

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood...that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9 NIV

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Called to Be Bridge Builders

By Director Jim “Umfundisi” Lo

I became a Christian because I wanted to end up in heaven and not in hell when my life came to an end. On the day I made the decision to be a Christian, my heart was filled with great joy. I thought, “I now have my ticket to eternal life.”

The problem was that the faith I possessed was very “Jim Lo focused.” It was about me. To be transparent, my main concern was that I would be ready for heaven. I really was not too concerned about the spiritual welfare of others.

However, my focus changed when I heard my father-in-law preaching a message about Christians being called to be priests. He shared that the Latin word for “priest” refers to one who builds bridges. Almost as though he was speaking just to me, Dad Gerleman asked, “Are you faithfully being a bridge builder for Christ? Are you faithfully building bridges for unbelievers to be able to cross over and have a personal relationship with God? Are you actively seeking to be an evangelist?” That day I made the commitment to be a priest – a bridge builder for Christ.

All who claim Jesus Christ to be their Savior are called to be “bridge builders.” The world needs bridge builders. God needs Christians to respond to the missionary call, to build bridges for individuals to be able to cross over to meet the Savior!

Our salvation was never meant to be “selfish,” kept to ourselves. Instead, we who are saved by Christ are to be building bridges for others to come to Christ. This is what missions is about!



New Christians in Ghana

A few months ago Pastor George Korah and his ministry team shared the gospel with over 50 people in the village of Ducie.

The Ducie church began early in 2016 and averages around 100 people in attendance.

This past May, 15 new souls were added to the Kingdom!

Please continue to pray for Pastor George as he directs this ministry.

*If you are interested in joining a missions trip to Ghana, **NOW PLANNED FOR JANUARY 2026**, follow the QR code to reply.*



Outreach in Ducie in January 2025





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Highlights from Ebenezer Valley Camp

- Dr. Jim Lo and Rev. Mark Surbrook traveled to Virgin Gorda to minister at Ebenezer Valley Camp in the Eastern Caribbean.
- They were able to meet Sis. Sylvia Rhymer, one of the few remaining who remembers the outdoor revival services that led to the start of the Eastern Caribbean churches 78 years ago.
- They were able to pray with and be prayed for by Sis. Flo, a 102-year-old servant of the Lord.
- The camp services were held under a big yellow and white striped tent. The weather was hot, but important decisions were made. Some made a commitment to follow Christ. Many responded that they wanted the Holy Spirit to use them to be faithful witnesses. We are grateful for God's blessings.

New Bible Translation Team Members

By Larry Doyle



Graduation from the Translators' Training Course 1 (TTC1) for eight new Solos Bible translators on July 3 was a time of celebration and praise to God. They join the three active and one semi-retired translators to form the new and improved Solos Translation Team.

This journey started several years ago with a request to form a new team, and the actual course started last year in August, and has since spanned three different villages. The final two weeks were held in Ka-hule village, where we again had outstanding community and church support (Catholic in this village) as the participants from three different villages stayed with local families, and the village ladies provided food each day.

Now this group has split up into three smaller teams to work on about 10 chapters each in Genesis to gain experience in their newly acquired translation methods before moving on to the New Testament. Each new team also has one of the experienced translators, so that should help. Pray for them as they work on these passages in the coming months.



VBS in Cayman Brac

Vacation Bible School in Cayman Brac was held July 7-11. Kids ages 4-19 learned lessons from the life of Joseph. Micki Woods designed the set for the platform, as well as organized the food and food helpers for each night. Dr. Woods was responsible to have tables and chairs in place, as well as a big outdoor tent and guard rails. The church people filled many important roles and shared the gospel with neighborhood kids.

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