



Finally, brethren, pray for us,

That the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you (2Thes.3:1)
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BECHEM TOWN, in the Brong Ahafo Region (January 23-26)

The churches I worked with planned for me to minister in this town; they had not planned visits to the surrounding villages. As I do when I am in a town, the evening meetings are geared to church people in a chapel while I spent the day time doing personal street witnessing. Like most Brong Ahafo towns, Bechem is fairly big, the buildings were arranged and the town is neat. One of the Ghana Premier foot ball clubs is from Bechem.

Figure 1I meet and fellowshiped with the participating ministers



THE GOSPEL TO THE PEOPLE EVERYWHERE:

The Lord was gracious; the ministers joined me to take the GOSPEL TO.....



... 'Chop bars', Tailors shop, Under trees, On the street, Hair Dressing Salon, Kitchen, Petty Traders' shop, Chirred coal sellers corner. One time I had to run to may truck, collect some nails and a hummer to repair one woman's roof to enable a chirred coal seller concentrate on what a pastor I was working was sharing. The immediate effect was that the woman turned up at the evening teaching meeting.

When you go out to witness, you realize that the Christian message of salvation has not been understood by even people who go to church. For they lack the most basic knowledge and understanding of the gospel that they need to make a meaningful and lasting decision. So right from the word go the problem is we are sowing unhealthy spiritual seed before we even think of proper discipleship programme. IT IS SO SAD TO REALIZE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN GOING TO CHURCH DO NOT KNOW THE GOSPEL BASICS. We need to pray that ministers of the gospel can make the Gospel message clear – exactly WHAT PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW, AND WHAT THEY NEED TO DO AND WHY in order to be saved.

2. There is the need to pray that pastors, church elders, leaders and elderly Christian people will get involve in personal witnessing. We realized when people see such people witnessing it gives the whole idea dignity and respect in the eyes of the unbelievers. It also encourage the youth to see the importance of soul winning. One young lady studying in a local Collage of Education told us she is so impressed, excited and encouraged to witness for seeing people of our age on the street witnessing. Because in her church only the youth are made to go out and do evangelism. I gave her some of my gospel tracts.
3. Everywhere I go in the villages, the Pastors have challenges for which they need prayers. Most seem to have done the best they knew how and yet their congregations are not pulling up. The very obvious of the challenges have to with personnel who can help them. Another one is financial. For example in one town 4 churches that hosted me could not raise funds to pay for the chairs they hired for the meetings. So had to pay for that. And do you know how much it cost? Just GHC12? Another one is neglect by their head quarters. It is like the pastors had done some politically incorrect thing and so have been banished to ice-cold Siberia. So occational visits like the one I do means so much to them. When you pray remember them.



The Evening Meetings Were Held in a Wooden Chapel that Belonged to one of the Participating Churches.

AT WHATEVER COST, WHENEVER TIME and WHEREVER PLACE, the Gospel must GO

“Now the lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, “do not be afraid, but speak; and do not keep silent; for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city.” (Acts 18:9, 10)
GO OUT, COMPEL THEM TO COME IN — SAVE SOME (LUKE 14:23; JUDE 23)