yards consisted of mud above our knees, but the top outer crust was hard and jagged from the sun. The bottoms of our soft skin feet were not ready for this physical challenge, but with the help of our local brothers in Christ we were able to overcome.

Next we crossed the river in a canoe that was overflowing with nine people. Humorous to say the least; our butts dragged in the water as we swayed back and forth across the river laughing up a storm at our particular situation.. As we made it onto dry land again, covered in mud, we cleaned ourselves in a rice field. I was so dirty I had to remove my pants and wash them out. Once again I found myself as the focal points of many jokes. No worries because laughter and joke telling of his kind builds great unity, not to mention personal character. After we were cleaned and presentable we made our way to meet the local pastor. We were there no more than 45 minutes before we began our evangelism campaign. We went door to door throughout the surrounding country side for 7 hours. This equated to walking a total of 10 plus miles in 90 degree heat and I only had about 20 oz of water. My throat was so dry I felt like one of those survivors of the TV show "I Shouldn't Be Alive". However, it was through this process I learned about sacrifice and unconditional love. Thirty-three people gave their lives to Christ that day!

Upon arrival back to America there was no rest for the weary. It was the last week of school before Christmas break and we celebrated Christmas with all of our students. Actually I have promised to do something with our middle school students when we return. I will let the pictures speak for themselves, but the students were so blessed by our ability to provide a fun outing for them. Thank you to all who pray and give towards our ministry. One of my favorite quotes from a student this year came from a young man who struggles with discipline: "Hey, Mr. Johnny (a servant leader), I sure do like your church." This remark was made on the bus returning from Malibu, a video arcade. A few other students' parents came along with us on the field trip and they would not leave before giving all the adult servants a hug of gratitude. God's love transcends all boundaries; sacrifice and unconditional love.



To teach on the goodness of God and to give Him all glory and honor I want to share this with you. Before I left for Africa we were behind \$10,000 in our budget for this year. Honestly I was not even sure we were going to be able to have a big Christmas celebration this year. It cost about \$1,000 for us to be able to take 65 students on a special event and provide food for them. However, by faith, I said we are going to do this and whatever happens will happen. Last week a local church sponsored the complete cost of our Christmas celebration and raised an additional \$2,500 for our budget. Praise the Lord! This is how God operates. We trust him because He first showed us His love on the cross. And as we trust Him, going forth with projects we know will fail unless God is with us, we display unconditional love to others which brings Him glory or good fruit. Because God is faithful and as we learn to trust Him, God then provides the resources you need to do the work as you walk by faith. Unless I know Jesus personally I will not be able to trust Him, but because I do know Him I am able to trust Him. God is God, and nothing is impossible for Him. He has our best interest in His heart. Learn to trust God and witness His blessings on your life. In addition to the money the church raised and other gifts from generous supporters over the last couple of weeks RE-CHRIST MINISTRIES has closed the gap considerably on its \$10,000 deficit. However, we still have a few thousand dollars more to go before reaching our 2011 budget. If you feel led to help us reach our financial goal for 2011 please send a check payable to:

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- All checks must be post marked and dated by December 31, 2011 in order to be received as a tax credit in 2011. Thank you all for another wonderful year in the Lord!





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