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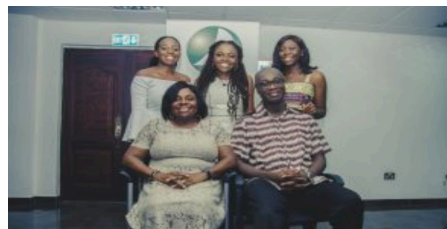
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THE NAVIGATORS

WHO ARE WE

We are an international, interdenominational Christian ministry established in 1933. We are people who love Jesus Christ and desire to help others know and grow in Him as they “navigate” through life.

OUR CALLING

To advance the Gospel of Jesus and His Kingdom into the Nations through spiritual generations of labourers living and discipling among the Lost.

OUR CORE VALUES

1. The passion to know, love and become like Jesus Christ
2. The truth and sufficiency of the Scriptures for the whole of life
3. The transforming power of the Gospel
4. The leading and empowering of the Holy Spirit
5. Expectant faith and persevering prayer rooted in the promises of God
6. The dignity and value of every person
7. Love and grace expressed among us in community
8. Families and relational networks in discipling the nations
9. Interdependent relationships in the body of Christ in advancing the Gospel

OUR MOTTO

To know Christ, make Him known, and help others do the same.

WE ARE DISCIPLES. WE ARE DISCIPLEMAKERS.



A photo of some Ghana Navigators

MEET OUR NEW NATIONAL DIRECTOR

The Navigators of Ghana selected a new National Director exactly a year ago in the person of Mr. John Komla Ansah. Guided by the Scripture Union, John K became a believer in Jesus after the mysterious death of his mother while in his second year of high school. He joined the Navigators after high school when he was invited by one of his seniors to a small group community Bible study which met weekly. After a few meetings, he committed himself fully to discipleship. He underwent some more discipleship training for 4 years at the University of Cape Coast. In 2004, John K became the Administrator of the Ghana Navigators after his National Service and spent 5 years in that role. In February 2009, he moved to Kumasi as a Field Staff and led the Navigators Ministry for 10 years in the Ashanti Region. John K is trained in Organizational Development and Strategic Management (MPhil Organizational Development and MBA Strategic Management degrees from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology Business School, Ghana). He has a passion for youth, leadership and the needs of the poor and vulnerable. John K was selected as the new National Director of the Navigators in July 2019. He loves to read and cook and has a strong interest in teaching, discipleship, leadership and politics. He believes aspects of Africa's challenges are attributed to the vacuum capable Christians have left in leadership in many spheres of life including local and national politics. Isaiah 60:22, Habakkuk 2:3 and 1 Samuel 2:35 are some of his motivating verses.



John K. Ansah - New National Director of Navigators of Ghana

THANK YOU, ADANUS!

On November 18th 2019, a Thanksgiving service was held in honour of Prof. Richard Adanu and his family, who had led the Ghana Navigators Ministry from 2013 to 2019. It was a colourful ceremony with a section of the Nav family in attendance. Many who were present testified about the commitment of the Adanus to God and to the Ghana Navigators Ministry for many years. Prof. Richard Adanu has since joined the Navigators Africa Regional Team. We pray for God's guidance in all their endeavors.



Prof. Richard Adanu, (former National Director of Ghana Navigators) and his family

A WORD FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Intentional Discipleship and Mentoring Programme

At our annual worship and thanksgiving service in December last year, one of our brothers shared a testimony of how he had prayed asking God for at least one person to disciple at the beginning of 2019. God answered his prayer! How many of us still pray asking God to lead us to someone we can explain the Gospel to and disciple? But this is what our brother did and it is incredible because it sums up what we do as Navigators. We spend many months and years discipling new believers who can in turn disciple others. We take the message of 2 Timothy 2:2 very serious. It is at the heart of what we do and we believe every Navigator should receive all the needed training to disciple others. We are Disciples, we are Disciple Makers!

A WORD FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR, CONT'D

At our 2019 Labourers Retreat, we launched the Ghana Navigators Intentional Discipleship and Mentoring Programme. The goal is to ensure that every Navigator is fully disciplined and trained and capable of discipling others. So far, 43 Navigators have signed up and are at different stages of discipleship. Very crucial skills and in-depth Bible knowledge will be passed on to all participants. As part of this training, those who are being intentionally disciplined will be assigned others to disciple. We aim at seeing chain discipleship and mentorship at every level of our Ministry. This means every single member of the Ghana Navigators should receive intentional discipleship and mentoring and should do same for people they meet at work, schools, prisons, communities etc. Intentional Disciple Making is our core business.

