Dirke & Lorna Johnson





Lorna helped with the planning and was one of 1,200 volunteers on Easter Sunday that ministered to 8,000 homeless people in the Orlando area at the Citrus Bowl. 4,000 received hair-cuts; 5,000 were provided medical referrals; 500 legal referrals; hundreds of jobs and placement opportunities were given as 150 churches and organizations collaborated to be Jesus' hands and feet to clothe, feed and minister to those in need.

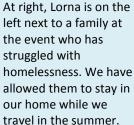














## **Muslims Coming to Christ**

Pastor Cornelius (not his real name) is a former Muslim who is now a pastor in Gambia, a country in West Africa that is 90% Muslim. He has completed all four phases of Global Church Movements' (GCM) training. GCM is one of the ministries globally that Dirke ministers with when he does some of his Team development workshop training.

Pastor Cornelius has seen 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd generation multiplication among the Muslims of Gambia. At least 53 groups have been formed, some of which have more than 50 members. Before taking the training, Pastor Cornelius tried going from house to house to witness, but, he said, "It wasn't fruitful. I was stoned, I was pursued with knives. With this training, the Prayer-Care-Share and the relational aspect of evangelism have really opened our eyes to the fact that you have to earn the right to talk to someone about Jesus Christ."

Now Pastor Cornelius goes out to join groups of Muslims as they sit in the shade under a tree, drinking green tea with them and joining in their conversations. He and his church members do this for one or two months to build relationships and gain the right to tell their personal stories--of God's love.

Pastor Cornelius is thrilled to see his church members outside the church building, "fueled" for ministry. The training has given them a powerful tool to reach into Muslim villages, resulting in localized churches.



## **Prayer & Praises**

- Lorna has recovered well & is rebuilding her strength in her hips/legs (at left).
- Our daughter Alyssa is expecting her 3<sup>rd</sup> child next week.
- Dirke has led several workshops with our Global teams, this weekend he is speaking to Cru's mid-career new staff & next week will be in Chicago for Theological Development mtgs. that impact all of Cru's 5,000 plus U.S. staff.
- Dirke is preparing to co-teach 2 classes to 300 Cru missionaries in June/July.

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