

International Reconciliation Ministries

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The events of the last few months and projected next few months have caused me to reschedule the August trip to December. I have also not been able to visit area churches to share the miraculous work the Holy Spirit did in bringing 17,484 souls to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ on IRM's last trip. The following is just one of the many amazing prisoner testimonies:

Alex: *"When I listened to God's word today I asked Jesus to be my Savior and after hearing the message on forgiveness I knew I had to forgive."*

I am often asked what happens after we leave. Three weeks following my return home, I received this message from Chaplain Edward: *"I received a call from a prisoner (Alex) who has been released. He requested that I talk with his mother whom...gave thanks for what had happened to her son. She said that her son has done something she never expected.*



Alex and muzungu Bishop lady (Arlene)

'My son has come home and seeing him coming from the gate I started to run away because he had vowed that when he came back home he would kill me and his younger brother. But when he saw me running, he shouted, 'Mom, Mom, Mom, please don't run away from me. I am born again and the Lord has changed me, I am a new person. Please accept me, Mom.' I stood there but I was shaking and then my son told me, 'I have come to forgive you in all you did to me and I humbly ask you to also forgive me for what I did. Allow me to be part of the family again, please, dear Mom.' I broke into tears with disbelief and all I could do was to hug my son and we all cried.' The mother then said, 'Please tell the muzungu Bishop lady thank you for accepting to come and minister God's living word to my son in prison.'"

In 2008, God gave me the name for this ministry, International Reconciliation Ministries. Alex's story is just one example of what this ministry is about. With salvation preaching followed by forgiveness and reconciliation teachings, we are making disciples that make disciples. The Holy Spirit boldness that Alex displayed tells me there will be many opportunities for him to share his faith with other family members, as well as his entire village.

Thank you for partnering with IRM to preach the truth of the Gospel at every opportunity.



More testimonies:

From a crippled inmate, *“My body may be in jail but my spirit is out of prison and free because I received Jesus as my Savior and I forgive everyone who has offended me.”*

“I have been a Muslim all my life but today I take Jesus Christ to be my Savior, the word I heard today has taught me to forgive.”

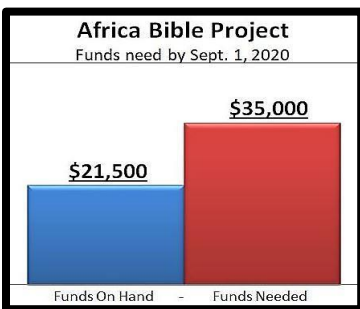
“From the day a man brought me to prison to this day, it has been my heart’s desire to hunt for him and kill him by chopping off his head. But three days ago I had a dream that a white lady would come, teaching me the ways of God. Surely when I listened to the message of forgiveness I knew it was God’s visitation, and today I choose Jesus as my savior and to forgive my accuser.”

“I want you to know that the words you spoke today had the highest degree of touching our hearts, as when the dinner bell went off to call us to go and receive our food, we all chose to stay and listen. Not one inmate stood to go to lunch.”

“My father died when I was young and my mother disappeared. Other people brought me up so I grew up an angry girl and because of my anger I murdered someone and was then sent to prison. Today I received Christ as my Savior and I am thankful for the message that was just for me. I wonder what my life would be if Bishop Arlene had not come today.”

“I had a grudge against some of the inmates here since they went behind my back and told lies to the OC. Since then, I purposed in my life to never forgive them and because the hurt was so much I thought of throwing myself in the septic hole and killing myself. I thank God because the message today has changed my life. I am now a Child of the King, a Princess.”

“I received God’s free gift of salvation. I attempted to murder my husband due to abuse and I have been serving 10 years in prison. Today I forgave him and now I am free.”



Thank you, Ministry Partners! Your generosity has caused IRM’s fiscal year budget to have been met. We are still accepting donations for the Africa Bible Project to be able to give every inmate a bible and discipleship booklet in their own language. Please keep us in your prayers as we stand ready to share the Gospel at the 54 prison and two village crusades we’ve been invited to lead.

International Reconciliation Ministries is only able to do this work because of God’s leading and your prayerful and financial partnership. **THANK YOU!**

That none would be lost,

Arlene

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International Reconciliation Ministries – Rev. Arlene Tatum

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