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DARE TO REACH THE NREACHED: THOUGH COSTLY.

“ We have waited too long for someone to help us out of our problems, but it has continued to be a mirage and we have also suffered its consequence. Between July 2011 and May 2012, we have lost about 13 members of our community to death: women through child birth and the others through various ill health. We trusted in our tradition so much that we fell to understand that tradition must change with man’s life time, until Mr. Simon Daniel, a community Development Officer with CCDP woke us up from our slumber to come together as a community to fight a common course to help us and our children. People of Udawo-kudo, I am optimistic that if we had a place (clinic) like this, where some one more knowledgeable than us on diseases is stationed among us, with the help of God, the number would have been less,” lamented the ‘Gora’ (community leader) of Udawo-kudo during a subsidy presentation to Udawo community clinic by CCDP in May 2012.

Udawo-kudo is a community in Chukun LGA of Kaduna state. It is located north west of Kaduna metropolis. From Danba, the first and last community before Udawo-kudo is about 40km. The only vehicle in the community that takes the people out to the market with their farm produce is one rugged land Rover. Second alternative is the motorcycles that convey people either from Buruku town or Danba to the community or from the community back to these towns which of course is quite expensive that not everyone can afford. It takes roughly 2hrs 30mins to run the road from Buruku town to Udawo-kudo community. The road to the community meanders through a forest likely habituated by wild animals as there is no human settlement seen as one travels along, except for a few lorries that brings out firewood from the 40km forested distance to Danba, Buruku or Kaduna town, or towns outside Kaduna State.

The journey to Udawo-kudo started from Panyam just like any other day field trip. From Panyam to Kaduna was a bed of roses, swift and smooth.

At Kaduna, the RCC Chairman, Rev. Gambo Dankande, Baba J B Dalyop, Rev. Azi Ishaku Ajik, Rev. Philibus Dadap, Simon Daniel and Mr. Afaya Maton, voraciously received us and we all get started because there was no time to waste as it was 11am already.

After 30minutes drive, we were at Danba and into the forest we took our way to Udawo-kudo. The road could best be describe as the movement of a snake because it has to meander round to avoid some of the trees that otherwise could not be penetrated.

When it was 3pm, we could not hold it than to ask Simon, if we had missed the way because it was taking longer time than we expected, but he assured us that we were on track and will soon be at Udawo-kudo.

Not quite long after we've been assured that we would soon see the promise land, the story suddenly changed. The car that was in front suddenly went into coma and ceased. Soon, the second drove to that same spot and instantly slump. All effort to bring back the cars to life failed. To worsen the situation, the forest is dead to all networks. We could neither called back to Kaduna nor to Udawo. We were stranded, the day was far spent and the journey had gone only three quarter through the desert to reach Udawo. Just like Karl Kum of old in a distance saw the need and dared to reach Africa with the gospel, the team remained resolute to the mandate and commission to reach Udawo-kudo despite the resistance from Sanballat and Tobia, the enemies of Development.

The RCC Chairman then decided that he will start to trek ahead to Udawo so that when he was there, the already over anxious people in the community would be re assured that the team was on the way. We were afraid of that decision because of his fragile health condition and the uncertainty associated with the jungle, but he assured us that with the grace of God together with his experience as a hunter during his youthful age, he would manoeuvre his way through to Udawo-kudo. He took a stick; put it across his neck and off he left. Soon, he was out of sight while we were still contemplating our faith.

Fortunate for us, while we were praying and trusting God to fulfil the mission we have committed in our hearts: to reach the unreached, manna came from above in fulfilment of the word of God which says ‘commit your work to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established’ (Prov. 16:3). The only road master of the jungle, the Land Rover came back from its toil from Buruku through Danba and offered to convey us together with all that we had to Udawo-kudo. We off loaded the subsidy materials from our cars into the Land Rover and the team all climbed and one could see that it was a heap on the Land Rover. The spirit of the jungle could not shake nor halt it at all because the car was already filled with the spirit of suffering. Mr. Ephraim Chentu had to wait with the cars while the other driver took a motorcycle back to Buruku to get a mechanic.

