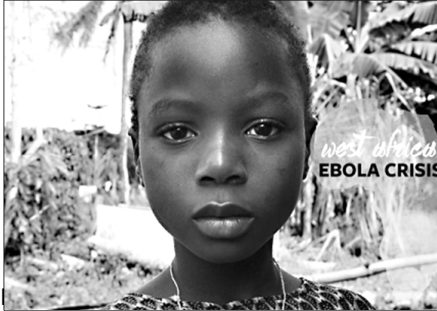


Hope & Changed Lives



EBOLA – HOPE IN THE MIDST OF HORROR



While virtually every non-government organization has pulled its personnel out of Liberia, Global Aid Network (GAIN) is remaining on the ground to minister. GAIN is just one of the many ministries in Cru that Dirke provides leadership and assists.

GAIN, the humanitarian ministry of Cru, is committed to sending medical supplies, medical equipment, food and other requested items. Beyond meeting the physical needs, they also hope to meet spiritual needs.

University students who are involved in Cru's ministry in Liberia have developed a pamphlet entitled, "Ebola kills, Jesus Heals." They offer this as they distribute the food and medical items.

Cru missionaries have also shown the JESUS Film (another ministry in Cru Dirke works with) on the life of Jesus to nearly 4,500 people and 1,880 people have prayed to receive Christ in Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Liberian Dr. Kortimai is chief of the Lofa County Hospital, site of the worst Ebola outbreak in Liberia. He is also a pastor and a Cru associate staff who as a student was discipled in our ministries. Dr. Kortimai shares his perspective. "As a pastor, I'm shepherd of my sheep. The shepherd doesn't leave his sheep. As a physician, I'm to care for my patients, not abandon them. ***In the midst of faith, fear ceases to exist. I choose to walk in faith.***"

As Lorna focuses her ministry on urban-ethnic high school athletes with Cru City, she will partner with both Cru High School and Athletes in Action ministries to change lives like Mariah and Richelle (story on right).



Mariah (on right) grew up as an angry girl. Her world was broken with a father who did not want her and a mom who could not provide the love and belonging Mariah ached for.

Unable to afford a home, Mariah and her mom moved from one

friend's house to another. Unsheltered from a harsh world, a tough exterior became her only defense. In search of healing she met Rani who invited her to a Cru high school conference.

God gripped Mariah's heart. She learned of God's forgiveness through Jesus death. She knew this was it, God's unconditional love that she had been longing for. As Mariah gave her life to Jesus that night her broken world was made whole and she found the love and sense of belonging that she was created for.

Today, when Mariah is asked, "What happened to you?" she answers, "Jesus happened to me."



"I grew up in a home with alcoholic parents who often fought. Police frequently visited and my job was to hide my mom's car keys & lock her door so she wouldn't drive off.

Emotionally I was falling apart. I spent the majority of time in bars while my parents got drunk.

Because I hated home, in high school I spent my time with activities that kept me away from home, like sports. I was invited to a camp one weekend that shared about a relationship with God. I questioned how could God love me, an imperfect girl, but the speaker said God had a plan for my life if I would trust Him. I did.

Running had been my detox, but through Athletes in Action I began to learn that God and running didn't need to be separate. I could put God first and praise Him when I run.

Two things I have learned. God doesn't want me dealing with problems alone and He loves me just as I am. I now have a purpose, His purpose!"

PRAYER & PRAISES

- Pray for a safe journey for GAIN deliveries and a quick hand out process when they arrive. Pray also for increased opportunities to share Christ with those who need eternal hope.
- Pray the Ministry students **Dirke teaches in his Spiritual Formation** class grow in passion for Christ & God's Word.
- Pray for **Lorna as she has key meetings** to develop an Athletic Training Academy and ministers in the urban community.
- Pray for Impact ministries this fall. **Lorna will be providing leadership for the Impact Conference** in Atlanta this January.
- Pray for the fall outreaches by Athletes in Action on our campuses. **Dirke coaches the national AIA Lead. Dev. Director.**
- Pray for upcoming **Team trainings Dirke has with several of Cru's International ministries.**
- Praise God for a safe **two week trip to Namibia & South Africa by our daughter Danelle & son-in-law, Gordon.**
- Praise God for providing **Briana a new hair stylist job in Minneapolis** as she transitions back to New York in January.



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