3rd Quarter Prayer Bulletin Jul - Sept 2022

Ghana Navigators



Jesus answered them, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' it will happen. And whatever you ask in prayer, if you believe, you will receive."

Matthew 21:21-22

Our Focus for 2022

Building a solid foundation for a lifetime of fruitfulness 1 Corinthians 3:11 and Psalm 11:3

Introduction

Structural engineers assign different reasons for the collapse of buildings especially super-structures. A common defect which is a possible cause is the foundation of the building. Foundation is defined as the support of a building below the ground and is therefore unseen. It is the basis upon which something is founded as a theory or idea. A foundation is very important to the structure of a building and its longevity. Foundations do not come up accidentally. Every foundation must be intentionally laid, whether it is for career, leadership, marriage, facing life's challenges etc.

The apostle Paul says in I Corinthians 3:11-13 "For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.... his work will be shown for what it is because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work"

The Ghana Navigators turn 48 years this year! We have a unique opportunity to grow our faith in God and follow His leading as we implement our 5-Year strategy. The focus of the National Leadership Team is heavy on training at all levels of the ministry & developing a Missional Community of believers. A Missional Community are believers who are burdened with the Great Commission (Mark 16:15). We are trusting God for a Missional community of believers committed to the urgent need of the gospel to the un-reached and under-reached people groups in urban and rural Ghana.

Focus for July

The Leading & Empowering of the Holy Spirit

Galatians 5:16 NLT - So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves

Building Strong Foundations for A Lifetime of Fruitful Living: Prayer for ourselves.

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Col 2:6-7 NIV

A. Christ the Centre (Intimacy with God)

- Pray that you will grow in loving God with all your heart, mind, and soul Matthew 22:37
- Pray that you will find satisfaction in loving God and walking in daily obedience to Him John 14:21
- Pray that you will manifest the fullness of the identity you have in Christ -1 Peter 2:9
- Pray that you be responsive to the leading and prompting of the spirit Gal 5:16

B. Prayer

- 7 Pray for faith to commit all your fears to God in prayer Isaiah 12:2
- Ask God to make his peace rule in your heart. Pray that your peace will not be dependant on situations around you but on God's word and his promises Col 3:15
- Pray for the grace to run to the place of prayer in times of affliction James 5:13
- 4 Pray that you will experience God as you spend time in prayer Psalm 17:6

C. The Word

- 7 Pray that your life will be guided by God's word- Psalm 119:105
- Pray for the grace to hold on to God's word and promises through the different phases of your life- Isaiah 40:8
- Pray that you will grow in understanding God's word as you spend time in scripture- Psalm 119:130
- Ask God to cleanse you and give you the grace to accept the word he plants in you- James 1:21

C. Fellowship

- Ask God to complete the work he has begun in you. Pray that he will build you into the full stature of Christ- Philippians 1:6
- Ask God to give you the grace to effectively live out His purpose as you fellowship with other believers 1 Cor 12:12
- Pray that you will look out for the interest of others in the community God has planted you- Philippians 2:4
- Pray that, you will identify, receive and be able to use the spiritual gifts as given by the Holy Spirit 1 Corinthians 12:7

E. Witnessing

- Ask God for the grace to walk faithfully with Him through the different phases of your life- 2 Thessalonians 3:3
- **2** Pray that you will be a faithful witness of the Gospel- Acts 1:8
- Ask God for opportunities to share the gospel with the lost around you-Mark 13:10
- Pray for the grace to continually intercede for the salvation of the unreached- Deuteronomy 7:9

Prayer for our Ministries

A. Praying with monthly focus: Leading and Empowering of the Holy Spirit

Week 1: Guidance of the Holy Spirit

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptised in the name of the Lord. Acts 8:14-17

The Lord Jesus promised his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit as a helper after He has departed.

- Pray and thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit who lives in you. John 14: 16-17.
- Pray that you will become more sensitive to the voice of the Holy Spirit and his leading in your life.
- Pray and deal with any hindrances that prevents you from hearing clearly the voice and leading of the spirit. Isaiah 30:21
- Pray that in the various facets of your life you will depend solely on the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Psalm 25: 9-10
- Pray for a humble heart to live in obedience to the leading and instructions of the Holy Spirit. Psalm 25: 9-10

Week 2: Empowering of the Holy Spirit

Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you[f] to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. Colossians 1:9-12

- Pray that you will receive strength and increase in power in areas where you're tired and worn out. Isaiah 40:29-31
- Pray that you will be strengthened and fortified in your inner man, to stay strong and manifest the power and glory of God. Ephesians 3:14-16
- Pray that your individual calling and ministry will be marked by the Holy Spirit with power and authority. Acts 10:38
- Pray for power to subdue your flesh and walk in Holiness and godliness. Colossians 3:5