After about 45mins drive, we were at Udawo-kudo and were told that Rev. Gambo had arrived and was taking a bath because of perspiration that has engulfed him. We were excited because ,barely 20mins when he left us into the jungle, some Fulani men soon came out of the forest through the very route he took, so fear had grip us. Therefore, the news of his arrival was an anti-hypertensive to all our scattered, boiling thoughts concerning his welfare as he meandered through the jungle.

It was 4:30pm, the people had waited too long and were already tired, but because of the enthusiasm that the most desired intervention to their plight has finally materialized, they quickly gathered themselves together.

Mr. Simon Daniel who moderated the presentation was quite snappy because time was not on our side. The presentation, though brief, but was epoch making, considering the myriad of challenges the community has gone through. The Programme Coordinator in her speech challenged the ‘Gora’ and the entire community that it's not enough to say they have build a clinic, but its sustainability for a lasting impact amongst the community is the most desired.

She charged them to patronize the clinic as a means of sustaining it, if not they are likely to fall back to their plight. The RCC Chairman reminded the community of the number of failed promises they have had from many angles to build a clinic for them. He continued that today they are celebrating the fruit of their labour and charged them to guard it jealously.

As it's the culture of CCDP, the Programme Coordinator presented the subsidy materials to the RCC Chairman and him to the Gora and him to the Community Development chairman and to the women leader, the youth leader and finally entrusted in the hands of the staff that was to work in the clinic. The RCC Chairman then commissioned the clinic and prayed God to bless all the medications that will be taken from the clinic to be a source of healing to the people through his power to the glory of his name.

After all said and done, we began to exchanged pleasantries through hand shake and bet farewell believing that the cars were already put back to order. The road master loaded us back to the dramatic scene which could best be described as 'Udowo ancestral forbidden gate'. We got to the scene the same time with the driver who went to get a mechanic from Buruku. "The mechanic said he will not come until tomorrow morning", he said. It was 6:45pm already and the question that remained un answered in the mind of every one was how to get out of the jungle before the darkest moment of the night.

The Programme Coordinator being the leader of the team began to diversify her thought on alternative ways to be out of the forest. "Please, can the driver of the land Rover afford to take us out to Buruku where we can get to Kaduna, because we can't take out our leaders to sleep in this jungle full of uncertainty?" she told a member of the community on escort. When the pilot was intimated, he resented, likely because of the fear of braking through the jungle with all its uncertainty at such a time.

Rev. Gambo Dankande who had earlier trekked 5km during the day was tired already, opened the jeep, lied down and bet us good night, but mosquitoes could not allow him rest. Baba J B Dalyop had flattened the seat of the Bus and lied down too. Rev. Azi and Rev. Philibus were; in the spirit, in Kaduna while only the physical frames were with us in the forest as they were mute to the situation.

It was already 8pm and we were still at a cross road of decision when the Lord spoke through a brother to break the silence, 'we better go back to Udowo-kudo so that you can spent the night and let's see what God will do in the morning', a small, still voice from one of the escort. "The cars will be safe if left here with no body?", inquired the Programme Coordinator. Yes, he re echoed. It was then concluded that the Land Rover conveys us back to Udowo-kudo to spent the night and see what the Lord will do at the brake of the new day.

At Udowo-kudo, unfortunately for us, the women were having a combined 2-day fellowship in the church which started that evening. Our dream to sleep in the church was shattered as it was already filled to capacity with the women. We therefore sat outside the church premises helplessly. But the people displayed hospitality in its highest order because within the shortest time possible, they began to mobilize themselves to see how they can make the team sleep comfortably, knowing that we were already very tired. Before we knew it, sleeping mats were greeting us in numbers as if they were given a matching order. We all slept outside the church premises as little children in the hands of their mothers. The leaders we were

together remained humble and down to earth in the face of the challenges we went through considering it a mission to reach the unreached.

