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END OF YEAR UPDATE - 2019



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Celebrating 23 years of God's faithfulness in reaching the Unreached People Groups in East and Home of Africa



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Kenya



Uganda



Tanzania



DRC
Congo



South
Sudan



Burundi



Rwanda



Ethiopia



Sudan



Somalia



Comoros



Eritrea

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Word from Dr. Aila...



Dr. Aila Tasse

Founder, Lifeway Mission International

As we take a moment to reflect and praise God for all He has done this year 2019, we extend deep gratitude to all friends who came alongside us this year.

We are grateful for you for supporting our work, praying with and encouraging us. We thank and praise God for you.

Our 2019 theme was “Extending Our Territories.”

Drawn from Joshua chapter one, this Divinely inspired theme guided our DMM multiplication work and extension of God’s Kingdom.

We give praise to The Lord for extending our territories. This year recorded a marked increase in new Disciples and Churches planted. W

ith the help of Christ, we were able to initiate DMM work in new places. New people groups were engaged and new leaders developed.

We praise Him for we also went beyond Africa into catalyzing Disciple Making Movements in East Eu-

rope and other areas through the global Disciple Making Movement network.

Evaluation done during the annual strategic consultation in July showed that the Disciple Making Movement has grown from multiplying to sustaining. God provided the needed resources that enabled us sustain the Movement as new inside leaders took over. This enabled the teams to accomplish their work.

We also offer praises to Jesus for the many from Muslim background that came to faith in Christ. Some suffered persecution as a result but we were able to meet the arising needs.

The year also brought with it a few setbacks.

Violent conflict broke out between the Gabra and Borana tribes of North Kenya that displaced many. The two communities created buffer zones by retreating deeper into their tribal territories.

This affected DMM work along the tribal borders as leaders and Church members were forced to flee for their lives.

Inter-tribal hostility hindered team members from the two tribes from accessing each other’s areas. However we are grateful for The Lord’s protection over all DMM teams situated in the affected areas;

The year 2019 also saw major drought affect North and Coastal Kenya. The risk of starvation was great for many.

With the help of friends, Lifeway mission was able to undertake food and water relief distribution that mitigated the suffering and sustained lives. These were distributed over 6,000 unreached people group families spread across the region.

We praise God for all He enabled us do.

2020 Theme: "Going to the regions beyond."

As we look forward to 2020 we are trusting God to catalyze Disciple Making Movements beyond East Africa.

This vision was birthed at the 2019 Strategic Consultation Conference. Different initiatives towards the achievement of this goal were launched.

- ⇒ The **"Swahili Coast Initiative"** to catalyze the Movement along the Swahili Coast of Africa.
- ⇒ The **"Go North Initiative"** will focus on catalyzing DMM in North Africa.
- ⇒ The **"European Immigrant Initiative"** will focus on catalyzing DMM among immigrants flocking into Europe through North Africa and the Middle East.

We will also go beyond to the regions through the newly launched DMM Global Network. This is a Lifeway Mission International initiative that will

bring together Disciple Making ministries and organizations from around the globe. Its vision is to provide a place for Disciple Makers to network, learn from each other, share resources and grow.

Our faith is strong that The Lord will bless and grant us good success in these endeavors for He who started this good work is faithful to complete it. (Phil 1:6)

Finally, Beloved Brethren:

²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴ He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it. ²⁵ Brethren, pray for us.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 NKJV

May God bless you and your family during this Christmas season and into the new year.

