



Youthworx East Africa News Letter

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Earlier last week, I was reading a book about family legacies and dynasties. It is surprising to what extent people can go just so their names will live on after they are gone. But for some strange reason, most people withhold the most important information that would ensure this until it's too late. A few get the chance to whisper it to a relative on the death-beds. Others are wise enough to write it down prior to such sudden circumstances whilst a lot die before they can pass on the most important piece of information in their heads.

I couldn't help but think to myself, if I died right now, what piece of information would I regret having not passed on to someone else? What is that one thing that would ensure that my name lives on after me? Only one thing could come to mind, 'the Love and goodness of God to Me and all mankind'. I strongly believe that it wasn't coincidental or accidental that Jesus' final words to his disciples had such motives;

Matthew 28:19, Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

This command to the disciples was to ensure that the name Jesus was to be spread to all nations for generations and generations thus my knowing him now.

Mark 16: 15 – 16: He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.



Thinking about these words from Jesus and relating them to YEA, I was wondering how deliberate we can sometimes get about evangelism without losing our plot of teaching in other aspects of life and in situations that may not necessitate direct preaching. A few stories come to my mind that I can share with you.

Story 1.

A drug addict was given a Bible by his neighbour to whom he said no. When asked why, he said he does not want to take it because he will roll out the papers and smoke them. He was told that it's ok as long as he read every page before he rolled it. Later that month, he bumped into his neighbour again. "How is the Bible?" he asked the addict. Well, the addict went on to explain, "I smoked my way through Mathew, smoked through Mark, through Luke and then got to John 3:16 and I knew what I had to do, I gave my life to Christ".

Story 2.

A girl visited a non-Christian friend's family. As she got water from the fridge, she noticed one solitary Tomato on a window plant. She later saw it on her plate at dinner. She was deeply moved by this gesture, she took this opportunity to say,

"I want to tell u a story, like how u gave me, a stranger your only tomato that is how God gave his only son to die for us..." Mother and daughter gave their lives to Jesus that evening.

In India, a missionary fell sick and had to stay in bed. The first day the team left, he burst into tears and complained to God, "Why won't you heal me? I want to be with the team, telling people about you!" Then there was a knock on the door. A small Indian girl stood in the doorway clutching a fistful of picked weeds and maybe a few flowers. She came in and he found that she spoke English very well. She told him that her name was Donka and she was 8 years old. Every day, after the team left, Donka came to his bedside. She always brought with her some Indian sweets or a book to color, or some small gift. Sometimes he was so ill that he couldn't talk very much, but she would sit with him quietly and read. After 5 or 6 days, he was well enough to walk to the next building where the team was evangelising. Donka came along and sat on his lap during the 35-minute pantomime show. As she watched, he explained to her the details of the gospel and who Jesus was. That day, Donka told him that she wanted to become a Christian.

Wondering where this is going? Well, what I am trying to say is, we do not always need a grand platform in a week's evangelism crusade for God to save lives through us. It is sometimes in the daily events of life that God is telling you, "preach the gospel to all nations, and share the good news". Let us look at every moment in life as an opportunity to share His goodness and love with someone. AMEN

Prayer Points:

Ian is running a couple of camps at Kampala International Church.

The December-January period is going to have a number of conferences and training workshops. We ask for prayers and support towards the finances and all other required needs. We are going to hold conferences in Masindi, Hoima and Mityana.

The tax file: Collin is working on the tax files and tax exemption files. We pray for a smooth running and path through the right people and hands.

Bbaala's Father died. We pray for his soul to rest in peace and for God to comfort Bballa through these tough times.