As early as 5am, we all woke up to start the journey back to Kaduna because RCC Kaduna was to have its council meeting that day, while CCDP was to do another subsidy presentation at Angwan Danladi, Richifa in Soba LGA of Kaduna state. It was 7:30a we alighted the Land Rover at Buruku town.

At Buruku, the Programme Coordinator, our team leader engaged the services of a mechanic named Alh. Bogie to carry his toy van and go together with the drivers back to the forest and either repair or toy the vehicles out to Kaduna while the team moved to Kaduna to prepare for the assignments ahead.

We got to Kaduna and without much ado, started preparation for Richifa and left. The RCC Chairman, Rev. Gambo Dankande, Rev. Azi Ishaku Ajik, Rev. Phiibus Dadap and Baba Dalyop could not go with us to Angwan Danladi, though very tired as they were, had to just take a shower and prepare for the RCC council meeting, while the batten of the must reached mission was transferred to the RCC Assistant Secretary Rev. Bitrus Yilmwen to reach Richifa (Angwan Danladi) community with the gospel of development as manifestation of the kingdom of God on earth.

At Angwan Danladi, it was fun how the community had gathered, dancing and waiting anxiously, united with a common vision and focus. The Programme Coordinator, Mrs Goro and the RCC Assistant Secretary Rev. Yilmwen in their different speeches challenged the community that if they maintain the spirit of unity they have shown irrespective of religion or ethnicity, there is nothing that will be unattainable to them as a community. The Chairman, Community Development Association, Angwan Danladi was full of gratitude to God, CCDP and EED Germany for the support they have received and promised to work towards sustaining it for posterity.

The trip to these communities was very costly, but it was a service worth doing because the unreach has to be reached no matter the cost.



At Udawo –Kudo forest

A WORKMAN APPROVED BY GOD

Who is a Christian worker? How is a Christian worker expected to do his/her work and may other key lessons on what makes one a Christian worker a workman approved by God to work in his vineyard were the core areas discussed by Dr Mrs Adeleke during CCDP staff retreat in panyam.

The programme coordinator, Mrs J.W. GORO in her key note address reminded participants that they are like Ezekiel of old, to the Nations, entrusted with different responsibilities in the vineyard and charged them to prepare their minds to hear God speak to them through his servant for their edification as workmen in the vineyard.

The Director, Health and Social Services (DH&SS) Dr Emmanuel Nanle who declared the retreat started on behalf of the General Secretary, Church of Christ in Nigeria (COCIN) admonishes participants that every believer is already in the vineyard of the master, but the challenge is whether these believers actually know the master of the vineyard and are working based on his principles. He concluded that as Christians, our services and relationship to all humanity should manifest the kingdom of God on earth.” Remember Jesus said I am the true vine, remain in me and bear fruits” he affirmed.

Dr Mrs Adeleke took her opening text from Gen. 2 vs. 4-15 .She explained that the man God created in the beginning was filled with the spirit of God, carrying Gods nature and his light. But when the devil deceived the man, he loses these entire God embodiments. She continued that no man carrying the old nature (Adamic nature) will please God and charged participants to put off the old nature and put on the new nature which carries the embodiment of holiness, righteousness, humility and all the fruit of the spirit as revealed in Gal.5 vs. 16-25

Mrs Adele added that a Christian worker must avoid selfish ambition that work against his/her spiritual life, hence, admonished participants to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all other things shall be added unto them effortlessly.

Adeleke emphatically stated that for any person to have been in any profession/discipline, is not his/her initiative, but the plan of God for that person to be there (Jer 1:5). She continued that God is the owner of the vineyard and does not waste anything, but only destined that people from different tribes and races work together in the vineyard to watch, guard and tend. She then challenged participants whether they actually guard CCDP jealously being the vineyard God has entrusted in their hands to work and take care of. Mrs Adeleke added that people only tend and take care of their vineyard when they are passionate about it. She affirmed that God’s provision in any work place is in abundance to meet the need of the people working there. She said that people should not underrate Gods power of providence because even in the desert, God’s provision is in abundance .Mrs .Adeleke continued that the story of Abraham and his brother Lot is a typical epitome of that situation. That Lot was given the privilege to choose first the site he will settled and he chose to take the greener part of the country, but because being in the desert with God is better than being in the greener field without God, Abraham was blessed abundantly while in the hilly areas of Canaan (Genesis 13:9-18). She then challenged participants not to be mad about looking for greener pastures but to remain where God has placed them and stay connected to God because he