Dr. Aila Tasse

The Swahili Coast



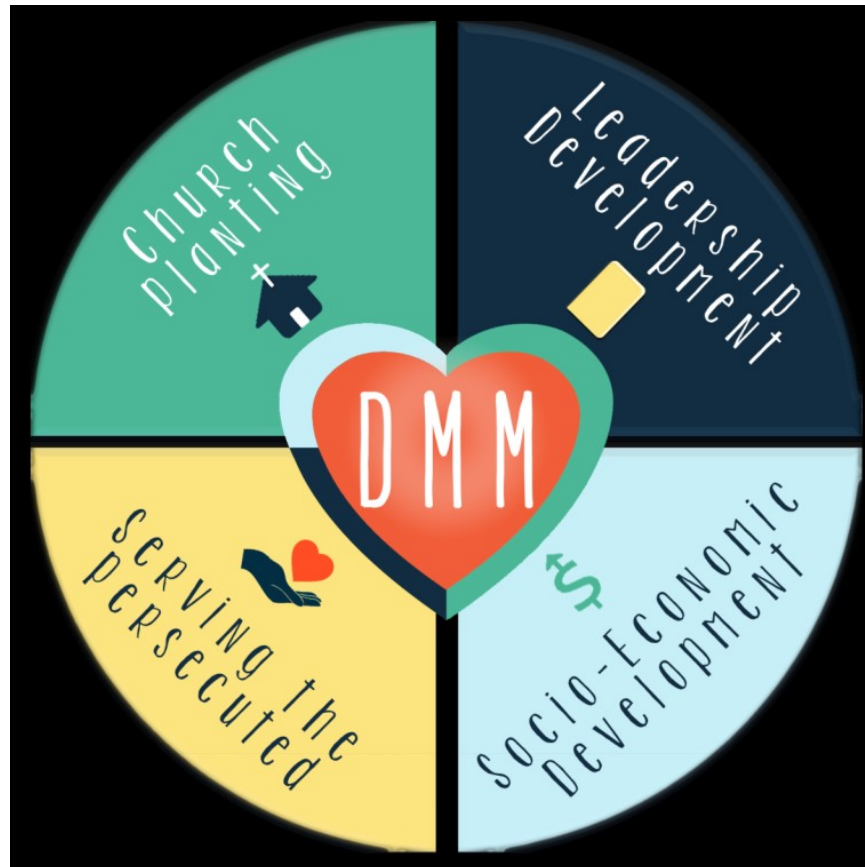
North Africa:

Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, and Sudan



South Somali, Kenya Tanzania, Mozambique and Comoros .

The Four Wheels of Lifeway Mission International



About Us

Lifeway Mission International (LWMI) is a non-denominational indigenous mission agency that works with Churches, Organizations and Christian Ministries to reach the Unreached People Groups of East and Horn of Africa. LWMI is engaged in making disciples; serving the persecuted Church; training and developing leaders and; socio-economic development projects.

Our Purpose

To glorify God by making disciples; equipping them to fulfil the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20); planting Churches and caring for the persecuted.

Our Core Values

- We depend entirely on God
- We value prayers at all times
- We are servants of God and His people
- We are committed to God and one another
- We are committed to high standards of integrity

The Four Wheels of Lifeway Mission International

Disciple Making Movement...



Church Planting

The heartbeat of Lifeway Mission International remains the Disciple Making Movement as we strive to serve as our Lord Jesus did. He preached the Gospel as He trained His Disciples. He also cared for the oppressed and met the needs of the poor.

The Four Wheels of Lifeway Mission imitates Christ's model of a holistic approach to outreach and development.

Leadership Development...

Jesus equipped an unqualified group of fishermen, tax collectors and ordinary flawed people to be the leaders of the early church. Throughout Jesus' gatherings and teachings, we see how He qualified the called by training and developing His followers.

Lifeway Mission also believes education is a catalyst for development. Leadership Development initiatives include regular trainings and targeted educational events.



Leadership Development

Serving the Persecuted...



Serving the Persecuted

Jesus was persecuted. He warns, *"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it has hated you"* (John 15:18). Persecution arises when The Gospel shines The Light of God exposing false religion and challenging negative cultural beliefs and practices. This may put the believer in direct opposition to the community, family and friends. The resulting animosity and rejection causes much suffering to some believers.

Lifeway Mission responds to the needs of such individuals, extending care and interventions aimed at strengthening them.

Socio-Economic Development...

To break down acceptance barriers and break the cycles of poverty among the Unreached People Groups, Lifeway Mission is involved in humanitarian relief projects, as well as micro-finance and business endeavors to break the cycles of poverty.

"If there is among you a poor man of your brethren, within any of the gates in your land which the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand from your poor brother." Deut 15:7



Socio-Economic Development

Disciple Making Movements and Church Planting



2019 DMM Baptism

The year 2019 presented challenges and excitement for the ministry as we continued to focus on reaching the **300** Unreached People Groups in the East and Horn of Africa, from Sudan down to the Comoros Island.

More churches were planted, Discovery Bible Studies started and leaders developed.

This year's Global Catalyst Camp brought together **180** Catalysts from 22 countries. The camp provided an opportunity to share what God is doing in East Africa. Many participants left with passion and vision to catalyze Disciple Making Movements in their countries.

