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Count the cost...

As night approaches, it's getting darker in the village. Villagers of all ages – men, women and children – start making their way towards a large tree in the center of the village. They were coming from their farms, marketplace or children from the playground, all eagerly heading towards the meeting place under the tree to hear the Gospel preached by our evangelist.

There are no chairs or benches under the tree, but that is not a problem. Everyone finds a place to sit or stand just to listen to the evangelist preaching the Gospel of Christ.



They led the villagers in praise worship, then taught the word of God. After that, they prayed with them and gave the invitation for those who would like to accept Christ into their lives. After the crowd was dismissed, a few stayed behind for one-on-one counselling with the rest of our evangelistic team who used the opportunity to follow-up and disciple the new generation of believers.

That is now routine for our workers as they travel from village to village. Some of the villages they visit are so remote that access by motor vehicle is nearly impossible – except by special 4-wheel drive trucks – which we do not have. That has not deterred these young men and women who are determined to serve God in the face of difficulties.

So, what does it really cost to get the Gospel to remote villages? First, light is very important because there is no electricity in these villages, and most villagers go to their farms during the day and are only available at night. The old generator that our team used broke down some weeks ago because of old age. So did the PA system and the movie projector that they used so

often to present the Gospel in a way that the villagers can relate to. Thanks to your faithfulness in giving to this ministry, we purchased 2 new Public Address Systems and a brand-new generator to supply electricity and light for the village meetings.



Stuck in the muddy bush road to a village – volunteers get to work

Then there's the cost that you can never put a value on – though some may try. Because of your support, some young men and women are highly motivated to offer their time and resources to minister to unreached people in these remote villages. These are educated Christian young men and women – most of them professionals – who leave the comfort of their homes in the surrounding towns and cities and volunteer their time to serve village communities. The “roads” are so impossible to drive through that they spend more time pushing their mini van through muddy bush roads than riding in the vehicle. The Bible did say “*how beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news...*” (Isaiah 52: 7 and Romans 10:15).

What brings them joy in all these? The opportunity that God could use them to touch lives and see souls won to the kingdom of God!

The positive response from villagers who are hungry for the Gospel and are eager to give their lives to Christ. Then there's the opportunity for volunteers to use their different skills in ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of these villagers. Volunteer medical professionals, Social Workers, Teachers, etc. all use the skills they have acquired through their training to help the villagers as much as they are able. When it is all over, and they return to their towns and cities, they have the satisfaction that the sacrifice was worth the price after all. One more thing...all these would not be possible if you didn't make the sacrifice by your prayers and giving to the work of ministry. Your obedience to the Holy Spirit keeps this work going, and it is the real cost of progress in the mission field.



Villagers on their knees praying

Please pray for us!

Never take it for granted that the young men and women will always be there to volunteer. We know some of them face some challenges in their personal lives – but they are trusting God to give them breakthrough in their struggles. There are many young Christians like them who chose not to go. Please pray for these volunteers – that God will help them through any challenges they may be facing in their personal lives. As they minister to others, pray that their own needs will be supplied. Pray that we will have more volunteers as the village ministry grows.

Pray for this ministry. Pray especially for our volunteer staff in Lagos who are overwhelmed with ministry work. Pray for the Pastors that we partner with and their ministers. Some of our pastors are having health challenges and need your prayers. Finally, this ministry will die without financial support (it's a fact!). The ministry is growing – and so are the needs. We need more financial support to meet these growing needs. Please pray that God will bless you beyond your imagination so you can help with the work of this ministry. Thank you for your prayers. God bless you.

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