

Elijah Ministries Prayer & Praise

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*Camp Bethel
Men's Retreat
Bighorn Mountains*

Not Ashamed of the Gospel

Hearts Were Prepared!

I am always amazed at how God prepares the hearts of men to hear the gospel and be saved or renewed as the Holy Spirit applies the Word of God. The Apostle Paul told the Romans that he was not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God for salvation (Rom. 1.16). I think he could have also said, "I love the gospel!"

I just received this email from friends who have taken the gospel to Itutang, NG. A village of over 300 souls has come to Christ in the past four years as they put God's Word into their language. Now the men of that village are going to a neighboring village of 450 souls with the gospel. Here's what the missionary wrote

about the men walking one hour both ways each day to share the gospel.

"They would NEVER have made this nightly journey along jungle trails before their salvation. Now in Christ they are being enabled to do this. This is what Krupangen had to say: 'This is God's work and I am so glad to be doing it. The road is not so easy at night and I am a bit tired, but this is just a little something. I am so glad to be doing this work for God. They are listening so well, and asking lots of questions. I really love this work.'

I met Gumentige just as he was heading back to Mbongen and this is what he had to say: 'I have such a great wife. She is so supportive of me in God's work and looks after the family so well. I thank God for giving me such a good wife.'"

Often Alma and I are asked how we are able to be separated for weekends at a time for years on end. And our answer is the same as Krupangen's in Itutang. "This is God's work, and we are so glad to be doing it! The road is not easy, but it is a small thing since we love the gospel and God's work. People are listening so well, and God transforming lives."

I also praise God for Alma. She's an incredible encouragement to me enabling me to serve through Elijah Ministries. Her faithful ministry to my family and to me is a testimony to the grace of God in her.

You also are a source of great joy and gratefulness. Without the prayer support and financial support teams, I believe God's work would be less fruitful. Thank you for being "not ashamed of the Gospel" with us!



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