knows why he keeps everyone at his/her duty post and will move everyone at his appointed time for whatever different assignment when the need arises. Mrs Adeleke added that if you jump your location, you will miss your allocation. Dr Mrs Adeleke in conclusion, charged participants to work faithfully as workmen approved by God in his vineyard (2 Tim 2:15) because he will hold everyone responsible and added that God is not interested in who you are but what you do. She said that where God places you is just a privilege for you to have the opportunity to rightly divide the word of truth to people that come to you for services. "What will you be remembered for, in your work place" She concluded



Cross section of staff at retreat

EDITORIAL

Parenting is defined by long man dictionary of contemporary English as the skill or activity of looking after children as a parent. That implies that parenting is an activity of teaching the children while they are still young the right and wrong path of life aimed at grooming them to live and grow up as loyal citizens of the society and the nation at large. No wonder, the bible admonishes Christians to teach them young, and when they grow, they will not depart from it.(Prov 22: 6).

Suffice it to say that most parents have left the responsibility of parenting in the hands of nannies, house help and guardians, not minding the seed that is being planted on the fertile tabula rasa of these young and innocent children.

On the lighter part, for some parents that claimed to take up the responsibility of parenting their children, opportunities are never given to the children to express themselves in the home. Remember, that outside the home there is a lot of freedom or avenue they will explore to express themselves or ask their why, why and why questions on issues, but such opportunities are very dangerous to them. This is where the bad moral is learnt and exhibited such as the nation and the world over is battling with.

Most parents believe is moral failure otherwise known as malfunctioning parenting and are not conscious of what will affect the generation. They see themselves as

infallible which of course, is not a virtue in parenting. No parent is perfect, but only a facilitator, to guide and to mould, as well as performing the duty of a mirror for the child to keep check of him/herself. A parent can't be doing the wrong thing, yet beat his child for doing same, such parent only complicates issues and places the child at a cross road of decision.

Mary and Joseph, parents of our Lord Jesus throughout his childhood as revealed in Luke 2 supported each other and sharing the joys, the responsibilities and the anxieties of parenting Jesus.

Jesus' parents brought him up desiring for the word of God the father and he grew up desiring to be in the household of God. Remember, the family is the hub of every society. If the parents bring up the children in love, they will grow to love everyone and everything around them. If they are brought up in frustration, cruelty and violence, they grow to hate everyone and everything around them. No wonder the bible admonishes parents not to provoke their children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord (Eph 6:4).

On the other hand children are charged to honour their parents as a commandment from the Lord with a promise that it may be well with them and the Lord will grant them long live on earth (Eph 6:13). It is only when both parents and children live up to these responsibilities, the society will be a better place, free from violence, killings, destruction, bombing, maiming and all sort of heinous act. Together, we will all make the world a better place to live.

THE END OF THE NIGHTMARE

Kwagharka community has for many years gone through an unusual experience. Every rainy season during the year, their children do not cross over to school at Bwonpe every day of the week. Farmers do not go to their farm every day; accessing health services become difficult. Community members do not go to the market or transport their farm produce to the market or transact other business and social activities with neighbouring communities with ease, because they have been cut-off by a big river that the mention of it to any member of the community, both young and old sends fear through their bone marrow. This phenomenon has been quite worrisome as nobody is spared: men and women, young and old.

Kwagharka community is located South West of Bwompe town in Ampang West District of Mangu LGA in Plateau State, Nigeria .It is a mixed community of Mwaghavul and Fulani living together in peace and harmony.