East Africa - 2019

Discovery Bible Groups Started



5,016

Churches Planted



1,219

New Disciples



13,476

Newly Baptized



4,219

Leaders in DMM Training



5,971



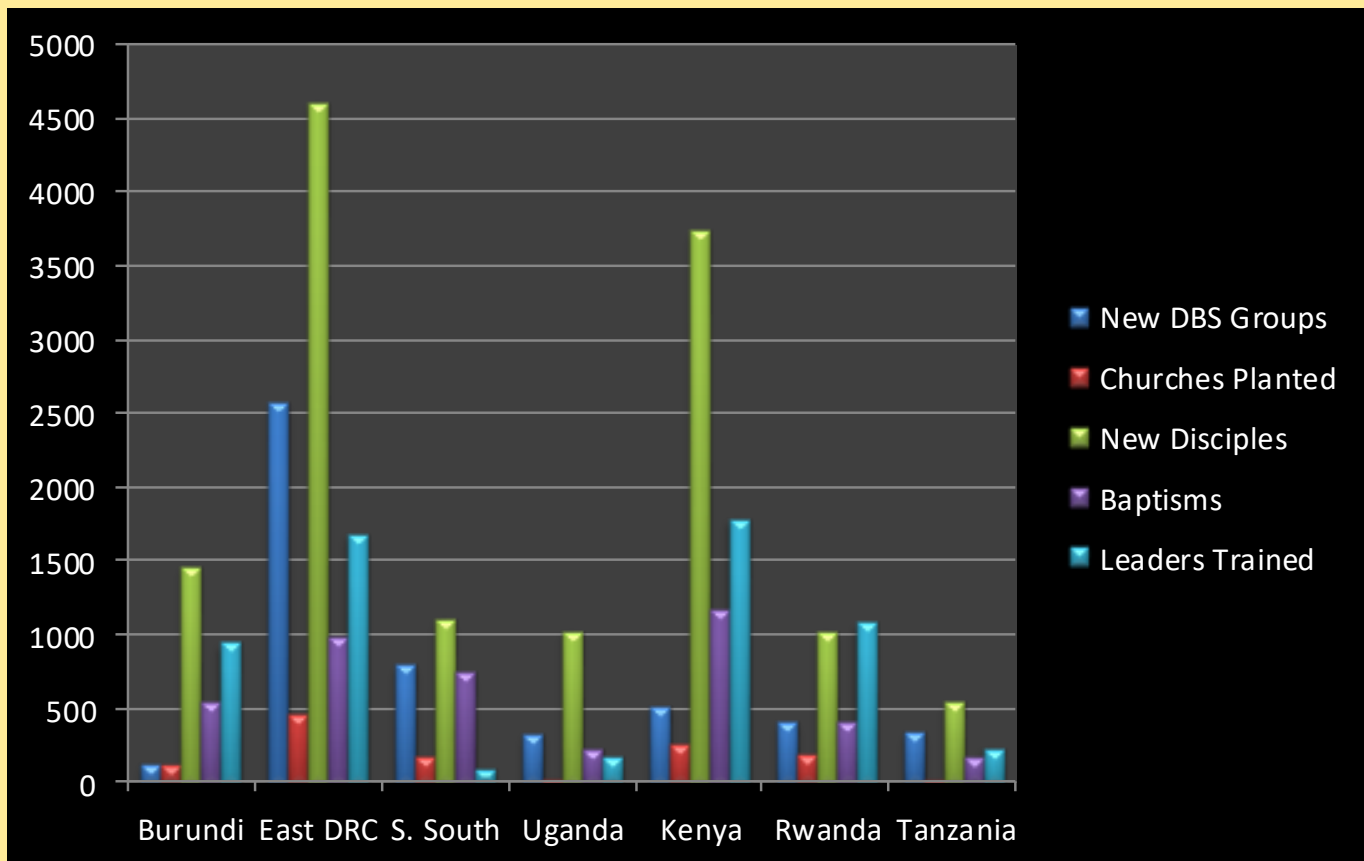
Grassroots Leaders in Training Session



2019 Global Catalyst Camp



DMM Church Service



2019 DMM Data at a Glance



Discovery Bible Study in Session



The Joy of Baptism...

Pray with us:

“³⁷ ... ‘The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.’ ³⁸ Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

Mathew 9:37-38 NKJV

- Praise God for all that have obeyed this command and are engaged in Disciple Making.
- Pray for their provision, protection and favor in the harvest fields.
- Pray that more co-laborers would arise and bring in The Lord’s plentiful harvest in these end times.
- Pray for the unreached, that their hearts would be receptive to the Gospel when it is presented to them.