Week 3: Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers, and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-6

- Thank God for the promise of the outpouring of His Spirit upon all flesh. Joel 2:28-30
- Pray that you will be a ready and honourable vessel through which the Holy Spirit can manifest his giftings. Romans 12:1
- Pray that your eyes will be open to identify the diverse giftings of the Spirit deposited in you as you serve in the body of Christ. 1 Peter 4:10-11
- Pray against fear and intimidation that hinders you from exercising the gifts of the spirit in you. 1 Timothy 1:7
- **5** Pray and rekindle any gift that has been left dormant and pray for grace to grow in your giftings. 2 Timothy 1:6-7
- Pray for the spirit of wisdom and love to operate the giftings of the Holy Spirit.
- 7 If you desire any spiritual gift, ask God who will not withhold from you. Luke 11:11-13, James 1:7

Week 4: Possessing your God given Promises

So, the Lord gave Israel all the land he had sworn to give their ancestors, and they took possession of it and settled there. The Lord gave them rest on every side, just as he had sworn to their ancestors. Not one of their enemies withstood them; the Lord gave all their enemies into their hands. Not one of all the Lord's good promises to Israel failed; everyone was fulfilled. Joshua 21: 43-45

- Pray and thank God for His promises for your life and ministry because faithful is he that has promised. Hebrews 10:23
- **2** Pray and affirm God's promises for your life and ministry. Rom 10:8-10
- Pray for strength and tenacity to dominate wherever God has positioned you. Joshua 1:3
- Pray for grace to expand and advance into uncharted territory of your promise Joshua 1:4
- Pray that you will be empowered with courage and mental strength as you set out to possess these uncharted territories.
- 6 Pray that the living God will be your shield and defender against the wicked one as you increase. Joshua 1:5

B. Praying through the Ministry Activities for July 2022

Who can speak and have it happen if the Lord has not decreed it? Lamentations 3:37 (NIV)

July Registration for Premarital Counselling Training Begins

The Family Life & Relationships team will begin a monthly premarital counselling session for people who want to grow their knowledge and conviction of God's position on relationship and marriage. The goal is to provide a platform for experienced and godly married couples to share their experiences with younger ones yet to marry. The premarital counselling promises to be informative, interactive, and practical.

- Pray for the strength and wisdom for the Family Life and Relationship
 Team as they plan this event 1 Chronicles 16:11
- Pray that couples and singles yet to marry will sign up for this training.
- Pray God will use this training to break unbiblical understandings participants may have on relationships and marriage.
- Pray that this training will be the foundation for building godly marriages that will be a module for other believers.
- Pray that all the resources needed to begin and sustain this training will be provided - Philippians 4:13

16th Seminar by the Transition Ministry Dubbed 'Life After NSS'

This will be a virtual training targeted at National Service Personnel's and members of the ministry. The goal of the seminar is to provide the participants the knowledge and resources they need to make Christ-centred decisions while exploring all the opportunities available to them.

- Pray that the target group will participate in this seminar.
- Pray that the goal for the seminar will be achieved.
- Pray that the speakers at this seminar will be guided and led by God.
- Pray for the current NSP's and the members of the transition ministry who are having to make major career decisions. Please, pray that they will trust God and obey him as he leads them - Psalm 32:8&9

23rd General Conference

This conference will bring together members of the ministry and other Christian organisations to discuss 'How to make disciples who make disciples. This will be our first in-person conference this year.

- •Pray for the organisers of the conference. Ask God for strength and wisdom for them as they plan this conference.
- •Pray that the conference will be patronised by many.
- •Pray that lifelong convictions on disciple making will be built at this conference
- •Ask God to speak through the various speakers. Pray for clarity of speech for the speaker.
- •Pray that all the resources needed to fully plan this conference will be available to the ministry.

29th Prayer Retreat

to 31st

This is a 2–3-day event that will bring members of the ministry across the country together to pray and intercede for the Navigator ministry in Chana, Africa, the Worldwide ministry and intercede for nations of the world.

- •Please, pray that this event will stir in us a desire and burden to intercede for the ministry
- •Pray for wisdom and guidance for the team planning this event
- •Pray that members will all be available to join this day of prayer
- •Pray that we will pray in faith and experience God as we pray Matthew 21:22

The unreached people are a people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate number of resources to evangelize this people group without external assistance. They can be reached through their mother tongue if literacy programmes/materials and Bible are produced to help them understand the salvation message

Week 1: WALA

The town of Wa and parts of the Wa urban are where the Wala people can be found. Most of the Wala have partially adopted Islam. Islam is often mixed with magical practices as people seek good fortune and protection from harm and evil powers. Witchcraft and sorcery also persist. About 0.29% of a population of 84,810 are Christians.

