Media Village

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EDITORIAL

Dear friends and partners,

We are so excited to share with you all what the Lord has done in and through us over the last 9 months of this year 2017. John15:1, 16 ***"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener... You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name"***

It's an honour for us to be called by God for such a time as this, we don't take this lightly as there are many others He would have called and used instead of us but He chose and appointed us, therefore we feel highly privileged to walk alongside with Him the source and sustainer of lives. We are also grateful to Him for investing in us so we can be equipped to invest in others also bearing lasting fruit! Many thanks to you also for your support and prayers; we couldn't have achieved all these with out you!

In these reports, we will share with you ground breaking/history making trainings we ran in the first quarter of the year, also how our DTS.com outreach team impacted communities in Billiri, Gombe State. The amazing ministry partnership we are enjoying and the incredible story of survival - how our ministry to IDP's have answered the heart cry of IDP youths.

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DTS.COM REPORTS; IMPACT TO BILLIRI COMMUNITIES AND GRADUATION RESONATES COMMITMENT TO DISCIPLING NATIONS

The DTS.COM this year began with 7 students – 5 IDP's and 2 others from around us enrolled but only 5 students made it to the end of the lecture phase. During the last teaching week we were so privileged to have our brother and friend Henry Gwani from South Africa who worked with the Mercy Ships for many years teach on spiritual warfare, worship and intercession. Henry's teaching centred on the need for intense intercession, partnerships and empowerment of our communities as ways of redeeming our land back to God. It was also a time of personal ministration for the students and the entire base after which we spent time interceding for our Nation, Nigeria.

The outreach team was then released having picked Billiri in Gombe – North Eastern Nigeria as location few weeks earlier. 5 students who finished the lecture phase – 4 IDP's and 1 brother from Abuja together with the outreach leader accompanied by the school leader travelled to Billiri for DTS field assignment experience in May 2017.

The students had a successful outreach during their 11 weeks' stay in Billiri. They were able to:

- Reach over 350 children through Church Sunday Schools and high school conference.
- Reach over 1000 people through film ministry.
- Lead 620 people in giving their lives to Christ.
- Disciple 23 and 37 people half way.
- Reach 50 young boys and girls through sports ministry.
- Pray for and encouraged 50 sick persons in about 5 health centres.
- Clear garbage in 3 communities and drainages.
- Serve 4 churches through songs and plays and were given the privilege to preach in 1 church and a high school.
- Make a lot of friends through friendship and one - on - ones evangelism.
- Reach 75 persons who responded to the gospel through one on ones and 45 of them were discipled.

In his testimony Brother Ode one of host ministry's staff told the school leader during her pastoral visit to the outreach team that they've never had a team that so impacted the Billiri community like the YWAM Media Village DTS outreach team. The base also received a letter of commendation from one of the ministries the outreach team worked with - Life Transformation Ministries (LTM). LTM commended the whole team's character as good and in terms of outreach, acknowledged that the DTS team demonstrated God's love to the people in Billiri town and rural areas and offered to host future DTS teams from YWAM Media Village Nigeria. May the name of the Lord be praised forever! Pray that the Lord will keep

all the souls of men and kids won by His grace. Thank you all for your prayers!

Finally at the DTS.com graduation ceremony, the base was surprised by the presence of a number of brethren from the IDP's community in Plateau State. The base leader/DTS leader gave an exhortation where she charged loved ones about the bigger picture of YWAM and the need for Christian families and communities to disciple youths and redeem next

generations by modelling their faith and commitment to the Great Commission thereby giving authority to their words. Matthew 28:19, James 24:18-19. In her response, one of the parents who attended confessed that the charge challenged her and she made a commitment to follow up youths discipled by YWAM and others in her community. Rev Daniel Gulla (RTD) who spoke on behalf of the IDP's community thanked YWAM Media Village Nigeria for their efforts in rebuilding and equipping IDP youths and made a commitment to start mentoring youths.

MAKING HISTORY – OUR 1ST COMPUTER TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

The Computer training began in October, 2016 having received a donation of 100 computers (first delivery – 34 desktops & 18 laptops) from Julius Berger Nigeria Plc. This was a dream come through for our base and the IDP's who eagerly waited after the first DTS in 2015. We started the training with 10 IDP's – (7 from 2015 DTS – since we couldn't reach all of them and 3 IDP's from 2016 DTS). Our joy knew no bounds seeing these youths go through a healing process, gaining hope and also growing in their relationship with God as they went through the discipleship we were sure that they were ready to be equipped to

stand on their own if they go through the 6 - month computer training.

We took a step of faith in starting this training ignoring the giants we were faced with; The economic challenges of our country, Nigeria and no prospective funding. Our anchor was God's word in Numbers 13:30, 14:8-9 – That the Lord is able to see us through if we could only believe Him and not doubt. Then we also got strengthened by the faithfulness of God experienced in the DTSs we ran for these IDP's in 2015 & 2016 respectively. We set out with the computer training.

