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Pray for the kids over the holiday break that they will understand the true meaning of Christmas. Pray that their families will celebrate the birth of Christ.

Pray for our middle school students as they continue to hear the word of the Lord! Pray as they continue to ask questions about a relationship with the Lord

YDC NEWS

Pray that spiritual leaders will rise up within the units at the YDC and that they will show the other residence the true way to live and have peace. Pray for the Christmas Celebration at the YDC that the residence and their families may hear and understand the word of God.

Dear RE-CHRIST SUPPORTERS

Well it has been another spectacular year with RE-CHRIST MINISTRIES. All of the glory goes to God the Father through Jesus Christ the son. We at RE-CHRIST do nothing more than attempt to walk by faith and not by sight and become obedient to all that God would have us to do. God gives us the direction, paves the way, provides for the needs, and deserves the glory. We simply walk with Him. I find it amazing that not a single person would decide not to walk along side another person if they knew that person would lead them to paradise, but most people are reluctant to do this with God. Why do you think that is? I pray that some of you reading this ministry update, which do not walk with God, will decide to do so this Christmas. Father in the name of Jesus bring spiritual revelation and renewal to the hearts of the lost and bring about passion and commitment to the Body of Christ to abide in you.

In November I went to Africa on a sixteen day trip to help evangelize the nation of Guinea Bissau. I led the trip along with three other brothers; Eric and Dennis are from Maryland and Jackson is from Minnesota. We all shared a common bond with our host family the McHargue's so it was such a blessing to come along side of them and do ministry. During our trip we preached the Gospel to over 1,000 people and we witnessed over 100 people receive the message and accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. Amen and Hallelujah! It was such a great joy to watch the local pastors record the names of all the new Christians. The local pastors will now take on the responsibility of discipleship with these new believers. Also while on the trip a local man was called into vocational ministry and received his call through a time of prayer and fasting. The McHargue ministry, through Youth For Christ, is going to help support this new local pastor. Guinea Bissau has a population of 1.6 million and 65% of this population is under the age of fourteen. Please pray for the future of this nation as God changes the hearts of the people from a nation ridden with idol worship, witchdoctors, false beliefs, and hopelessness to a nation prospering under the hand of the one true living God in Christ Jesus!

While I was gone Ashley did an excellent job of holding down the fort. She always amazes me with her gifts and abilities to adapt to the needs and responsibilities of current situations. It also helped that the kids had several days off of school due to scheduled early releases. This was a big praise, seeing as we knew none of this while planning my trip to West Africa. Since Thanksgiving we have continued to provide our students with biblical instruction as we love on them the way the Savior loves on

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) PRAY FOR WISDOM AS WE GO INTO NEXT YEAR.
- 2) PRAY FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS ON NEXT YEAR CONCERNING THE MINISTRY AND ITS GROWTH.
- 3) PRAY FOR LABORERS FOR NEXT YEAR.
- 4) PRAY FOR THE ALIGNMENT OF LOCAL CHURCHES AND RE-CHRIST MINISTRIES-PRAY FOR HEALTHY AND FRUITFUL RELATIONSHIPS.
- 5) PRAY FOR BLESSINGS ON THOSE WHO HAVE BLESSED US AND CONTINUE TO BLESS US.

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

Contact Info

For information please contact Matt Johns on his website at <u>www.re-christ.org</u> or email <u>mjohns@re-christ.org</u> us- well, maybe not that good but to the best of our spiritual maturity. I believe the biggest change we have seen over the first half of the school year has been in our middle school students. They have a lot of room for growth but it has been amazing to watch God mold them into a group. Throughout the year, especially in the beginning, the middle school students did not see themselves as a group, but now they are beginning to see each other in a unified light providing fellowship. This is very important because now they are learning to grow in Christ together and not separately. Praise the Lord!

This Thursday we will celebrate Christmas with our 40 Elementary school students at a local place called Monkey Joe's. This year we decided to break away from individual gifts and do something fun and exciting with equal value for everybody. The kids are super excited and we believe this will promote a better holiday spirit for the kids rather than individual gifts. To aid in our quest to promote the right holiday spirit, our kids will be creating Get Well cards to a seven year old boy, Dominick, who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for our students as we seek to teach them these life lessons about Christ and His love. Please also pray for Dominick and his family as they walk through this difficult time. To complicate matters, Dominick's Dad has just been laid off so please pray specifically for provisions for the family. To close out the remainder of this update I am going to list some of the RE-CHRIST 2010 achievements. Thank you to all who support our ministry and please know you have a tremendous role in these successes.

- We have 53 current students in our after school programs, an increase of 15 students from last year.
- We have 12 students in our ESL program and 3 new teachers.
- We had 5 professions of faith during our summer outreach, 8 professions of faith from the YDC, and over 100 from West Africa.
- We had 38 students attend Vacation Bible School this summer (3 students accepted Jesus during that time), an increase of 18 students from last year.
- We held an Easter service at the apartment complex and 125people were present to hear the Gospel.
- We mobilized 125 saints to share in our outreach over the past year.

Bless you all and please look for one last update filled with some pictures throughout the year. In Christ

Matt Johns





Enjoy pictures of Matt's trip to Guinea Bissau, West Africa!