The Lord your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live. Deuteronomy 30:6 (NIV)

- Pray for God to circumcise the hearts of the Wala people.
- 2 Ask the Holy Spirit to grant wisdom and favour to mission agencies focusing on the Wala.
- Ask God to raise additional long-term missionaries to join the few who have already responded.
- Pray that signs and wonders will follow the Wala believers as they share Christ with their own people.
- Ask God to raise prayer teams that will begin breaking up the spiritual soil of West Africa through intercession.
- **6** Ask the Lord to raise strong local churches among the Wala.
- Pray for resources for the churches in the Wala communities.
- **8** Pray for effective ways they can be reached with the gospel.

Week 2: Zerma

The Zerma are predominantly Sunni Muslims. They also practice traditional religion which involves wearing charms and amulets and consulting mediums. Apart from Ghana, they are in Niger, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Mali and Benin. Churches and mission agencies have engaged the Zarma people but only 0.05% of the 8,500 Zerma people are Christians.

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day". John 6:44 (NIV)

- 7 Pray that the Zerma people will become broken hearted over their sins and will seek their Saviour.
- 2 Pray that the Almighty God will break down walls and strongholds that have dominated these dear people for centuries.
- Pray for a Christ- oriented disciple -making movement to flourish among the Zerma people in Ghana.
- 4 Pray for Christian workers and professionals among them.
- **5** Pray for churches to adopt this people group.
- Pray for new ministry approaches and strategies towards the Zerma people.

Week 3: Arial

The Anufo has a population of 91,275, only 0.72% of them are Christians. The Anufo dwell in the North-Eastern part of Ghana. Although they are mainly idol worshippers, Islam is growing speedily among the Anufo people group. There are inter-tribal conflicts and tensions between the Anufo and Konkomba people groups.

"...Today salvation has come to this house because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." Luke 19:9-10 (NIV)

- 7 Pray that the new Anufo believers will grow in dedication to Christ and lead lives that are a good testimony to their neighbours.
- Pray against the influx of Islam and their domination among the Anufo people.
- Pray that religious leaders, clans, and heads of families will respond to the gospel.
 - Pray against syncretism in the churches working among the Anufo people.
 - This is important because some individuals in the church still pay allegiance to diviners and spirits for intervention in their issues.
- **5** Pray for more laborers to engage the Anufo people.
- The New Testament, the Jesus Film, and the audio recordings are available in Anufo language: pray that they will be shared widely with others.
- 7 Pray for peace and tolerance between the Anufo and their neighbours (especially the Kontomba people).

Week 4: Arabs

The Arabs in Ghana are usually located in the big cities and towns. The Arabs represent the largest, most diverse and most politically influential Muslim ethnic group in the world. Fundamentalist Muslims are very outspoken against Christianity and therefore much prayer is needed to break down the barriers that separate them from Jesus. The Arabs in Ghana are usually located in the big cities and towns.

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12 (NIV)

- 7 Pray for the Arabs to come to the knowledge of the gospel and be transformed by the gospel.
- 2 Pray for the Lord Jesus to miraculously demolish the stronghold of Islam among this people group.
- Pray massively missionary efforts through these immigrants to be thwarted.
- Pray for the Arabs to encounter Jesus Christ through visions, dreams and faithful witnesses.
- **5** Pray for courage and perseverance to follow Jesus when it means loss of family, future, and even life.

Focus for August

Revive Us, Lord

Psalms 85:6 - Won't you revive us again, so your people can rejoice in you?

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So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Col 2:6-7 NIV

A. Christ the Centre (Intimacy with God)

- Pray and thank God for the assurance of your salvation found in Jesus Christ- 1 John 5:10
- Revival comes to a person with a humble Spirit and a contrite heart. Pray for such heart and spirit Isaiah 57:15
- Pray that, the seed of righteousness sown in your heart will remain alive and that, your love for God will be Steadfast-Hosea 10:12
- Pray for the grace and strength to do the Spiritual disciplines you have left undone for a while in Jesus' name- Philippians 4:13

B. Prayer

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will quicken your mortal body and break away every chain of sin in your life -Romans 8:11
- Pray that, all your fears and worries would be dispelled and that God's
 peace that transcends all understanding will guard your hearts in Christ
 Jesus Philippians 4:7
- Plead with God to help you refrain from all kinds of weakness and evil and humble your heart unto Him for a revival 2 Chronicles 7:14
- Pray that you will be resilient (unshakable/unmovable) in your faith and knowledge of God as He revives you -Ephesians 6:10-14