COCIN community Dev programme (CCDP) identified this community in 2009, conducted a Participatory Rapid Appraisal (PRA) in 2010 and community came up with the need of a bridge across the river for the fact that that they have lost two women: a pregnant mother and an 18 year old girl, while trying to cross the river. The Community Development Organizer (CDO) in Panyam region, Mrs Mary Bitrus, started to organise the community towards funds mobilisation for the project. The project cost was calculated to the sum of 2.5million Naira only. Considering the number of people in the community, one would conclude that a project of this kind embarked upon by the community will likely be a mirage or a ten years project if at all they will accomplish it. The community continued its funds mobilization and levied all

family to pay N 5,000 including community labour work and raised the sum of 364,000 Naira.

In a bid to spur the community, the CDO took them to a networking visit to another community that had the same challenge and was able to overcome it for learning and exchange of ideas. In the course of the learning visit, Kwagharka community was linked with Catholic Rural Development Programme (CARUDEP) and consequently they fulfilled the requirement of its philosophy of development and were asked to pay a counterpart fund so they can support them in the project.

The chairman Kwagharka Community Development Association (CDA) Mr. Dasmang Jacob said they were able to pay only the sum of three hundred and sixty four thousand (364,000) Naira out of the expected counterpart fund. He continued that while they were still mobilising to raise the remaining part of the money, he was called one day from CARUDEP that a vehicle is on the way bringing materials to start the work before the rainy season becomes stronger when the work can no longer be done and the aim will be defeated. "I shed tears of joy when finally 200 bags of cement, 200 pieces on long rods, 70 planks, 2 rolls of binding wire and assorted packet of nails were off-loaded at the project site" he explained. For three weeks the community deferred their farm work to labour at the project site while Mrs Mary Bitrus kept monitoring the progress of the work and community has been seen happily working together assiduously.

The Programme Coordinator, CCDP Panyam Mrs J W Goro during a subsidy presentation at the project site to revitalized the fatigue evident among the community to ensure completion of the project was quite impressed with the level at which the project has reached and told community that the era of waiting for government to do everything for its citizen is gone, because it cannot cope. She appreciated CARUDEP for the support it has given towards the project and said all development agencies complement each other in different ways with one aim and focus: progress, change, adding value and growth in communities for improved livelihoods. Mrs Goro described the project as what started as a mustard seed during PRA, will soon provide succour to thousands of people and charged community to dare to complete the project.

RCC Chairman, Ampang west, Rev Simon Dapel appreciated both CCDP and CARUDEP for the great support given to the community at various stages towards the bridge project and charged the community leaders to be honest and faithful in managing what has been entrusted in their hands.

Kwagharka Community Development Association chairman was overwhelmed with what the development agencies have done and said history will continue to remember their indelible mark in the community. He continued that the work, though challenging, CCDP had given them training which kept encouraging them face the work head long.

Mallam Jabir, Fulani representative, said that at the completion of the bridge, they will sleep with their eyes closed because the fear that the river will be over flooded at any time will be over. He added that their cows will no longer be drawn in the cause of crossing the river because they will use the bridge too. Mrs Jacob Damang was optimistic that at the completion of the bridge, they will access health services easily; especially that she is pregnant and has to attend Ante-natal care services outside the community. She continued that their children will

begin to go to school every day during the rainy season and stay until closing time as their counter parts because the hydra headed monster is defeated.

CCDP RECEIVED 1MILLION NAIRA DRUGS LOAN

CCDP benefitted a 1m naira drugs loan from Beacon of Hope (BOH) in March 2012 to be paid back in 8months. A communique from BOH stated that it is an interest free loan given to different organizations meant to be seed money to be revolved continually for the 8month. It added that the loan is meant to be a source of empowering the clinics for sustainability.

The Programme Coordinator, CCDP, Mrs. J W Goro in her well come address during the disbursement of the drugs to the few selected clinics, appreciated God for his grace and mercy and in all situations and thanked BOH for the kind heart. She then welcomes the Director Health and Social Services, Dr Emmanuel Nanle, all the Regional Coordinators, the Local Medical Committee (LMC) chairmen and treasurers of the benefitting clinics that came to collect the drugs.

