

POWNE'S PRAYERS AND PONDERINGS



SPRING TRAINING

We just wrapped up week one of our 8 week Spring Training through Nigeria, Cameroon, and Ethiopia.

Right now we are in Jos, Nigeria.

My first week in Jos was used to work at the offices with our staff in Nigeria. Half of the staff traveled to Katsina in the Northern Region with Rich, and half stayed at the offices in Jos. I had the great opportunity to work side by side with one of our trainers, Priscilla, as we led a women's ministry Monday-Thursday. Women came to the offices from a rougher area of town. The women spoke of the hardships that their community endures. They are looking for hope and for a way to provide for their families. Priscilla has been ministering to a few ladies in the community and through the invitation of friends we ended up with 25 women and 5 children. We spent the mornings together sharing the gospel, going through our New Believer follow up booklet, and speaking the hope of Christ into their lives. We spent time praying together and sharing stories. In the afternoons the women learned a skill that they could use to provide for their family, whether they are selling puff puffs (a fried dough), or soap for neighbors to clean with, these skills are practical to be able to use for income.

I enjoyed the time with the women as I got to know them personally. They shared their stories, their hurts, their praises, and I met their children. We had such a joyous time together.



Friday we went to the village of Zaron to speak at a girls school run by the government. The FFICM team has built a relationship with the school and has led some of the girls through new believer follow up and through baptism. There were 369 girls that we spoke to. We were also able to spend time with the principal and her family and pray with them as their family has been suffering from illness.

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

- Praise/Pray for safety while traveling
- Praise/Pray for good health
- Praise/Pray for negative covid tests. 2 down 3 to go.
- Pray for me as I speak to the women of the conference in Ethiopia. We are expecting 15,000-20,000 at the conference, and 200 for the women's conference that will take place a few days before the main conference. Pray that the message will be relevant and meaningful and that it will point people to Christ.
- Pray as I preach in churches or speak to groups. They expect speakers to talk much longer than I am used to. Pray that my message gets across in a natural way, and that my message will be what God wants to deliver to God's people. Sometimes these messages are asked to be given on short notice, so please pray that God will give me the words to say when this happens.
- Pray for my home. When I left San Antonio, my dog Daisy was very sick. She is doing much better now but I ask that you pray for her continued healing. Pray for the many moving parts and wonderful people who are taking care of my home and pets.
- Pray for my summer plans. I am planning to move to Oregon for the summer, late May-early August.. I am debating on driving or flying. If I fly I will need a car while I am in town. Pray for all of these pieces to come together so that I can feel confident in my travel decisions and be a good steward of my finances. If anyone in the Portland area has an extra car that they would be willing to rent to me for the summer, please let me know.
- Praise that I am over 65% of my operating budget. Pray that I will be able to meet 100% before the summer begins. Once I am at 100% I will be able to spend more time in these countries that I am working with. My time in Nigeria has been well spent in getting to know the area and different families so that as I am here longer I will be confident in knowing the area and have a support system.
- Pray for opportunities to speak. In churches and to small groups to share my ministry with others and create new partners in ministry once I return home. If you would be interested in hosting me to share with a group, please let me know.

PENDING SCHEDULE

March 25 drive to Abuja, Nigeria

March 26 fly to Yaoundé, Cameroon

March 28-April 1 New Believer Follow Up Training in Cameroon

April 2 fly to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

April 4-8 train 100 pastors in Durame, Ethiopia

April 6 speak to women at conference

April 8-10 Conference in Durame, Ethiopia

April 11 fly to Dire Dawa, Ethiopia

April 12-16 training in Dire Dawa

April 16 fly to Addis

April 18-22 training in Bahi Dar or at a Genet conference

April 25-29 training in Bahi Dar or at a Genet conference

May 1 fly to Houston

May 2 arrive in Houston

May 2-5 final cohort retreat

May 5 fly to San Antonio

PRAYER FOR MY PARTNERS

Thank you for praying for me! How can I be praying for you?

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