C. The Word

- Pray for the spirit of self-control which is going to help you avoid and overcome all worldliness 2 Corinthians 6:17
- Pray that the worries of this world will not choke God's word in your life and hence making God's word less effective in your life Matthew 13:7,22
- **3** Pray for a stronger desire for God's word than your daily meal Job 23:12
- Pray that, as you take in God's word, there will be tangible changes in your life 2 Corinthians 3:18

D. Fellowship

- Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a glorious countenance that can affect others who you fellowship with Proverbs 27:17
- Pray for the joy to sit down at the feet of Christ and desire a longer fellowship with Him to evoke the kind of revival you need Luke 10:39
- Ask the LORD to help you who has been chosen of God to demonstrate to others that you are a true Christian Colossians 3:12
- We are not to be ignorant of the spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:1): pray that, the Holy Spirit will help you identify, know, and use your gift.

E. Witnessing

- Pray for the grace to continue in the service of God till your last breath, knowing the reward that is as stake 1 Corinthians 15:58
- Pray that you will awake to the ambassadorial position God has called you
 to and that He will use you to reconcile the world to Himself 2
 Corinthians 5:18-20.
- There are so many opportunities around us to share the Gospel, but the sense of urgency is absent. Pray for a renewed sense of urgency to share the Gospel from today. 1 Corinthians 10:31
- Pray that, the Gospel you preach will not be limited to only the utterances of words but also the backing and demonstrating of power 1 Corinthians 2:4

Prayer for our Ministries

A. Praying with the monthly focus

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by the same Spirit living within you. Romans 8:11

Week 1: Christ the center (Intimacy with God)

- Pray and thank God for the assurance of the salvation we have in Jesus Christ-1 John 5:11-13
- Thank God for His Spirit who has been given to us to help us shed off anything that holds us back from obeying God-John 15:26
- Pray that, God will cause us to present the members of your body to Him as instruments of righteousness- Romans 6:13
- 4 Pray that God will be the motivation for all we do.
- Pray that, the seed of righteousness sown in your heart will remain alive and your love for God will be Steadfast-Hosea 10:12
- Pray that the LORD shall rule in your heart so that your heart will not fail you as you seek a revival from Him- Psalm 73:26.
- Pray for the grace and heart to thirst and hunger more for the righteousness of the LORD- John 4:13-14
- Plead with God to help you refrain from all kinds of evil and humble your Soul unto Him for a revival- 2 Chronicles 7:14

Week 2: Word and Prayer

Word Pray for an unending desire to seek God by prayer and supplications-Daniel 9:3 Pray that you will be resilient (unshakable/unmovable) in your faith and knowledge of God as He revives you -Ephesians 6:10-14 Pray that the Holy Spirit will guicken your mortal body and break away every chain of sin in your life -Romans 8:11 Ask the Holy Spirit to keep you firm and cause you to blossom in any capacity that you find yourself -Luke 12:12 Pray that any dead situation in your life will receive an awakening today in Jesus' name -Isaiah 26:19 Pray for a renewed attitude and strength towards prayer -Habakkuk 3:19 Pray that, the LORD will help you keep up with faith and this new revival to the end of your life - 2Timothy 1:12 **Prayer** As you depend on God's word for this revival, ask the Holy Spirit to give you depth and root in your faith - Colossians 2:6-7 Pray that, as you take in God's word, the word will cause Christ to increase in you and your personal will decrease - John 3:30 Pray that, as you take in God's word, there will be tangible changes in your life- 2 Corinthians 3:18 Ask the Holy Spirit to help you never limit Him to your capacity since He can do more than you can imagine or Ask-Ephesians 3:20

Week 3: Fellowship

- Pray that, God will cause every spiritual gift you have received from Him to come alive once again -1Timothy 4:14
- Ask the Holy Spirit to continuously fan every spiritual gift and talent you have received from God for the benefit of others- 2Timothy 1:6
- Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a glorious countenance that can affect others who you fellowship with- Proverbs 27:17
- Pray that, the Holy Spirit will help you become spiritually sensitive as you fellowship with others- 1 Peter 3:8
- Ask the LORD to help you who has been chosen of God to demonstrate to others that you are a true Christian Colossians 3:12-12

