

2024 FTTA Gospel Trips
Report and Prayer Burdens 9
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AFRICA

Ethiopia

January 28

Today, we enjoyed our first Lord's table and prophesying meetings with the church in Addis Ababa. The saints offered their genuine praise and worship over the entire 90 minutes. In the afternoon, a sister invited our team and local saints to her home for lunch. Her own testimony was encouraging, sweet, and moving. She sought out Christian groups for answers to her genuine questions concerning the Triune God but they only shunned and "quarantined" her in return. Eventually, when she came to a conference among the saints that solicited any and all questions—to her surprise—and as she asked her questions one by one, she began to weep, having found the truth concerning the Triune God that satisfied her once and for all.

Finally, to provide one update for a previous prayer burden, we will no longer be going to Hawassa to preach the gospel due to road safety concerns. We will instead spend a second week in Addis Ababa for the gospel and to be built up with the local saints.

January 29

We spent the morning visiting different parts of the city to familiarize ourselves with the typical Ethiopian lifestyle. This deepened our love for our fellow man for the sake of the gospel. In the evening, we had dinner at a young couple's home and we heard the wife's touching testimony. She first encountered the church life through a prayer meeting and despite its unfamiliarity, she felt a deep inward yearning to say "amen" to the saints' prayers. Unable to resist, she uttered "amen," and instantly felt a pervading peace within. She testified that her spirit being joined with the other saints' spirits is what drew her and kept her.

January 30

After a week of preaching at Addis Ababa Science and Technology University (AASTU), we moved to Addis Ababa University (AAU), Ethiopia's oldest university with a total student population around 48,000. We labored with FTTAA trainees and full-timers with a strong corporate burden based upon our ministry reading concerning God's desire for man to eat Him. We asked students if they knew that God's words are meant to be eaten and then led them to pray-read the Word in an exercised and living way. In the evening we attended our second and final prayer meeting of the church in Addis. As the local saints are participating in the video training of the recent semiannual, we prayed much concerning our laboring on Christ and our knowing His ascension.

Statistics (January 30):

Tracts: 41

Received the Lord: 7

Bibles: 10

Prayer burdens:

1. For the Lord in His ascension to rule over the evil principalities of religion and for many young people to see the evilness of religion and the light of God's economy.
2. For the Lord to prepare His sons of peace at Addis Ababa University.
3. For the Lord to release one baptism every day.



EUROPE

Bulgaria / Romania

January 30

For the Romania part of the trip, 1148 Rhema sets were handed out to the young Romanian believers and students. Some contacts came for a second appointment and dinner together. Hopefully, the contacts will be able to be shepherded by the saints in the future.

Prayer burdens:

1. That the contacts would continue to come and connect with the saints.
2. For the shepherding of the new ones in Bucharest.
3. That the Rhema sets handed out would be read by the ones who received them.

France

January 29

The gospel team went back to Sorbonne University Jussieu campus in Paris to distribute bibles. This time the reception was much more positive, and we were able to give out 19 bibles. Later in the day, the team went to a home meeting in Paris with some students where the trainees shared about their experience in the Training and how the Lord led them to go.

January 30

The team went to a new campus, the Grands Moulins campus for Paris City University, where there was again a positive reception to the Bible distribution. The sisters also had an appointment with one of the new contacts. In the evening, the team split to join two home meetings in Paris.

Statistics (January 29):

Contacts: 26

Tracts: 9

Bibles: 19

Statistics (January 30):

Contacts: 9

Tracts: 5

Bibles: 27

Received the Lord: 1

2nd contact/appointment: 1

Prayer burdens:

1. That this week in Paris will lay the groundwork for the upcoming summer gospel trips in France.
2. For the gospel team's visitation to strengthen the saints in Dieppe on January 30.
3. For the health of the gospel team and a quick recovery of teammates who are ill.