NAV QUOTES

“If you lead a person to Christ, are you happy? Of course you are. You are elated and so is everyone else concerned — the person himself and the angels of God. But are you satisfied? No, you shouldn't be. Jesus told us to do more than just get converts. He told us to make disciples. So you must stick close to the person whom you have led to Christ, and help him grow till he takes his place among those who can vigorously and effectively advance the cause of the Lord. When that happens, he may be considered a mature, committed, fruitful follower of Jesus Christ.”

- Leroy Eims, 1925-2004 (Navigator staff & Author, *The Lost Art of Disciple Making*).

OUR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Miss Clara Kotir joined the Navigators staff as an Administrative Assistant this February. Clara has been a member of the Navigators for about 6 years. She was one of the student leaders at the Kwame Nkrumah University Science and Technology Campus Ministry. Before joining the campus ministry she was a member of the Nima/Kanda community small group Bible study popularly known as Zone 1.

She holds a first-class honours degree in History and Political Science from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology. Clara joins the office team with a lot of energy and new ideas and is trusting God to do her best. Clara is very committed to God, teachable and takes her responsibilities seriously. In her role, she will assist the National Director in fund raising and have clearly defined administrative responsibilities.

Praise and Prayer

1. Praise God that He led us to recruit one of our young disciples to take up this responsibility.
2. Please pray that Clara will settle in her role and learn as much as she can
3. Pray she will continue to experience God personally as she interacts with the Navigator family.



Clara Kotir, new administrative assistant of the Navigators of Ghana

TO GO OR NOT TO GO

EMMANUEL NII OKINE

I am Emmanuel Nii Okine. I graduated from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology and I worked as a Mathematics teacher at Swedru Senior High School for National Service. This is the story of how I took up the opportunity of doing my National Service with the Navigators to be posted to Swedru in the Central Region to help disciple souls that had been won at the 2018 Rural Missions at Nkum, Swedru.

There had always been the need for someone to take up his/her National Service in and around Swedru in order to effectively disciple the souls that were being won at Nkum as part of the Annual Rural Missions. At every previous Rural Missions programme I had attended, the need for such a role had been discussed, but I did not consider myself as the person for that role. During my final year of school, I gave many excuses and raised objections to my appointment whenever the subject came up during the Rural Missions programme. I really had no interest in being the man for the job.

I always prayed for a burden for lost souls however, the Nkum location brought little excitement to me. As I kept praying about this, I began to experience a growing burden to go to Swedru. However, my mind was clouded with questions: "Am I fit for this task? Will I succeed there at all? Will I not end up disgracing myself in the village since I will have no mentor around me?" My inability to answer these questions further dampened my spirit.

I then decided to speak to my mentor, whom I knew had experience in such matters. I got answers to my questions and was advised to spend more time praying about the situation. Just around the same time, Rev. J.F.K. Mensah spoke on the topic, Laborers for the Kingdom Next Door to Everywhere. God used him to help me make a final decision when he remarked during his talk, "you don't need a prophesy to be a disciple maker". This statement clarified things for me and I made a firm decision to go to Swedru Senior High School for my National Service.

After a few months of being at post, I consider it one of the best decisions of my life. God is helping me grow in the intake of His word and train others to do same. I have had many opportunities to preach in churches and challenge other young people to surrender their lives to Jesus. I have been able to disciple Julius, a young man passionate about Jesus and sharing his faith with others. I am totally convinced God will keep using me to influence the lives of the people of Nkum for His glory in Jesus. I would encourage others to take up the challenge of having a short-term missions experience with the Navigators and especially to be posted for National Service in a high school within a rural community.

