

INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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Mid-Year Report
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Dear Friends and Donors,

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are grateful to God for guiding and protecting us from the beginning of the year till date. It is just by His grace and mercy. We thank God and each one of you for your prayers and support.



The Ministry is thankful to God for what He has done for us and continue to do for ever one connected to this ministry.

This ministry is involved in giving out vernacular Bibles to needy woman who cannot afford them. English Bibles to young people who also ask for Bibles because they cannot afford them. We also give special vernacular Bibles and some study bibles to a few pastors who cannot afford them.

As soon as any of the committee members is spotted, the demand is “please give me a bible”. This impact is great and we are happy that we can get support to purchase bibles

for those who cannot afford to purchase them. If someone asks for a bible he or she has asked for a valuable asset.

The bible giving project is very dear to the heart of each member of the committee because it gives those who receive it the opportunity to read the word of God for themselves in the language they understand.

Our Ministry seeks to transform lives through the word of God and also training programs, especially in soap making. It is our wish and prayer those who are fortunate to learn this skill will be able to make soap for use and also sell some to make a little profit.

We have been able to put a smile on the faces of some needy women, teach skills and earn a little capital.

Testimony and Assistance

The ministry recently started assisting Rebecca and her daughter Abigail. She was assisted with a sewing machine to learn a skill in sewing. She is done with the training in sewing and now sewing and making some little monies. She is still close to Selina who taught her how to sew. This is good because if she gets stacked, help is available.

The ministry paid for her household items to help her settle and occasionally assist in paying fees for her daughter Abigail. Rebecca is now a very happy woman serving as an usher in the house of God with great joy. The Ministry wants to support her with some additional cash to enable her buy some sewing accessories for her trade. This will enable the ministry to move on to assist another person.

It is our prayer that in the near future we will get assistance for little girl Philippa who was discovered by Prophetess Theresa. We have other needy young women who needs assistance, eighteen year old Zipporah Okine who expressed interest in learning a trade in sewing. Selina has accepted to begin teaching her how to sew. The committee is not happy with her attitude towards her apprenticeship. Betty met with her but she is still not regular. The report is that she has some health challenges. We are praying for the Lord's intervention.

Our team is very grateful to God and to our donors for donating for the purchase of these bibles, and assisting the needy. With your help and support the Indigenous Women's Ministry can continue to change lives like Rebeca's and her daughter Abigail. The ministry has on its list others.

Work Ongoing in the Ministry

1. Evangelist Joseph Banahene and Lady Pastor Veronica Areba are working in the in the Northern part of Ghana, Bolgatanga and Wa. The Women's Bible study is going on. It is a deprived area as a result they have many people on their list who need help but the ministry is planning to assist two area if it is within our reach.

These two areas need Bibles in the languages of Grune, Tamplema and Dagari for the women and also some English Bibles for some pastors. The soap making

project in these areas will continue the end of this year. Hoping that we get funds to support them.

2. Betty though still mourning her sister, she has been engaging with the women at Madina (Immanuel Believers' Ministry) and they have agreed to meet every public holiday for one hour to pray. We have three public holidays before the end of the year (August, September and December). This is in addition to their weekly bible study. 63 year-old Mary is in Betty's group and we pray that we get some assistance for her.

This group wants to go into bead making and learn how to string them for sale. This project is a one-time learning for the women. Most of them can string the beads but what they need is to learn the finishing process with hooks. The women will be able to sell their beads, buy more beads and string to make some money.

3. Prophetess Theresa Appah's – She is also engaged with bible study in Madina (Wonderful Christ Healing Church) and Kasoa. She taking care of Philipa whose mother is mentally challenged. The ministry assisted her a bit and we look forward to continuing. This group needs Twi, Ga and English Bibles.
4. Pastor Gabriel Boateng now a Bishop – informed us that the women's bible study is doing fine. He is planning a retreat with the women.
5. The Asutuare women (Divine Church of Jesus), Ayikuma women (Presby and Apostolic Churches) these groups are handled by the project director Esther. She visits Asutuare monthly. She meets weekly on Tuesday and Sunday evenings with the Ayikuma groups.
Asutuare women are waiting patiently their soap making project. This will be the second project for this group. We pray this works well in Asutuare.

Another great need the ministry discovered is the need to begin literacy training among women in Joseph Banahene's study Group and the Esther's Asutuare Group. We have two facilitators, one for Ewe and one for Dangme. The ministry could not continue motivating them and so it died out. The ministry hopes to revive this literacy training in the near future.

The ministry can continue to give out bibles and change lives spiritually, emotionally and physically. Your support will also help us to grow our ministry by purchasing Vernacular Bibles in Asante Twi, Akuapim Twi, Fanti, Ga, Dangme, Ewe, Grune, Tamplema and Dagari. We also purchase some English Bibles for the young people.

The ministry's ultimate goal is to get support to put up an Indigenous Women's Training Center, for Bible Study, Skill and Literacy Training and a shelter in the near future for women.

PRAYER POINTS

- Thank God for good health, guidance, protection and providence for the committee and the women.

- Thank God for the successful completion of Esther's MA in Information Studies.
- Pray for all the leaders of the various groups, for God's protection, guidance and provision. Pray for more people to assist in teaching.
- Pray for funds to purchase Bibles and do projects.
- Pray for those women who have expressed interest to study and also teach other women.
- Pray for Rebecca, Abigail, Grandma Mary, Philipa, Zipporah, Hannah for their various needs to be met, pray for others in similar situations.
- For ministry opportunities and for provision for resources for ministry.
- For Jennifer as she finishes her first degree in the Valley View University.
- Pray for the committee and for all our donors, and prayer partners.

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