The Director Health and Social Services (DH&SS) Dr. Emmanuel Nanle in his opening remark appreciated God for his miraculous ways of providence for our needs in his vine yard. He continued that this brief ceremony will remain a historic event in the life of CCDP. He charged all the heads of clinics concern that the money BOH has given should be traded with a high sense of responsibility, skills and prudence, so that CCDP will not disappoint them. He added that, even though the drugs they will receive will not be all that the clinics needed, but it will be a leap to the clinics from where they were to become stronger and sustainable to break the chain of dependence. He further challenged the officers that the parable in the bible of the people who were given different talents based on their ability to trade with should be their lesson and watch word, so that they can be trusted with more.

In her briefing, the Programme Coordinator Mrs Goro said that BOH has been very supportive to CCDP for long in areas of capacity building and service provision such as HIV counseling and testing workshops, HIV test kits and stipend of 10,000 naira to staff for clinic renovations after workshops. She continued that it is this relationship that has grown and today, CCDP is celebrating a bigger trust of 1million naira drugs loan from BOH. She intimated the LMC chairmen and treasurers of the benefitting clinics that it was unanimously agreed at the Joint Management meeting with the Regional Coordinators that the dugs be bought centrally and then disbursement be made to the benefiting clinics. She added that the essence of bringing them is to make them understand their responsibilities in monitoring the trade of the drugs and remittance of the loan.

The Programme Accountant Mr. Olumide Gasper gave modalities on how to monitor the trade of the drugs and the pay back of the loan. He said all clinics should operate a bin card system to record all the drugs and monitor the usage daily to avoid misuse. Olumide continued that remittance of the loan by clinics will be on monthly bases and that the amount agreed upon to be paid to the head office monthly to enable the organization pay back the loan to BOH at the end of 8month is 13,500 naira, either in cash or a certified bank cheques. The terms of agreement above was signed by all clinics heads, LMC chairmen and the treasurers.

A member, on behalf of the beneficiaries appreciated BOH for the support and prayed that by the grace of God, none of the clinics will be found wanting in the remittance of the loan to the head office for onward remittance to BOH at the end of the 8monthss.

Presenting the drugs to the beneficiaries, DH&SS Dr Nanle emphasized that the essence of the drugs is to meet the need of the people, build the integrity of the church, while working in God's vine yard.

In a closing remark, the Programme Coordinator, Mrs. Goro affirmed that if the staff trade faithfully with the drugs, it will be a source of strengthening the clinics for sustainability.

Giving a vote of thanks, the Health Development Officer (HDO), Mr. Benjamin B Mangut appreciated God for his grace throughout the short, but historic event and charged beneficiaries to live up to their responsibilities so that the organization's reputation is not put at stake.



Disbursement of drugs loan at MSC Panyam to beneficiaries

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

Many young persons, both boys and girls have thrown their zeal and passion for education to the dogs, even when their parents are leaving no stone unturned to sponsor them to whatever level of education they are determine to reach. For others they think they have grown too big to sit in the four corner class room to be taught and humbly go through the process of learning. But for Mrs. Saraya Hosea who puts her age at 40 said, age is an issue of the mind and not a limitation to education considering the fact that, if you will do anything good today, you need education. This exclusive interview to Saraya by the M&E Officer during a subsidy presentation to Jimin community secondary school in Wokkos District of Pankshin LGA where she is a student reveals her passion for education as you will read.

Hon. Josiah Mahwash: Madam, what is your name?

Mrs Saraya Hosea: My name is Mrs Saraya Hosea.

Josiah: Today we are at Jimin Community Secondary school, where do you reside?

Saraya: I reside here in Jimin community, in Wokkos District of Pankshin LGA and a student of Jimin Community Secondary school.

Josiah: what class are you?

Saraya: I am in JSS 1 because the school started in 2011.

Josiah: You are married I suppose. How many children do you have?

Saraya: Yes I am married and we are blessed with five (5) children. Three (3) are married.

Josiah: You had the interest to go to school, why did you not enrol earlier than now?