Germany (Dusseldorf / Hamburg)

January 28

The Lord's table meeting of the church in Düsseldorf was held in the morning, each spoken word translated into four other languages (German, English, Russian, Farsi, and Chinese), with a wonderful love feast held afterwards. Joining with number of saints, we had another walk along the city's river banks filled with fellowship and blending. For dinner, we were split into three homes to visit and were further infused with the saints' burdens for Düsseldorf.

January 29

After getting to meet many of the saints of the church in Hamburg, a brief orientation to the locality and the work in campuses nearby was given with an invitation for saints to join coordination and gospel preaching times for solid connecting of students to local saints. The main burdens of the church in Hamburg were that they would establish strong small group meetings, so that all saints would be in one and be able to pray for one another, and that they would preach the gospel to gain local Germans.

January 30

At the University of Hamburg, the team and a couple of local saints had the opportunity to converse with students and preach the gospel to them. Having gained a number of contacts released by the Lord, names were brought to the prayer meeting for each to be brought to the Lord in a personal way, as well as the corporate way, through following appointments and a coming seminar to be held this Friday, February 2.

Prayer burdens:

1. That the Lord will maintain His victory in Düsseldorf through our beloved saints and gain His proper testimony with more local Germans added to His expression in the locality.
2. That the Lord will have His way at Hamburg for this coming week in our blending with all the saints and ministering to the Lord.
3. That His sons of peace would have full way to enter in with the proper knitting together with the saints.
4. That the Lord would release further contact with the ones He led us to today, January 30.
That He would gain all that He is after in the seminar coming up this Friday, February 2, filling the room with His marked out ones.

Germany (Frankfurt)

January 30

Today, we went to the Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences (Hochschule) to preach the gospel and to meet up with the students there. Meanwhile, we also had some appointments who were interested in catching up at Goethe University. Some of the trainees were able to participate in the English club to preach the gospel to neighborhood friends. At night we had the prayer meeting at the hall.

Statistics:

Tracts: 7

Contacts: 3

Conversations: 4

Cards: 9

Appointments: 6

Prayer burdens:

1. That the Lord will continue to lead us to the sons of peace for the rest of the gospel trip.
2. For the Lord to bless those from Frankfurt who are traveling to Taiwan for the International Chinese Speaking Conference.
3. That the Lord will cause our unbelieving contacts to receive the Lord.

Germany (Stuttgart /Tubingen)

January 29-30

On Monday morning, the team joined coordination with the full-timers and had an orientation for the upcoming week. With this orientation, we got a brief summary of the history of the church in Stuttgart. After coordination, the team went out with the full-timers to place flyers on tables at the main cafeteria (the Mensa) of University of Stuttgart.

For both Monday and Tuesday, all the trainees joined the full-timers with various appointments with the students of University of Stuttgart. Those appointments were very encouraging and enjoyable. In addition to appointments, we met a few on the gospel who were open to speak with us for a good amount of time and have meaningful conversations (35-45 minutes). One of the contacts (Student A) who two sister trainees meet, was very open and warm to what they had to say and really appreciated them reaching out to her. She texted them back on the same day stating that meeting them and conversing with them was the best part of her day. On Tuesday evening, we joined the saints for dinner and were able to hear their wonderful testimonies and have sweet fellowship. Following that we joined the prayer meeting in Stuttgart.

Statistics:

Regular appointments: 5

Visitations: 5

Prayer burdens:

1. Pray for many to attend the upcoming Thursday night college meeting this week.
2. Pray for a follow up appointment that two trainee sisters are planning to have with student A on Thursday, February 1.
3. Pray for the Bible distribution that will be taking place for the next few days.

Ireland

January 30

The Ireland team spent several hours on the campus of University College Dublin (UCD) yesterday and today. We have enjoyed praying as a team and with the saints for the people of Ireland, especially that the Lord would open and soften the hearts of some young Irish students.

Statistics (at Trinity College Dublin):

Tracts: 1362

Bibles: 159

Statistics (at UCD):

Tracts: 141

Bibles: 1

Contacts: 17

Prayer burdens:

1. For the college meeting for Dublin students on Wednesday, January 31.
2. For the Bible study at Trinity College Dublin this Friday, February 2.
3. For second appointments with students contacted from Trinity College Dublin and UCD.