2019 Global DMM Catalyst Camp...



We are all called to the Great Commission. God purposed that His Disciples walk in unity. It is in this spirit that in partnership with Mercy Alliance, we host the annual Global DMM Catalyst Camp. During the camp we encourage one another to keep working towards finishing the Great Commission and making Disciples for Christ.

This year's meeting brought together 180 participants from 22 countries. They shared testimonies of what God is doing through DMM in their areas. The participants also discussed DMM case studies emerging from East Africa, the Philippines and West Africa.

In addition to other presenters, Roy Moran and Dr. Aila

shared on the importance of networking in DMM while Mike MaCcusland, CEO of the Leadership Institute of Entrepreneurship presented his unique study of entrepreneurship.

During the camp there were Discovery and training sessions. Evening workshops included: Media DMM, Mentoring and Coaching, Muslim DMM, Women and DMM, Basic DMM, Sport DMM, Entrepreneurship and Leadership Development.

We are grateful to God for all who came. It was also a wonderful time of fellowship and networking opportunity for the participants.



Region In Focus...

From Nuba Mountains - Sudan

“2019 has been exciting! We saw God bring strong people into the Movement. 178 Churches were catalyzed around the Nuba Mountains. Many went out to reach neighboring Churches and even cross-culturally.” Missionary Omondi.

Hundreds of Discovery Bible Study groups were formed from which many leaders were identified and equipped. This is crucial for sustaining the Movement.

“We have emerging leaders. I have trained them to also identify other leaders right from the Discovery groups. We build their capacity through further training.” Missionary Omondi

The impact has been powerful and the testimonies encouraging.

A Muslim man had a very sick son. For long, the man sought healing for the son from numerous witchdoctors to no avail. One day the DMM team went to his home. They asked to pray with him. He accepted and told them about his ailing son. They prayed. His son was healed immediately.

This so touched the father that he decided to embrace Christ on the spot! He began a Discovery Bible Study in his home.

“We equipped him with an Audio Bible., He faithfully shared what he had learnt. Within two months The Lord had used him to bring 15 families to faith in Christ.”

Two young men developed passion to make Disciples after attending DMM training.

“As we speak, through one of them, 17 former Muslims have been baptized after confessing faith in Christ while the other has led to the baptism of 62 former Muslims.

Their pastor is very happy and wishes he could have sent more to be trained!” Reported Missionary Omondi.

Four other young men, all from Muslim background came to faith through Discovery Bible Study.



Discovery Bible Study in Session—South Sudan

They began a new Discovery group. One week later they shared with a Muslim neighbor who was a well-known witchdoctor. They were surprised when he decided to become a believer after that one interaction. He brought out all his witchcraft paraphernalia to be destroyed.

“The young men did not know what to do!” Missionary Omondi recounted. Being young in the faith themselves, they did not know how to handle such things. Thankfully they knew of a pastor living not too far away. One of them ran for him, He agreed to help. He accompanied the young man to the home where he prayed and destroyed the paraphernalia.

This year we also thank God for the baptism of three young men who were formerly radical Muslims. “The security situation in South Sudan and Nuba Mountains remains volatile. There are many guns in the society and any small disagreement can lead to violence.”

At the same time the Nuba Mountains road system remains largely undeveloped, making travel very difficult.

“Many times we walk for long distances or take motorbike rides through the bush to get to villages. We have also faced some opposition from traditional churches Despite these challenges God has kept us safe.” Missionary Omondi said.

Despite such challenges, the Disciple Making Movement continues to make increasing impact in spreading the Gospel. “What keeps me there is obedience to Christ’s command to ‘Go’ He also promised, ‘I will be with you.’” Missionary Omondi.



Pray for the Sudan DMM Team:

“Join us in praying that The Lord will bring more leaders to bring in the harvest. I just need leaders, because if I have leaders then everything will be okay!” Missionary Omondi

- Pray for affordable and secure accommodation for Missionary Omondi .
- Pray for security of the DMM team and for those who are persecuted for embracing Christ.
- Pray for resources, particularly to ease the transport challenges.

How you can support DMM in Nuba Mountain:

- ⇒ Support DMM and other training materials.
- ⇒ Donate Bicycles or Motorbikes to enable the DMM leaders traverse the region.
- ⇒ Donate Arabic and English Bibles for the literate new disciples.
- ⇒ Jesus Film in Arabic.
- ⇒ Donate Audio Bible Stories Arabic and English.
- ⇒ Donate Food relief for compassion access ministry.

Emergency Relief Distribution

Kenya experienced prolonged drought in 2019. The situation became especially dire across North and Coastal regions as the people faced starvation.