Anne Abok handing over Certificate to the Computer School Graduants

The training was coordinated by Evang. Emmanuel Dalok who took most of the practical sessions with the students. We also had Mr. Joseph Agatu volunteered to teach some of the theory courses and Mrs. Sandra Simon who took the basic use of English while Mrs Favour Dalok coordinated devotions, counselling, one - on - ones and the weekend outreaches. The training was also blessed with Pastor Len from Canada who took an aspect of the English classes for 5 weeks. Consequently, as the training progressed, 2 of the students were distracted by offers of greener pasture in which they dropped out of the training and the 3rd person was asked to leave the training because he had addiction issues as we are not equipped as a drug rehabilitation facility.

Rev Stephen Pany Baba
Handing over A set of Computer to the Graduants

At the end of 5 months of learning basic skills in English, Microsoft word, CorelDraw, Internet, Excel, and Installations, the students began their projects where they designed Posters, Certificates, publishing etc in a month after which the coordinator alongside Mrs. Sandra Simon assessed their performances (progress) through evaluations in all the courses and on the 6th May, 2017, 7students (IDP's) who successfully finished the 6 months in Computer Applications graduated! This is history making as it's first of its kind in Media Village Nigeria. The students were awarded a diploma certificate for their skills in the courses. They were also given a computer each to start their businesses. In addition to all these, our base took 3 of the graduants on our staff team and gave 2 of them scholarship to do the next school of Video Production because of their outstanding performances during the training. Meanwhile the remaining 4 have gone to live with family members where they will establish their personal businesses. Pray for them as they are being faced with different challenges of starting a business.

All glory to the Lord who made our dream fulfilled! Many thanks to Evang. Dalok who worked tirelessly, thanks to Mr. Joseph Agatu, Mrs. Sandra Simon and Pastor Len who volunteered their time to teach; thanks to all those who supported with food stuff, bread, clothing, utensils and cash amounts.

Thanks to MK Foods, EMS of ECWA Relief, Conflict and Response Committee of ECWA headquarters, Mrs. Helen, Mr. Collins Christopher, Pastor Emmanuel Entee, Rev. & Mrs Korosi, Stefanos Foundation, Chohu and Friends; may the good Lord bless you all richly! And to YWAM International for giving us the opportunity to be visionary.

BREAKING GROUNDS: IT WAS REALLY A WORKSHOP AND NOT A TALK-SHOP! FIRST ANIMATION AND AFTER EFFECTS WORKSHOP

In our effort to build capacity of Christian media workers since the world of media is evolving, we put together this specialised course and very practical workshop to kick-start a new creative process in the participants. With an amazing trainer, a USA based animator and designer, Michael Ebere Chidubem came all the way for the 2-week animation and after effects workshop.

To prepare the ground, on Michaels arrival in Jos (Nigeria) he was featured on a live show on Jay FM 101.9 and later on PRTV where listeners and viewers called in to know more about the workshops and YWAM Media Village Nigeria. The workshop was opened to

both beginners and professionals and for each of the weeks we had 9 participants in attendance from about 5 different states of the country. The 2 weeks exposed participants to the Maya Software (3D) where they were equipped with tools and techniques for creating their own 3D animated characters while the after effects (2D) gave them knowledge and skills to create amazing imageries and visuals.

At the end of the 2 weeks, participants shared their incredible experiences, thanked YWAM Media Village Nigeria for the great initiative and the guest trainer for impacting them with so much after which they all got a gift for him. It was really a workshop and not a talk-shop! What an amazing way for us to begin the year 2017 as the Lord had impressed on our hearts that it will be a year of bearing abiding fruit.

REFRESHING MINISTRY PARTNERSHIPS

Our partnership with EMS of ECWA Relief began with a prayer time the base leader and the desk officer Mark Sunday had in his office August 2016 when she visited to share what YWAM Media Village Nigeria is doing for IDP youths. It was a refreshing meeting as Mark shared wonderful testimonies of God's provision for EMS of ECWA and later joined faith with the base leader to pray for provision for the IDP ministry. This is so uplifting for us to have partners who not only give but pray for our ministry. Many thanks to EMS for their prayers and financial assistance in the first quarter of this year.

We are giving back to our community through our monthly Christian Media Workers Breakfast. It's been 1 year 5 months since it started. The Lord is so faithful! Covenant Word Christian Centre, a Church that is known for establishing believers in the authority of God's word has partnered with us monthly by giving a token amount to support with breakfast. This has assisted us to create a relaxed platform for these believers to fellowship and sharpen their skills. We are

so excited that as we partnered with Covenant Word, we see one of our goals fulfilled; to equip Christians in Mass Media so they can arise and use the great instrument of media in their hands to influence society. Covenant Word Christian Centre too sees this partnership fulfilling to them as they believe media is one of the end-time tools to harvest the world for the Lord before Jesus' return. Halleluiah! It is so refreshing for us both to help in fulfilling the task of the Great Commission through this breakfast meeting.

The breakfast meeting has started working on short projects and will soon produce short videos that will speak against vices like religious violence and also promote godly values – filming begins October and November. Pray with us.