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE AND MARK IT

The Bible is God's Word to mankind. The Bible gives us an overall picture of what God has done in the past and wants to say to us today. In the Bible we discover what God says so we can love and obey Him. Jesus told his disciples that, "If you [they] remain in me and my [His] words remain in you [them]..." their prayers would be answered, they would bear much fruit, and this would prove that they were truly his disciples. That is why your commitment to discipleship training begins with Bible Reading. Many Christians find it helpful to make a habit of reading systematically through the bible — the whole Bible — one book at a time, one chapter a day, every day! You too can begin this easy and refreshing habit of daily Bible reading. And we will show you how. Sadly, many Christians rely solely on printed devotional books written by men rather than reading the actual Bible for themselves. Other Christians limit their Bible reading to a few favourite books and verses. But God through the apostle Paul urges us to read the whole Bible because it is useful for us. "The whole Bible was given by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realise what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right" (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Living Bible). If you can read the newspaper, you can read the Bible. If you can read a textbook, you have all the skills you need to read the Bible. All you need is a simple plan and fifteen minutes each day devoted to listening to God speak to you through His Word. Don't worry about how long the Bible is. Think of the Bible as a library, consisting of 66 individual books. Just pick one from the "shelf" and read it from beginning to end. Return that book and select another. By following this easy plan, you will have read all the 66 books in 2-3 years. You will be one of the few disciples of Christ to have read the whole Bible! Make this your goal, follow these simple steps, and you too will experience the joy of discovering what God says and obeying it.

The Plan

1. Select the Bible or New Testament translation that you will read from every day. It should be a modern translation and a Bible you feel free to make marks in.
2. Select one book to begin your systematic Bible reading. We suggest that you begin in the New Testament with the Gospel of Mark.
3. Each day pray before reading, asking God to open your eyes and ears to hear Him.
4. Read through the first chapter once for a general overview. Do not go on to chapter 2 yet. Re-read chapter 1 a second time, pausing to think about and mark few key words or ideas that particularly impress you.
5. Use a pen to make your marks: circle a key word, underline an interesting phrase, or use a vertical line in the margin for longer highlights.
6. End your reading by asking God to focus your attention on one and only one thing that you marked today. Ask Him how He wants you to apply the key thought that you marked to your own life. Thank Him for speaking to you.
7. The next day, use the same plan to read chapter 2 of the book of the Bible you chose. Continue to read and mark one chapter each day until you complete this book. Don't skip chapters; don't skip from book to book. When you finish reading the book of the Bible you chose, begin to read another book, beginning with chapter 1.
8. If you miss one day of Bible reading, simply do two chapters the next day.
9. By using this simple plan for fifteen minutes a day you will read through the entire New Testament in only nine months. You will complete the whole bible in less than three years! To get started, do the exercise above by reading and marking these verses from Mark chapter 1

NEWS FROM CAPE COAST

-NAA AMANUAH OTOO-ANKRAH-

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES...

Growing and Equipping Disciples for Christ!

Bill Hull wrote, "Only God orchestrates the call to be and make disciples and disciple making can be accomplished only through the events and conditions that make up life. His glorious method is unpredictable, not smooth or symmetrical. It bursts forth in spasms of energy. It zigzags across the planet in disorganized patterns propelled by the passion of faithful disciples."

Another semester has begun and I am excited to continue these life-changing weekly meetings with the six students God has given me according to His own wisdom and orchestration. I was happy to learn from my routine visit to them that each of the students was eager to grow spiritually this year. I encouraged each of them to turn this goal into an actionable set of plans and I committed to follow up on them concerning those plans. I further admonished them all to make it a goal to read through the Bible this year. They are up for the challenge, each of them pursuing the goal at varying paces.

My personal goal is to partner with the Holy Spirit to build quality in these individuals as regards Christ-like character and the burden to labour for Him for a lifetime. I also look forward to a deeper friendship with each of them. Praise God with me for their openness to know Jesus more intimately. As you thank God with me, please pray with me:

- That God will strengthen them with great endurance so that they will be committed to reading through the entire Bible, having hearts that are willing to hear from the Holy Spirit.
- That God will reveal Himself to them in a personal and intimate way as they read the Bible each day.
- That they will grow in Christ-like character and spiritual maturity.
- That I will grow in deeper friendship and fellowship with each of them and they with one another.
- That the Holy Spirit will lead me as I minister to them so that I will be sensitive to their needs and disciple them holistically.
- That they will become labourers of the Kingdom.

I believe that since these are the ones the Lord Jesus has given to me at this time, He surely has a plan to glorify Himself through their lives. This plan is bigger than me. I am humbled and truly grateful for your financial support and prayers which have enabled me to be part of this awesome plan. May the Lord God bless you richly. Amen.