Week 4: Witnessing

- Ask the Holy Spirit to cause you to burn with a new desire to share the Gospel 2 Timothy 4:2
- Pray that, you will willingly and personally share the Gospel with joy without seeking any recognition Colossians 3:23
- Ask God to give you some new passion and urgency to reach-out to the unsaved in our families, workplace, schools, and communities. 1
 Corinthians 10:31
- Pray that, we will aspire to possess and use the power that the Holy Spirit has given us in witnessing about Christ- Acts 1:8
- Pray that, the Gospel you preach will not be limited to only the utterances
 of words but also the backing and demonstrating of power- 1 Corinthians
 2:4

B. Praying through the Ministry Activities for August 2022

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13th August - Workplace & Community Ministry Training

There is a huge opportunity to reach our colleagues at work and friends in our communities with the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. However, not many of us know how to reach our colleagues at work with the gospel. The Workplace & Community ministry will lead our efforts as a ministry to organise a number of training sessions to equip all Ghana Navigators to take advantage of the ministry opportunities and to live in integrity at work.

- •Please pray these training sessions will come off as planned
- •Please there will be strategic initiatives to reach our colleagues and neighbours
- Pray the training and meetings of the Workplace & Community ministry will draw many to Christ
- •Pray that many will find Christ because of the biblical examples they are seeing among Navs at work
- •Please pray for the Workplace and Community team led by Ken Dawson & Obed Nortey. That they will lead the team with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- •Please pray for their families and work.

26th

August - Small Group Intentional Discipleship Training (Residential)

28th

This residential retreat is targeted at members of the ministry who are available to receive intensive discipleship training for the next three years. Each participant must have signed up for the Intentional Discipleship Training. This retreat will be opened to persons at different levels of growth who need specific training to help them to mature and become effective labourers.

- •Pray for wisdom and strength for the team planning this retreat
- •Pray that this retreat will achieve its purpose
- •Pray that the participants will experience God and grow in their commitment to live in obedience to God
- •Pray that the participants will become effective disciple makers and labourers

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Week 1: BANDA-LIGBI

The Banda-Ligbi have been engaged by churches and mission agencies. However, there are only a handful of known Ligbi Christians in Ghana. They are located in the Ahafo region and Northern region. Most of the Ligbi people practice the Islamic religion. Some Banda- Ligbi people are violent to the gospel and there have been cases where workers were threatened and attacked.

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

- Ask the Lord to call people who are willing to go and share Christ with the Ligbi.
- Pray that God will lead Christian teachers and workers to serve among the people.
- Ask God to give the Banda Christians opportunities to share the gospel with their own people.
- Pray that the Lord will grant wisdom and favour to the mission agencies that are working among the Ligbi people.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of the Ligbi towards Christians so that they will be receptive to the Gospel.
- 6 Ask the Lord to raise strong local churches among the Ligbi.

Week 2: BUSANGA

The homeland of the Busanga people is in Burkina Faso but they are found in some villages in the Upper East Region. The primary religion of the Busangas is Islam. The Busanga people are keen traders. Some migrate and explore other jobs in the south including public services, the police, and the army. Those who migrate retain links with relatives in their places of origin.

Therefore, Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved." John 10:7-9NIV

- Pray that they will hear and recognise God's voice and surrender to Him
- Pray that God will lead Christian teachers and workers to serve among the people.
- Ask God to give the Busanga Christians opportunities to share the Gospel with their own people.
- Pray that the Lord will grant wisdom and favour to the mission agencies that are working among them.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of the Busanga so that they will be receptive to the Gospel.
- 6 Ask the Lord to call people who are willing to go and share Christ with the Busanga.
- **7** Ask the Lord to raise strong local churches among them.

Week 3: CHAKALI

The population of the Chakali is 9,000 and 3% of the population are Christians. The Chakali people are located in Wa East and their chief town is Bulenga. Some of the Chakali people groups have also relocated to live among the Wala people group and adopted their language. Most of the traditions and beliefs of the Chakali are geared towards ancestral worship. They are very superstitious and attribute a lot of happenings to the supernatural.

Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. But now that you know God – or rather are known by God – how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable principles? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? Galatians 4:8-9 (NIV)

- Pray against syncretism among believers. This is important because most
 converts still hold on to certain traditional beliefs and they need a renewal of mind.
- Pray that God will lead Christian teachers and workers to serve among the people.
- Ask God to give the Chakali Christians opportunities to share the Gospel with their own people.
- Pray that the Lord will grant wisdom and favour to the mission agencies and churches that are working among the Chakali.
- Ask the Holy spirit to soften the hearts of the Chakali people so that they will be receptive to the gospel.
- Pray that churches especially in Wa will begin to move toward the Chakali communities in the Wa East District.

