

# GLOBAL MINISTRY REPORT



Children come to church for a daily meal

#### **GROWTH DESPITE ADVERSITY**

Pastor Sathees Kumar, the Evangelism director for the Assembly of God council in Sri Lanka, continues to minister to people in his church and the surrounding community. In 2022, his church hosted a church family camp, a youth camp for around 200 older kids, and a children's camp for nearly 400 younger kids.

A large focus of the church's efforts has also been focused on training its members and empowering them to evangelize those o closest to them: friends, family, and neighbors. The church o leaders have invested in their members, not only teaching them o the Bible but also coaching them through practical ways to o engage with others through prayer, sharing meals, serving, and sharing the Gospel.

While the church is growing, the social, economic and political environment continues to struggle. ... *Continue reading on pg. 3* 

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# **BIBLES TO GHANA**

The Bibles to Ghana ministry continues to change lives every single day. Our partners in Ghana – Christian Outreach Fellowship (COF) – have reported over 9,400 people received the word of God in Northern Ghana. 1,662 became new believers and accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior, and nearly 1200 of them are attending church regularly and are actively involved in discipleship training. Every month we receive testimonies of miraculous healing, supernatural intervention, and life-changing conversion. One such testimony tells the story of Godfred Dang.

#### **TESTIMONIAL - GODFRED DANG**

Godfred Dang (pictured on the left) along with his brothers, worshiped idols and indulged in all sorts of evil practices in their community in Sakpa. When Obed, a COF missionary, visited Sakpa with his team to share the Gospel, Godfred's brothers softened their hearts and accepted Jesus as their Savior. They received an audio Bible and meditated on the words of Jesus daily. When Godfred saw how God had transformed the lives of his brothers, he surrendered his own life to Christ, gave up his idols to be destroyed, and now openly shares his testimony with others. God is using his transformation to bring many other people to Christ.

Emmanuel (director of COF) writes, "With a joyful heart we sing praises to God for his immeasurable love and provision throughout the years despite difficulties we may have encountered in the Ministry of God."

Thank you to all who faithfully contribute to the Bibles to Ghana ministry. Your prayers and financial support are greatly appreciated!

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#### **COF Waits On A New Missions Center**

One of the biggest projects COF is currently undertaking is the construction of a Missions Center, which is partially completed. The finished building will hold eight bedrooms, a large meeting hall, offices, and a kitchen. The completion of this Missions Center has been delayed due to a lack of funds. The need is estimated to be around \$60,000 USD in order to complete the project, and in addition to the building, COF will need equipment and a welltrained staff. COF continues to wait on the Lord's timing for the Center's completion.

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#### **GROWTH DESPITE ADVERSITY** Continued

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Pastor Kumar said that many children of poor families aren't able to eat three meals a day. The cost of everything has gone up exponentially, including food staples and medicine. For example, a loaf of bread which used to cost 150 rupees (\$1.84) is now priced at 550 rupees (\$6.73). Many people in their church and community are experiencing financial difficulties due to scarcity in gas - making it difficult or impossible to commute for work - and the steep inflation.

The church has responded to the crisis in many ways. First, they meet three times a week to pray for their country, its leaders, and its people. As Christians, prayer is not a last resort but a first defense, and this is seen clearly in the church culture of Sri Lanka as they unite in prayer and invite us to join them in praying for their country.

In addition to prayer, the church is committed to providing food for nearly 50 children in their church community by offering free lunches for those in need. The church is also helping to support one of their pastors and his family who are also experiencing financial hardship as they struggle to afford necessary medication.

Despite the hardships they are facing, the church in Sri Lanka is not without hope. They have welcomed new believers, served their community, and are even looking to expand in the next year. One church branch in Wattagota is trying to raise money in order to buy land and build a permanent location. There are also plans to expand and start another church branch in a town called Lindulla this year. Kumar hopes to relaunch a program called Church Planning Training School in order to train up a future generation of church planters.

We are grateful for the faithfulness with which Pastor Kumar leads his flock, and we pray that God would move in a big way in the country of Sri Lanka. We pray for His provision and protection for the believers, and that He would provide for all of their needs.

Thank you all for your prayers and continued support for our ministers in Sri Lanka.

"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies." 2 Corinthians 4:8-10

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# **CULTIVATING CROPS**

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- As you may know, La Cosecha is a

rehabilitation center located on farmland in Oaxaca, Mexico. In addition to housing farm animals including chickens, goats, and pigs, the residents cultivate the land as well. Most recently, they planted corn.

But according to Oti, La Cosecha's founder, the benefits of farming the land go far beyond harvesting a crop. "It is important to learn and develop working the land. In La Cosecha we realize how action complements Biblical teaching and the activities of rehabilitation." In fact, Jesus used farming in a large portion of his parables in order to give people an accessible, familiar visual to be able to absorb new ideas. In the same way, the residents at La Cosecha have an opportunity to ponder the words of Jesus as they work with their hands and with each other.

One of La Cosecha's residents, Martin, is showing huge improvement. He'd already been a resident at La Cosecha, but after he left, he had a relapse. In spite of his mistake, he decided to return to La Cosecha of his own free will in order to receive the support he needs to get back on track.



Thanks to God, Martin has been working hard and investing much effort into his recuperation. He's a very enthusiastic young man and a hard worker, and right now he is a supervisor in the residence, which is a great help. In addition to everything else, Martin has renewed his interest in music and has been helping lead worship with his guitar.

We praise God for bringing Martin back to a helpful, healing community at La Cosecha, and pray that he would receive God's abundant grace wholeheartedly.



### **NEW LAND DONATED**

A few months ago, a man named Martin (right) donated land in a different part of Oaxaca to be used by La Cosecha. Oti (left) drove out to meet with Martin, survey the land, and talk about what it would take to make it usable, as it's a semi-jungle area. The thick brush and undergrowth would have to be cleared out first before any plans for building could be made.

We are excited for what God has planned for this new area, dubbed "La Cosecha Costa."

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- On March 6th, Ghana celebrated 66 years since its independence. Pray that God would continue to move in Ghana and use the ministry of the audio bibles to reach the unreached and unchurched people groups.
- Pray for all the new believers in Ghana, that God would protect them and reveal himself more fully to them through his Word and through the missionaries.
- Pray that God would provide everything needed for the Ministry Center in Ghana: money, workers, and equipment.
- Pray for the ongoing instability in Sri Lanka, and especially for the provision and protection of the believers as they work to spread the good news of the Gospel in their homes and communities.
- Pray for provision as Pastor Sathees Kumar looks to repair a collapsed wall on their property and fund the building of a new church.
- Pray for the new land donated to La Cosecha, and that God would guide Oti and Gaby as they decide how to best steward this gift and use it to further God's kingdom.
- Pray for Martin and his journey of faith and freedom from addiction.

# PRAYER AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Over 40 children are enrolled in Shalom Academy, a school led by missionaries Issa and Fati Gyani in Ghana. These children have access to the Gospel and a formal education.
- Nearly 10,000 people heard the Gospel through the Bibles to Ghana ministry in the last year!
- Churches in Sri Lanka ministered to over 600 children last year, and are able to give food to many in need!
- A new church branch is opening in Lindulla, Sri Lanka this year!



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