With support from Ministry partners, Lifeway was able to respond through the Emergency Relief Program.

Food and clean water was distributed to the most affected and vulnerable communities. This intervention served a dual purpose. It sustained lives while providing a way to access to the communities for DMM.

Although reaching some of the villages posed a great challenge due to the poor road network and tribal clashes, 6,128 families from Lodwar, Turkana, Isiolo, Sololo, Marsabit, Samburu, Oldonyiro, Sololo/Walda, Korr and Maral received the aid.

We thank and praise God for safe travels to and from the areas.



Thank you Partners!



Leadership Development and Training...

At a 2018 strategy meeting, the training department together with area leaders and coordinators came up with, and implemented the DMM Drive.

They felt that to be more effective and better utilize training resources, every region needed to create a team and form dedicated departments.

The team agreed that each region would form training, data, research, resource, and prayer mobilization departments.

This model would also ensure team leadership continuity as well as better accountability.

This year, the DMM Drive enabled better access to the ground. They also got a clearer identity of the grass-roots teams and kept abreast of the work on the ground.

Lifeway partners with likeminded organizations such as International Training Institute (ITI), Freedom to Lead, and Eagles Project International (EPI), Lifeway Mission to equip the grass-root leaders. Trainings include mentoring and coaching, DMM, Bible knowledge, Christology, L-TEC training, Economic Empowerment, skills etc

How you can support the DMM Training Department?

Challenges to the training work include widespread illiteracy, geographical distances and hostility to the Gospel. cultural opposition especially regarding women's place in leadership.

- Donate Motorbikes to ease transport challenge for the DMM leaders as road network is extremely poor in the region vast.
- Donate resources towards training as the need for leadership development and team capacity building remains high.

Pray with us:

- ⇒ Pray with us for leadership sustainability. We pray that the inside leaders would be graced to own the Disciple Making Movement and commit to its growth and multiplication.
- ⇒ Pray for the DMM teams as they come up against the prevailing challenges. Pray for wisdom and protection as they work amidst cultural opposition and hostility.



ITI Graduation



EPI Frontline Theology Graduation

Medical Missions...

In June 2019 Lifeway Mission, in partnership with Eagles Project International (EPI) conducted the annual Medical Missions outreach. The Medical Mission is a compassion access ministry to build relationships towards initiating DMM.

This year the team travelled to Loiyangalani Division, Marsabit County where 1,600 people received treatment.

Loiyangalani is home to the El Molo Unreached People Group. With a population less than 400, this Cushitic tribe is one of the last true hunter-gather communities. They are not pastoralists, preferring to fish in Lake Turkana. Their Samburu neighbors describe them as the people who eat fish, “*loo molo on-sikirri*.”

The El Molo are precariously near extinct due to intermarriage as well as cultural absorption into the Turkana and Samburu communities. Recent research found that just 40 “pure” El Molo are left.

How you can support the Medical Missions?

- Donate Medical Resources towards the annual outreach.
- If you are a medical professional, you can also donate your time and accompany the travelling team.

Pray with us:

- ⇒ Praise God with us for every one that donated resources or personal time to the 2019 Medical Missions team.
- ⇒ Pray with us that The Lord will draw the El Molo to Himself.

“⁴⁴ No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day..” John 6:44 NKJV

- ⇒ Pray for the birthing and success of DMM among the El Molo people.



Persecution and Hope...



Christ warned that His followers would be hated and persecuted just as He was. Indeed this remains true for many Unreached People that come to faith in Him.

Some are thrown out of the family home while others lose their property in arson attacks. Many are excommunicated from the community, losing their farms and businesses. Others suffer physical violence.

Lifeway Mission stands with such persons. Giving moral and other support, we aim to mitigate their suffering.

Cases from 2019 included Uganda, where seventeen people from a predominantly Muslim community came to faith in Christ through the Discovery Bible Study.

Muslim relatives and neighbors chased them into the nearby forest. Lifeway Mission initiated a building project to provide them with homes. This is ongoing.

In Zanzibar, 16 year old Musa fled after his father threatened to kill him for accepting Jesus Christ. He found refuge with Christian brothers. Lifeway paid his 2019 school fees.

35 year old Zainab and her husband were heavily persecuted by the Muslim community for accepting Christ.

They also suffered financially. Lifeway facilitated the, to lease farm land for income generation.

Winnie from Uganda became a Disciple of Christ and soon led her mother to faith in The Lord. They suffered major discrimination after the Muslim community discovered their Christian faith. None was allowed to associate or transact any business with them. Lifeway funded the expansion of Winnie's bead making business.