Week 4: CHALLA

The Challa people group are predominantly found in Northern Volta in Nkwanta (south and north) with a few in the Northern Region. There is an unaccounted number of Challas scattered throughout the country. The Challa people are traditionally animist with a strong fetish culture. Recently, many Challa people are converting to Islam and some few to Christianity. The main deity of the Challa is called Challa Jogo. They believe he gives them health, protection, fertility, and anything spiritual or material. There are tribal tensions among the Challa and the Akyode people groups on land ownership and people are very sensitive to tribal issues.

Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds. A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly............ In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power. Acts 19:18-20 (NIV)

- Pray against syncretism and nominalism as the few Christians who go to church are also involved in traditional rituals and sacrifices.
- Pray for support for their language translation, as it is almost going extinct.
- **3** Pray for the planting of indigenous churches among them.
- Pray against the varied ethnic conflicts between the Challa and the Akyode people groups and among the different factions in Challa land.

Focus for September

Bearing lasting fruit as Disciples of Jesus Christ

John 15:16 - You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.

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A. Christ the Centre (Intimacy with God)

- Love is one of the lasting fruit required of us, ask God to help you love and tolerate others with all humility and gentleness Ephesians 4:2.
- Christ is the surest foundation of our life and without Him we can do nothing. Pray that this truth about the importance of Christ in our lives will always remain John 15:5.
- Bearing lasting fruit makes the Father glad and it is by so doing we become God's disciples. Earnestly pray to God to help you overcome all barriers that hinder you from becoming fruitful John 15:8.
- Pray that God will establish you and your disciples firmly and that you will bear fruit now and even in your old age Psalm 92:13-14.

B. Prayer

- Pray that, God will fill, guide and guard your hearts and minds with His kind of peace especially in these hard and uncertain times- John 14:27
- Pray that even in the toughest times of life, you shall be overwhelmed with the peace of God.
- Pray that, as you remain in Christ and His foundational truths also remain in you, He shall grant unto you that which you ask, seek, and knock for in prayers -Matthew 7:7 & John 15:7
- Pray that, the ears of the LORD will be opened to you each time you go to Him in prayer 1 Peter 3:12

C. The Word

- Pray that God will train you be more determined like an athlete in other to have more of self-control 1 Corinthians 9:27
- Our dependence on God's word is very important to us being able to control all our desires and appetite. Pray that God's word will bring illumination to your life wherever you find yourself Psalm 119:130
- God wants us to bear fruit but that is not tied to some specific activities, but we must understand that God is the One who gives us what we require to be fruitful. Pray that, God through His own word will teach you how to be fruitful- John 15:1-3
- Bearing spiritual fruit can be successful only if we are living in and walking by the Holy Spirit. Pray for a close fellowship with the Spirit of God Galatians 5:16

D. Fellowship

- Pray against the act of the flesh that hinder the work of the spirit in your life -Gal 5:1
- Pray and thank God for the fruit of faithfulness we see in the ministry;members who continue to remain faith to Christ and to the call and vision of the ministry.
- Pray for grace to strengthen your bond in fellowship with the Holy spirit 2 Corinthians 13:14
- Pray that as you grow in your fellowship with the holy spirit the fruit of love will abound in your ministry and life -Colossians 1:8

E. Witnessing

- Pray that the church will experience growing numbers in the souls added to the kingdom of God every time Acts 1:40
- Pray that you continue to grow in the understanding and truth of God's grace and its power to transform lives Colossians 1:6
- Pray that the fruit of your lips will speak truth and life demonstrating Christ Colossians 3:17
- Pray that the message of Christ will dwell in you richly as you teach and counsel each other with wisdom from Christ Colossians 3:16

Prayer for our Ministries

A. Praying with the monthly focus

Key Verse: You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name - **John 15:16**

Week 1: Being Conscious of your calling

Brothers, think about your own calling. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth -1 Corinthians 1:26

It's one thing to be called and another thing to know that you have been called. A person who is aware of his/ her calling separates him/herself from the world and devotes his/ her life entirely to his/her Master.

A soldier on active duty wants to please his commanding officer and so does not get mixed up in the affairs of civilian life - 2 Timothy 2:4

- **7** Thank God for finding you worthy and calling you to himself.
- Pray that you will be intentionally conscious of your calling and yield yourself entirely to our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.
- Pray that you will be committed to this call for life and not just for a phase in your life or not just when you find it convenient.
- Pray that you will be faithful to this call to the end despite all the challenges that may come.

Week 2: Intimacy with God

...and he chose twelve, whom he named apostles. "I have chosen you to be with me," he told them. "I will also send you out to preach... - Mar 3:14

One of the key reasons why God calls any one is so that He will have an intimate relationship with the person.