Saraya: The only secondary school considered to be close to Jimin then, was GSS Wokkos, which is also quite a far distance to trek. . I did not enrol because of distance. Secondly, there was no one to take care of my children, my husband and to do the home upkeep for me while I go to school. Many youth, who enrolled at GSS Wokkos dropped out because of distance. But when Jimin Community secondary school started, in my drive to fulfil my dream, I enrolled. Most of those who dropped out from GSS Wokkos have enrolled again to continue with their education.

Josiah: What challenged or fascinated you to enrol in school at this age?

Saraya: At my age, I have been engaged in doing some work and businesses and have found out that in whatever a person is doing; education is expedient, if he/she is to do it well. Today, market women need education to improve their skills and strategies. A cleaner in the office needs education. A farmer needs education if she/he is to do a modern farming.

Josiah: Now that you have enrolled, how is the situation so far generally?

Saraya: You can see that I am very happy. I am enjoying the class session being in the midst of the children. We have been using the primary school classes to receive our teachings in the afternoon because there has been no desk for us to use in the secondary school building yet. Today, we are very happy, CCDP supported us with school desk and we will start coming to classes in the morning.

Josiah: How do the teachers treat you?

Saraya: The teachers are generally humble. They treat me just like any good teacher treats an obedient student. They are not at any time put off by my repeated question in class, but are always ready to continue to explain until I understand.

Josiah: What about the students (classmates)?

Saraya: The students are generally good, though some of them are being very conscious of the fact that I am a mother to them. But for me, when it comes to class work, I stoop to their level and by that they have been very free and helpful to me, teaching me more of what I don't know.

Josiah: Does your husband support you in this quest for education?

Saraya: Yes, my husband gives me all the support I need for my studies. He contributes for my school fees, books and other things I need to make my studies go smoothly.

Josiah: What is your dream as you face this task headlong?

Saraya: My dream and hope is that, as days roll by gradually, some day I will hold a certificate of graduation from Jimin secondary school and even further my studies if the Lord leaves us alive.

Josiah: May be some of the women folk see your drive for education as time wasting. What advise do you have to tell them in that regard?

Saraya: As for me, I have promised not to stop this course on the way as long as I live. To my women folk, though some may see my determination as time wasting, but that will not deter my effort, because I know what I stand to gain in the future. I have spoken to some women and mothers to grasp this opportunity that the school is at our door post to enrol. Many have shown interest but confessed that their challenge is the school fees and the cost of other study materials because they are struggling with the school fees of their wards.

Josiah: What advise do you have for the youth/classmates?

Saraya:To the youth who mostly are my classmates, who are potential great leaders of tomorrow, I urge them to take their studies very seriously because their parents have suffered to build this school and if they will not make the best use of it, it will just amount to nothing or a wasted effort.



Interview session

TIDIU COMMUNITY LOST 6 MEMBERS OF A FAMILY.

Horror grips Tidiu community of Kombun District in Mangu LGA when 6 corpses, all members of a family murdered in cold blood at their sleep were displayed before them at the wake of June, 22nd 2012 said to be the hand work of unknown assailants who stroked the house of Mr Gabriel Luka Fyamyia. The corpses were of a woman at her 70s, 2 others at their 40s, 2 teenagers and a 9month old baby.

Narrating the incidence, Mr. Luka Fyamyia said he was woken up at about 2am by the sound of gun shots inside the compound and immediately followed by a forceful push on one of the doors .He continued that God in his mercy help him to steal out and escaped into the farm

only to return after the situation seems calm, indicating a sign that they might have gone, just to discover the 6 members of the family dead in their pool of blood and one other between life and death as a result of wounds sustained from gun shots and was rushed to General Hospital Mangu for medical attention.

The Transition Committee Chairman, Mangu LGA, Hon Isa Shikben who visited the community in company of his secretary, some counsellors, DPO and other security personnel described the incidence as amazing and shocking. He continued that the lost is not only to Tidiu and Kombun district but Mangu LGA in general. Shikben was optimistic that the blood of the innocent souls and particularly that of the 9month baby who knows no sin shall continue to hunt the perpetrators of the dastardly act until they come to repentance. The Chairman asked the people to take consolation in God.