The 45 loaves of bread given by MK Foods weekly to our IDP Ministry has tremendously helped in the feeding of the IDP's since 2015 when we began discipling these youths. MK has consistently donated bread to our base and this weekly manna has really nourished our students during breakfast. Our joy knows no bound as MK testifies how the Lord has increased their bakery and opened unimaginable doors for their business. May the Lord's name be praised forever.

Media Village Nigeria hosted MeCAHT's FILM CAST AND CREW

Long awaited running water on our Base is finally over"

You can pray or support us in these areas of needs:

- 2 over head tanks (5000 & 3000 litres)
- 2 New HD cameras for our School of Video Production and the Production Department
- Monthly support for our staff
- Funding for IDP's Ministries (DTS & Computer Training School)

OPPORTUNITIES

- Long and short term staff
- Hosting of outreach teams
- Professional Media workshops and seminars

UPCOMINING EVENTS

- School of Video Production (7th January – 31st March, 2018)
- Communication Discipleship Training School (DTS.com) 7th January – 31st March 2018
- Breakfast Meeting every first Saturday of the month 7:30am – 9am
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VICTORIA'S STORY OF SURVIVAL AND HOW THE LORD ANSWERED HER PRAYER THROUGH MEDIA VILLAGE NIGERIA'S MINISTRY TO IDP'S

On the 23rd of December, 2013 it was night, so we went to bed when suddenly we heard noise. It was boko haram (Islamic Jihadist). They attacked my uncle's house which was next to us, killing two of my cousins and uncles, so we fled to the mountains which became our home for 11months. It was so old on the mountains but we had no where to run to or keep ourselves warm. In addition to the cold we had no food since we usually harvest our farm produce in February, my father and other men came down from the mountain to get the harvest were overpowered by the boko haram. They burned all our farms and left us stranded on the mountains with no food or drink until God sent us a good Samaritan who brought us some food. Another traumatic side of living on the mountains was that the rains came and we had nowhere to go to for fear of being caught by the boko harams. We were constantly beaten by the rains till the rainy season was over then we made some shelter on the mountains just when we started enjoying it, the boko harams got to the mountains, burnt everything, collected all our valuables and money then surrounded the mountains. Fortunately for me, my sister and brother escaped with others and together, we trekked to Cameroon for safety. My father too followed other men but my mother was among those captured by boko haram. We trekked for days and arrived Cameroon with no place to stay, no food or drink. So we lived in the open fields and started working in the farms of the locals. We were paid N100 daily (half a dollar) in order to eat and survive.

In addition to these hardships we were tortured in our minds since we had no idea whether our mother was dead or alive. After 3 months of living in the open fields, we got fed up and started trekking back to Nigeria. On our way, we saw Nigerian soldiers in a truck and they stopped and offered to take us to the IDP camp in Adamawa state. Few weeks later my mother and aunt escaped from the book haram captors through a window and reunited with us at the camp. She had lost weight and really emaciated because boko haram didn't give them food but only water for the 3months that they were held captive. Life in the camp was also difficult. There were fights every now and then and high level of immorality. We daily had people caught

having sex in the camp. I was almost losing it and kept wishing I was among those given scholarship to go and do the Discipleship Training School at YWAM Media Village Nigeria. I kept praying and crying to the Lord for an opportunity because I was tired of the immoral life at the camp. Then the miracle happened in April 2016. I was among the few that were picked to come to Jos and enroll for the Discipleship Training School of YWAM Media Village Nigeria. I am so grateful to God that just when I was also becoming violent, I was taken out of the camp. I thank YWAM Media Village Nigeria, Mummy Favour and all our supporters for this wonderful opportunity. I had dreamt of studying to the level of a professor but this dream was shattered by the religious crisis even though my parents were poor farmers. We had to manually break hard stones with hammers to make a living. One day, while in the camp, I asked my parents if I could go back to school and they said I should marry and forget this idea because they don't have money or any hope of training the other children. It is really a miracle that I went through the Discipleship Training School and the computer training school for free and now my life has changed!

Victoria Musa is 23 years old. She was the most challenged among all the IDPs we brought. She couldn't communicate or write in English but she had finished high school (Hausa was what she knew how to speak and write). She started learning to read and write in English during the Discipleship Training School. She also made the decision to follow Jesus Christ and now has a personal relationship with the Lord. Through trauma counseling and prayers she overcame the traumatic experiences she had. For the first 6 - month training she kept having nightmares of the boko haram attacks and was always afraid but now she's healed and happy! She was the most improved student in the computer training school. She has gained back her confidence since she couldn't communicate in English she was so timid. Also with her skills in typing, Coreldraw, power point, Microsoft word, she can be an office assistant or a secretary. As part of our empowerment, Victoria Musa along with 6 others that successfully finished the computer training were given a computer each to help them reintegrate into society. Already 4 of them have gone back to Adamawa and Communities but not to the camp. Victoria and 2 others were also given the opportunity to serve at our base and scholarship to acquire skills in video production.

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