As seen in the scripture above, the first stated reason why Jesus called the twelve was so that they will be with him. Any other thing will flow from how intimate they have been with the Lord. Being with the Lord is the foundation for every other thing.

- **7** Pray that you will be deliberate in being intimate with God.
- **2** Pray that you will grow daily in your relationship with God
- Pray that you will not be carried away by what you want to do for God but will rather allow God to prepare you for what he wants to do in and through you.
- 4 Pray against any form of complacency in our walk with God.

Week 3: Called to Go & Bear Fruit

And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men - Mat 4:19

There is a reason why God has called any of us. In Mat 4:19 Jesus clearly told his disciples the reason he has called them. He has not just called them so they will be seen as the followers of the Great Teacher; He called them because there was something they had to do (Go & Bear Fruit). Positively responding to this call is a sign of Maturity in our walk with God.

- 7 Pray that you will not just bear the name "Christian", but that we will respond to the call of our Lord and help others to come to the light.
- **2** Pray that you will give your best in bearing fruit and not just do it to satisfy your conscience.
- **3** Pray that laboring in the Lord will be a lifestyle for you and not an event.
- Pray for creative ways of winning the lost in our ever-changing environment.

Week 4: Fruit that will last

A lot of people followed Moses out of Egypt but only a few entered the promised land.

Eccl 7:8 teaches us that, "The end of something is better than its beginning..."

It is not just important to bear fruit, it is equally important that our fruit will last.

No wonder Jesus prayed for his Disciples and for those who will come to him through his Disciples. (John 17)

Pray for the people you are discipling

- 7 Thank God for their lives and their faith
- Pray that the Lord himself will help them to hold on to the faith.
- **3** Pray that their life will reflect Christ in every material way.
- 4 Pray against any weakness you have noticed in their walk with God.

B. Praying through the Ministry Activities for September 2022

We can make our own plans but the Lord gives the right answer. - Proverbs 16:1 (NLT)

2nd Small Group Intentional Discipleship Training (Residential)

- This residential retreat is targeted at members of the ministry who are available to receive intensive discipleship training for the next three years. Each participant must have signed up for the Intentional Discipleship Training. This retreat will be opened to persons at different levels of growth who need specific training to help them to mature and
 - •Pray for wisdom and strength for the team planning this retreat
 - Pray that this retreat will achieve its purpose
 - •Pray that the participants will experience God and grow in their commitment to live in obedience to God
 - •Pray that the participants will become effective disciple makers and labourers

3rd Mini-Missions (Urban Poor)

become effective labourers.

This is a short missions spanning between 1-3 days at a selected location. The goal is to ensure that we are reaching out to the unreached people groups who are now located in our big cities, who have not been our target in the past. This will also give those who may not be able to take a longer time off work to still participate in our missions' outreach efforts.

- •Kindly pray that God will prepare the ground for this missions' effort Malachi 3:1
- •Pray for wisdom and guidance for the team planning this missions
- •Pray for more labourers for this missions. Pray that people will sign up to join the missions- Matthew 9:37
- Pray that the people will accept the gospel and taste of its transforming power- Cal 2:20
- •Pray for full funding for this missions

10th Monthly Premarital Counselling Begins

The Family Life & Relationships team will begin a monthly premarital counselling session for people who want to grow their knowledge and conviction of God's position on relationship and marriage. The goal is to provide a platform for experienced and godly married couples to share their experiences with younger ones yet to marry. The premarital counselling promises to be informative, interactive and practical.

- •Pray for the strength and wisdom for the Family Life and Relationship Team as they plan this event 1 Chronicles 16:11
- •Pray that couples and singles yet to marry will sign up for this training.
- •Pray God will use this training to break unbiblical understandings participants may have on relationship and marriage.
- •Pray that this training will be foundation for building godly marriages that will be a module for other believers
- •Pray that all the resources needed to begin and sustain this training will be provided Philippians 4:13

17th Pastors & Church Leaders Discipleship Conference

A conference organized by the Church Discipleship Ministry for Pastors and Church Leaders. The goal is to collaborate with church leaders to train disciple makers for the church. This conference will bring together pastors from different denominational backgrounds. It will provide a good opportunity for the pastors and church leaders to learn from one another and establish relationships for the advancement of the gospel.

- •Pray for strategies and wisdom for the Church Discipleship Team as they plan this event.
- •Ask God to bring people from far and near to this conference
- •Pray that the participants will partner with the ministry to make disciples in their churches
- •Pray that all the resources needed to make this conference a success will be provided

24th Couples-to-Be Hangout

The Family Life & Relationships team will host all Navs who are preparing to get married this year. The goal is to engage the would-be couples to a time of connection and need assessment and plans to address them even after the marriage ceremony.