Brother Ismael of Uganda was fired by his Muslim employers after they discovered that he had received Jesus. The whole Muslim community rejected him. None could offer him a job opportunity. Lifeway helped him care for his family and pay school fees for his children.

In Tanzania relatives of Brother Hussein frustrated his every effort to make a living after they discovered that he had become a believer. Lifeway facilitated him to relocate from the area after his relatives threatened to stone him to death for apostasy.

How can you support our service to the persecuted?

- Resources to care for other persecuted brethren.
- Prayer support for those suffering and for their persecutors.

Pray with us:

- ⇒ Pray for these (and many others) brethren enduring persecution Pray that they will remain strong in the faith and commitment to Jesus.
- ⇒ Pray that their relatives and community would also open their hearts to Christ.



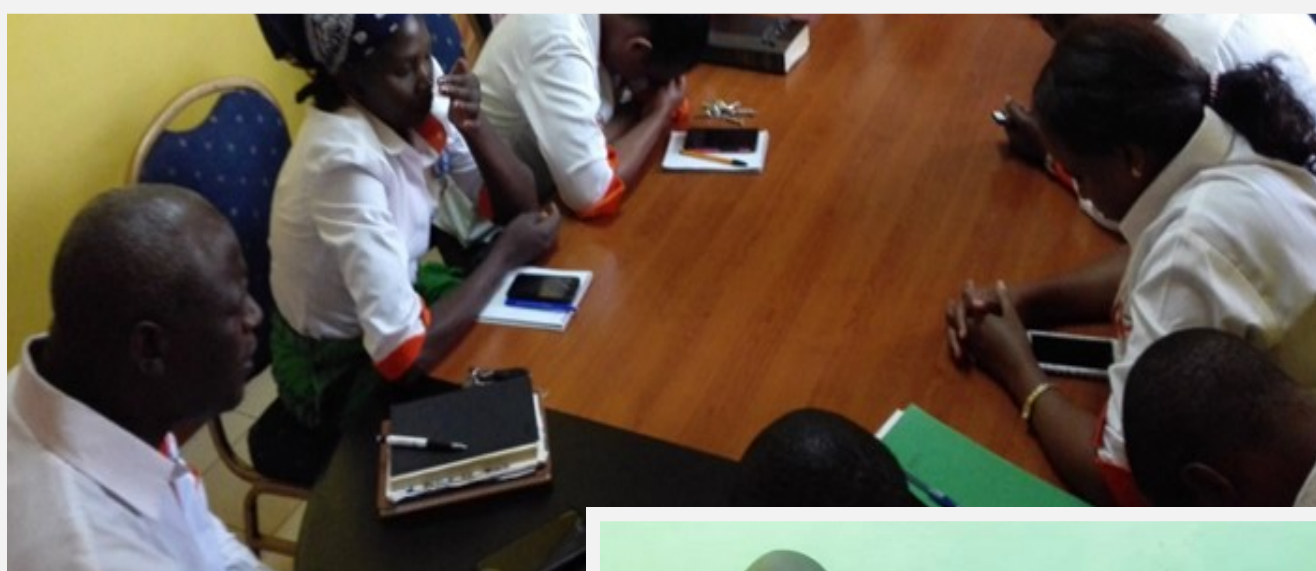
Prayer Mobilization...

Prayer is the foundation of all we do at Lifeway Mission. The dedicated Prayer Mobilization department mobilizes the core and fields teams to pray. They share out prayer items with DMM leaders every Tuesday and Thursday.

Apostle Paul exhorted Timothy to continuously make supplications, prayers and intercession with thanks giving for all men. (1 Timothy 2:1) As we pray, our strength of purpose is renewed. We are also empowered to boldly proceed into new territories to make disciples of all men.

This year, prayers were made over Lifeway Mission partners in the field and those that support the work in various ways. We also prayed about new territories among the Unreached People Groups. Using Zechariah 8:21 we called for God's guidance to move speedily in seeking Him for the sake of the unreached. Prayers were also raised for the persecuted

Praise God for answering the prayers. New territories were found and accessed. Men and women of peace were identified and relationships made. New DBS Groups were formed, thousands were baptized, new Churches planted and leaders found. Mission partners also released support through volunteering their time, giving of various resources, training and finances.



Thank you Partners!

***“Assuredly, I say to you, inas-
much as you did it to one of
the least of these My brethren,
you did it to Me. “***



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