



# Indigenous Mission of West Africa (IMWA) News Letter

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It is with great rejoicing that we are sharing our joy to the lord with all those that have the heart and to see Gods work keep moving and done. We still give God the glory and thank him for even these challenging moments of covid19. By God's grace, we thank you all our partners around the world, in the Gambia and outside the Gambia especially on finance.

Through your support we were able to embark on IMWA FOOD BANKING to support the less privilege both Christians and non-Christian during this pandemic here in The Gambia. We were able to reach three different regions, West Coast, Fonn, and Kiang West District and we give God the glory for enabling us.



The second phase of Covid 19 hit our country so badly that we have to shift from Food Banking to awareness campaign and supply of hygiene materials in village markets and public places like washing stations, sanitizers, bleaches, facemasks and soaps. It was very serious that even the vice president of our country and some senior cabinet ministers also contracted the virus. In that regard, yes we have seen there is great need in supporting people with food but as for now, we think we have to post that and shift our attention to creating awareness on the mode of transmission of the virus, preventive measures and washing stations in public gatherings like market places.



Seen the work load getting too much more especially on Fadil at the moment, we have set up what is call 'IMWA Response Team' and we got twelve (12) Volunteers led by Barkary Fabureh and Domingo Rad. They are the team who went around and about in different regions to bring awareness of Covid 19 and distribution of the items to the public. It was wonderful, and great opportunity to pray for people as we shared God's love with them by bringing hope to them from our Lord Jesus Christ.

We realized many people in far up countries don't have the opportunities to the information grip on the dangerous virus and some actually don't believe the virus exist. So with your financially support in different countries, especially Germany,

Gambia, USA, UK , CANADA .., we can't mention all as people in various countries give support during these challenging period to help. We only don't give washing drums but also buy three hundred face mask and hand sanitizers which are distributed to those villages. It's a joy, we want to say if not for you, we cannot go that far and we give God all the glory. We have you in our hearts and praying with you daily, thank you for your partnership. We greet you all with Philippians 1:3-6.



We also want to praise God for Manfred and his Dear wife Hildegard. They are our new partners also in the mission and have health challenges. Papa Manfred who went through knee operation and the surgery was successfully done, we thank you



all who joint us praying for him, and indeed God has answered our prayers for him. Papa Manfred is now able to walk normally and get relief of his pains. We still praise God for Mama Hanne and Pap Walter, Beloved Stani and the team (Liebe Un Ries) our partners in Germany who are doing great job supporting our mission work in The Gambia. We praise God for His provision on the perimeter

fencing and water system which will bush up the water capacity from 4000 liters to 20,000 liters on the land. We are really grateful to all your supports, your prayers, your manpower work, financial support and your like mindedness on this great call, GOD'S MISSION.

We are very much amazed about the generosity more especially to the elderly people's gifts to the kingdom work, it's a great motivation to us and even to know that, our mission here in The Gambia is not the first country they have been supporting, they support in other countries as well, it's amazing and rewarding at same time.



We are so much encouraged by these elderly people in their 80s who give themselves totally to God's work. We are really encouraged. So we all realize that in Gods kingdom there is no retirement, we work till His return or call us home.

We also praise God for Fadil and his family for God's provision on his private house, the building and roofing is completed though still have lot of work yet to be done, like many other things but it's something we want to praise God for. And then we want to praise God for our entire IMWA executive for how God have been keeping all of us though during this time of the pandemic. As we know many of our



executive members are teachers and are not receiving full salaries, just basic salaries since April and have families to take care of. So also want to praise God for our radio ministries, we still moving and preaching in different stations like Bwiam Radio, City Limited radio, Brikama FMB, and West Coast 2 Radio. We thank God for everything.

## PRAYER POINTS

- Fadil, I want you to join me in prayers concerning the Arab young man Solomon, I took him in for about six months and with pastor Steven for another seven months. He is currently in prison, he is suspected of been a terrorist and the investigation is done and it shows that his ways are not very clean and this really put myself down. I have been called to Immigration head office in Banjul, High Commission for refugees and now Fadil himself is currently under investigation by Interpol police department. They have obtained Fadil's statement twice already and Pastor Steven too. The two senior officers even drove Fadil's house in Kitty to meet his family as well and to see where this Arab young man was staying with him and they request him to write another statement which he did again. They probably working on prosecuting Solomon to serve his jail term here in Gambia or deport him back to his country. We need your prayers, especially for Fadil because, he is looking very tired with all these issues and also the work on the mission land and the pandemic.
- Also, prayer for Jumaima, she is doing the write up report for us and also going through some personal challenges. That God will see her through and give her grace to continue to trust in Him, that God lead her and guide her. And those personal challenges as she take some bold decisions to move on and leave everything in God's hands. She is also helpful on the mission land joining those cooking for the workers with Fadil's niece who is a new convert from Islam and his wife's cousin sister. Please pray also for our volunteers who give their time to support in manpower and time running up and down doing one thing or the other, especial Daniel who is driving up and down, picking and dropping workers and work materials.
- Please pray for Albert, he is very much divided with water tower building and perimeter fencing. Pray that God give him the strength and guide him through to be able to continue to coordinate this work. We are thankful that the work is going on smoothly and there is never misunderstanding among workers even from among the muslim workers we sometimes hire, and no accident. The work is steadily progressing and we really thankful for that. Also pray for Pastor Edrisa Fabureh's health, he is been on medication. Pray also for pastor

Francise Gomez and his school, he is currently finding it difficult to maintain his staffs do to the closure of all schools since March. In the Gambia, private schools are sustain by student's school fees and student's parents don't pay school when they are not attending classes.

- Pray for Fadil's wife Maria, she is call back to work in the hospital, because most of her colleague where infected of the virus and are on quarantine. So as a senior nurse, she is call back to work. It's a challenge for her, because she is diabetic patience and this are the category of people that are vulnerable to this Covid 19. We trusting God for his protection and guidance during this risky moments for her life.

In all of this, we are giving God the glory for provision, protection, guidance, and good health to all of us during these crises of pandemic. He keep us all with his right hand save and sound. I encourage us all with Psalm 91. May his grace continue to abound in all of us for his glory sake, Amen!

On the mission land, right now we have about six workers.

To round up everything, all we can say to God and to all of you supporting this great work God put in our hands to do, is THANK YOU!

We so grateful that we were able to mobilize some young people from the village were we operating to do the perimeter fencing. Though a lot of them are Muslims, but it's a joy and wonderful interactive moments together. I believe their few moment with us, defiantly touches them and when they were going ,they were so happy and even say, they are ready to work with us, "when there is work, call us" was there words. But we want to be very careful, at the moment how we can use the money. We limit it now to Albert, who is the head of the project and two other workers to slowly continue with perimeter fencing but also because of the lockdown and curfew impose by government. Pray with us and we are so grateful that we can count on your support and partnership.



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