

News Update – Easter 2009



Dear Friend,

It is good to keep in touch with you again, hoping that you are in the right state of health, just as we all are. We start by thanking God Almighty for granting us the grace and privilege to finish the first quarter of the year in good health and successful.

The year 2008 has come and gone, with the usual challenges of finances and struggles to make Life Sharing (Accountability) groups work in churches. But we are particularly thankful to God for his providence and the unprecedented result in the area of people tested. We tested 19, 973 people, against the benchmark of 16,000. As we say these numbers out, please remember always that they are people we have touched their lives one way or the other through your prayers and support of many kinds. Some of them got to know their HIV status so early that do not need the anti retro viral drug burden, some are already into drugs because they are advanced in the infection when we got them, some got to know they are, after all not infected and have rededicated their lives to the Lord, while many others (sero negative or positive) have accepted Christ as their Lord and personal saviour.

The result of 2008 has encouraged us to set a higher benchmark of 20,000 for 2009 and work towards it. To achieve this benchmark, we need to test not less than 1,667 people each month. Although, we believe that with God all things are possible, we also agree with Hannah that "it is not by strength that one prevails." (1 Sam 2:9b). The results of January and February are already an indication that we are on the way to achieving this feat. So far, we have tested 1,414 in January and 1,991 in February.

We set out many activities in our work plan to help us meet our target for the year, but we know also what the situation is financially difficult, therefore, we continue to pray that the Lord who sees and know all things will order our steps on things to do and those not to, like cancelling some of the activities and concentrating on a few major. « Our faith is build on nothing less than Jesus Christ ». we continue to be grateful to Mr. & Mrs. Breuker (Volunteers from North America) who have spent all they could in the past 4 Months making things easier for ministry and administration in Grace & Light.

Please pray for our member Mrs. Lohkur Zingkur (sero positive) who is right now on admission in Evangel Hospital Jos with pregnancy complication that the Lord will go through with her and preserve the child from Mother to child HIV transmission, pray also for the new formed volunteer team in Mubi and Michika of Adamawa state that they will find Joy in this service, another training is coming up 23rd to 26th of April in Zambia which is our International expansion this year, Pray for safety in travel and the success of the training and finally, for our existing volunteers in Chad, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Nigeria that they will be faithful, fruitful and fulfilled in their service with Grace & Light.

I leave you with much love from all of us,

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