The supervisory counsellor for Agriculture, Hon James Dasar expressed sadness over the unfortunate incidence and described it as barbaric, devilish and un called for. Dasar continued that the trend of attack first started in Millet, and then Ruf followed by Nper and today is Tidiu community. Hon James appreciated the prompt response of the DPO and his men when alerted of the happening and solicits that the security intensify their strategies to nib in the bud any upsurge of insecurity in the entire LGA. He lamented that the way the sporadic attack is manifesting, signals a lot of uncertainty as to who is safe.

The chairman, COCIN RCC Kombun, Rev Foreman Mwoldam appreciated the chairman Mangu LGA for taking his time to come and commiserate with the community over the unfortunate happening that could better be described as an act of annihilation. He continued that what happened is an act of inhumanity to humanity and are deeply grief. Rev Mwoldam added that the community has had pocket of such attack, but has never been this devastating. He affirmed that the security should do everything possible within their reach checkmate the activities of these nocturnal butchers of human being.

The District head of Kombun, His Royal Highness, Alh.Yakubu Garba was full of gratitude to the TIC chairman, Mangu LGA, Hon Shikben, the DPO and his men and all those who stood by them for the show of concern when disaster stroked their community. He affirmed that the perpetrators of the dastardly act are not thieves but assailants and charged every community to give the security all the needed cooperation to fish out all bad eggs in and around them to foster peace in the entire Local Government Area.

The President, Mwaghavul Youth Movement (MYM),Mangu LGA, Mr Meshach Yenle emphatically stated that Mwaghavul people are known for peace and have live in peace with all people until in recent times started facing these ugly trend of events. Meshach continued that these are signs that enemies are all around planning to strike at any time.He then challenged youth to be security conscious and guard jealously their communities because the issue of security is the responsibility of every citizen of Nigeria.

Yenle prayed that the attack at TIdiu should be the last of its kind and also commiserate with all communities that have had similar ugly incidence.

The Proramme Coordinator, COCIN Community Development Programme (CCDP) Panyam, Mrs J W Goro, in a piece of advice to the President, MYM, charged him to take proactive steps in strategizing security network amongst the youth in every community as measures to

forestall peace and tranquillity. She added that the youth are the vanguard of the society in all ramifications and that as leaders of tomorrow, the vision and dream of a better tomorrow starts today.



CCDP management at Tidiu to comiserates with community

THE MARKETS PROJECT.

CCDP is partnering with Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) in Secure Livelihoods project aimed at reducing poverty and improving farmers' access to markets. The project works by;

- Improving access to extension services through recruitment, training and deployment of Community Agriculture Extension Volunteers.
- Introduction and distribution of improved maize seeds. So far 3 open pollinated composites have been introduced.
- Organising farmers into groups and cooperatives to pool their resources together for purchase of agro-inputs and sales of produce.
- Village savings and loan schemes for improved access to financial services
- Enterprise diversification into poultry, piggery and horticultural farming to supplement farmers' income.
- Linkages to agro-input dealers and markets for better prices

Training and advocacy are major components of our project. We believe that we can not get better results if we keep doing things the same old ways. In the farmers' production arsenal we need new improved germplasm, better production technology, superior post harvest handling and better access to markets. Each commodity value chain has to be fully developed and supported by all the stakeholders.

So far we are working with 9 communities in Panyam District, Mangu LGA. We hope to expand this approach to cover as many areas as possible.



Farmers' groups receiving 3-weeks old broilers at CCDP.

PICTORIAL GALLERY



Trip to Udawo – Kudo for subsidy presentation after the cars spoiled in the forest



A cross section of community women at Richifa during subsidy presentation



CCDP comissions Library



Training session at CCDP ICT centre



Group discussion during CCDP clinic's attendants retreat



Irchip community at work on their multipurpose town hall project



**CCDP Programme Coordinator Conducting Training to Pastors wives on
“being a Suitable partner”**



Corpses of six family members murdered at Tidiu community. Type of bullet used captured on the palm too, as seen above



CCMP – CCDP workshop to Reveneds from PCC Panyam