Naa Amanuah and some UCC navs in a meeting

THE GLOBAL STUDENTS PROGRAMME 2019 – A TASTE OF HEAVEN!

MRS. EUGENIA AFAWUBO

I applied for a USA visa in December 2018, with the hope of spending the 2019 summer holidays with my brother in North Carolina but interestingly, God had His own plans. As I spent time in prayer, it became apparent to me that, my time in the USA should be spent on something that would deepen my walk with God. I therefore decided to speak to the Ghana Navigators about this. After paperwork, interviews and fund raising, I was on my way to Colorado Springs as a Team Leader at the Global Student Program (GSP). The Global Student Program sees students and Navigators from all over the world involved in ministry, converge at the Glen Eyre Conference Center in Colorado Springs, for an extended period of Bible study in small teams, volunteer work and spiritual growth over the summer.

Team Leader training began right the day after I arrived in Colorado Springs leaving me jetlagged and worn out for a while. During the week-long period, senior Navigators spoke to Team Leaders on topics such as the importance of quiet time, conflict resolution, intercessory prayer, evangelism and leading others well. The training ended with sharing life stories. Staff members and Team Leaders shared their life stories highlighting personal situations where they saw the scriptures come alive. This exercise, we would later realize, prepared us to be open and transparent with our team members.

The next weekend saw the arrival of team members. My group was the largest and was composed of 4 other ladies: Joy from New Zealand, Palesa from South Africa, Naomi from Nigeria and Carol from Rwanda. Our first Bible study started with life stories. Here, we experienced the Holy Spirit take control as I took the lead to share my story and narrated how God had been instrumental in my life journey so far. It was emotional and I believe God used this to set the ball rolling and get everyone inspired to be open and real when sharing their own stories. As a group, we met for a Bible study on the book of 1st Peter once a week, on Friday evenings. Each time we met, we had questions we had to answer and verses of scripture to memorize and review. Female Team Leaders prepared for these Bible studies together with staff on Friday mornings.

One of my other responsibilities as a Team Leader was to make time to meet team members once a week, for at least an hour. These special periods were termed One-On-Ones. During One-On-Ones we usually discussed quiet times, challenges, ministry tools and prayer requests. I also had to meet Susan, a staff member in her eighties, regularly to share my challenges and prayer requests and review memory verses. At GSP, Team Leaders were required to volunteer at the Glen for 8 hours a week. I spent my volunteering hours in the house-keeping department on weekends.

My experience at GSP gave me the opportunity to meet Christians from around the world, giving me a glimpse of what heaven will look like. We lived happily together as one family with open-mindedness, a heart of humility and godly love for one another. I got much more intimate with God as I learnt to trust Him with every little thing: my hurts, feelings, disappointments, anger and frustrations (1 Peter 5:6-7) .

I also got the chance to learn a lot more about ministry tools such as, the well illustration, the wheel, the prayer hand and the bridge illustration. In addition, I witnessed how intentional we ought to be about ministry and experienced how disciple making ought to be. I am more confident about using these tools and have the desire to share them with people I disciple. Indeed, GSP has left me feeling very well-equipped and challenged to go out there and make disciples (Matthew 28 :19).

From my experience, I recommend that a lot more Navigators from Ghana get the opportunity to experience this awesome program, especially Navigators involved in full time ministry. Full timers should be encouraged and supported to attend this program since it will give them the opportunity to see what true disciple making looks and feels like.

I am highly grateful to God and the Navigators for giving me this opportunity of a lifetime — a taste of heaven!



Team leaders and some staff members



Me together with Susan

OUR FINANCES

We want to use this opportunity to thank everyone who has partnered with the Navigators Ministry in Ghana over the years. Your faithful financial support to the Ministry over the years continues to impact lives, one person at a time with the Gospel of Jesus. The Navigators is a member-supported organization. Everything we do is made possible through the faithful financial support of the members, partner churches and individuals whose lives have been impacted over the years.

74 people made donations of varied amounts to the Ministry between January and March 2020. Of the number, 15 people donated to the Ministry thrice, 28 people donated twice and 31 others donated once this first quarter. But we have to do more.

Our biggest challenge as a Ministry is getting partners who commit to monthly/regular donations that help us to plan. Our current budget is GHS 60,000 (\$11,000) monthly. In view of this, we kindly ask you to commit to a monthly/regular donation to the Navigators Ministry for the next twelve months. Thank you.

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