- •Please pray for the Family Life & Relationships team as they plan this event
- •Please pray life transforming initiatives will be the outcome of this hang-out.
- •Pray for all Navs who are preparing to get married this year. That they will totally depend on God.
- •Pray people will make Lordship decisions as single people, in marriage and in life- 1 Peter 3:15 & Luke 6:46-49

The unreached people are a people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate number of resources to evangelize this people group without external assistance. They can be reached through their mother tongue if literacy programmes/materials and Bible are produced to help them understand the salvation message

Week 1: DYULA

The Christianity percentage among the Dyula is 1% as against a population of 68, 045. The Djulaare are located mostly in the bigger cities and coastal areas of Ghana. The majority of Dyula are Sunni Muslims. Most of the others, whom the Muslims call "pagans," hold traditional animistic beliefs (they believe that non-living objects have spirits). There are no known active churches.

Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Luke 10:2-3 (NKJV)

- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers to live and work among the Dyula.
- 2 Ask God to anoint the Gospel as it goes forth via radio and television to the Dyula.
- Pray for the effective use of the Jesus Film and other evangelistic materials in the Dyula language.
- Ask God to strengthen, encourage, and protect the small number of Dyula Christians.
- **5** Ask the Lord to bring forth a triumphant Dyula church for the glory of His name.

Week 2: FOODO

The Foodo are virtually all Sunni Muslim. The population of the Foodo is 1,100 with less than 1% being Christians. The Foodo are in Aflao, Accra, Ho and Tema. A few traditional animistic practices (based on the belief that non-living things have spirits) still practice persist among some. Such practices are done in secret since animists are looked down upon by the Foodo. There are no currently known active churches in the towns.

.......... And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Acts 2:21 (NIV)

- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers to live and work among the Foodo people.
- Pray for the effective use of the Jesus Film and other evangelistic materials in the Foodo language.
- Ask God to strengthen, encourage and protect the small number of Foodo Christians.
- 4 Ask the Lord to bring forth a triumphant Foodo church in Ghana.
- **5** Ask the Lord to raise strong local churches among the Foodo.
- 6 Pray that Christians medical terms and teachers will have opportunities to minister Life to the Foodo.

Week 3: FULANI

The Fulani people group are located all over the country, especially in the three Northern regions. The percentage of Christians is less than 1%. Most of the Fulani are Muslims. The core worldview of the Fulani is Pulaako. Pulaako is the identity of the Fulani. It is their moral code of belief. Though the Fulani are strongly embedded in the Pulaako, their social and cultural practices in most locations have been transformed by Islamic laws. Mallams are a great source of power for the Fulani and they often go to them for powers to protect themselves and their cattle from wild animals in the bush. Some of the Fulani people in Ghana have been known for attacking inhabitants of villages and towns.

..... The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message.... Acts 16:14-15 (NIV)

- 7 Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of these precious people to the Gospel message.
- 2 Ask God to raise prayer teams who will begin breaking up the soil through worship and intercession.
- Pray for God's wisdom and favour to surround the mission agencies that are focusing on the Fulani.
- Pray that God will strengthen, encourage, and protect the Fulani believers.
- Ask the Lord to give these converts a vision to share Christ with their own their people.
- 6 Ask the Lord to raise strong local churches among the Fulani in Chana.

Week 4: GONJA

The population of the Gonja group of people is 309,527 but has about 4% as Christians. Most Gonja can be found in West Gonja, Central and East Gonja. There are chieftaincy disputes in some parts of the Gonjaland including Bole and Damango. The Gonjas tend to practice Islam alongside their ethnic religious practices. If a member of a Gonja tribe becomes a Christian, they believe the person has lost his identity and must be an outcast.

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NIV)

- Ask God to strengthen, encourage and protect the small number of Gonja who converted to Christianity.
- Pray for the few followers of Christ to be disciples and trained into mature believers and leaders.
- Pray for churches in the big towns such as Damango, Bole, Salaga, Bupei to engage the Gonjas continually and faithfully.
- Pray for the indigenous leaders and lay pastors to be well equipped for the work within their catchment areas and beyond.
- **5** Pray for Muslim leaders, family, and clan heads to encounter the gospel.
- Pray for the use of literacy materials and stories to engage the Gonja people in their heart language.
- 7 Pray for calm as the people in Bole settle chieftaincy disputes and enskin a new Paramount chief.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

Psalms 2:8 NIV

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