Portugal / Spain

January 30

These past 3 days, we have been visiting the saints in Lisbon, Portugal. We partook of the Lord's table and joined the home meeting. On Monday, January 29, we were at Lisbon University handing out Bibles. We will be in Galicia, Spain tomorrow morning, January 31, visiting the families there.

Statistics:

Bibles: 200 (at the University of Lisbon)

Meaningful conversations: 30 (during the Bible distribution)

Prayer burdens:

1. That the Lord would increase in Lisbon, that they would be strengthened with more serving ones.
2. That the Lord would bring some students from the University to the saints.
3. For the saints in Lisbon to move into a new meeting hall that would meet their needs.

Sweden

January 30

Yesterday, we made it to Uppsala, Sweden, around dinner time. We all went and had dinner with our hospitality and enjoyed getting to know the saints. We spent time in coordination this morning and had a short time out to distribute bibles and tracts near Uppsala University. Then in the evening, we had a welcome dinner and time to fellowship and hear some of the history of the church life in Sweden. We will go out for a longer time each morning this week, to distribute tracts and Bibles. The Bibles are in English, and come in a package with a

Swedish “Basic Elements of the Christian Life,” and a contact card for the saints in Uppsala. We hope in our time going out we are able to get some personal contacts, who would receive a bible and can become remaining fruit here.

On Wednesday evening, there will be a ministry meeting on 2 Corinthians given in Swedish and broadcasted via the internet. There is a strong burden here for the ministry to go out in the Swedish language, and this meeting makes this possible and accessible to many across the country.

Prayer burdens:

1. For the Bible distribution at Uppsala University, Sweden from Wednesday, January 31 through Friday, February 2, that many would be open to the Word and for further contact.
2. For the Wednesday night Ministry Meeting and the release of the Lords speaking through the ministry in Swedish.
3. For the continued shepherding of existing contacts in the group meetings and appointments, and that the Lord would appear to each one personally.



NORTH AMERICA

Mid-Atlantic

Pennsylvania / Washington, D.C.

January 28

On January 28, we went to the Lord’s table meeting in Fairfax, and one of the students we met during the George Mason University (GMU) tabling was in attendance. There was a love feast after the meeting. Later in the afternoon, we had a young people’s meeting at Dunn Loring which included 100 people in total. During this meeting, the trainees were invited to share their testimonies and answered questions that the young people had. And then we had a tour of Washington D.C.

January 29

On Monday, we traveled to Philadelphia, toured the city with local saints, had dinner with the students before going to the first Bible study on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania. A total of 24 students were there, including 4 new ones.

Midwest

Lexington, KY / Louisville, KY / Cincinnati, OH / Columbus, OH

January 29

On Monday morning, we coordinated with the full-time team in Cincinnati. Trainees tabled with the team on campus and joined at least one appointment with students. In the evening, trainees joined a snow tubing trip with students and community saints.

We have been joining in on the appointments with the full-timers and students. Some of the students we met are brand new believers and it is such a joy to introduce them to much more salvation. One did not know about the assurance of salvation so showing him through the Word that once he received the Lord that he now has an irreversible, life relationship with God as His son was so watering to all of us. Students here are hungry and seeking for the truth, they just need some to feed them!

Being with the team here, we feel our view of serving has been enlarged. Currently, the team is caring for around 50 students. As we joined appointments with students here, we were encouraged by the team's regular and continuous appointments with students gained from the campus. We were also encouraged that a number of students are very involved and functioning in the club.

The full-time team places emphasis on bridging the connection between the campus work and students and the community saints to bring the saints into their function and to bear fruit in the Body.

Prayer burdens:

1. For the Bible study on Wednesday, January 31, at the University of Cincinnati and for the burden to be released through the speaking of trainee brothers.
2. For the Lord to supply the team in their care for all the students gained off this campus and the college meeting this Friday.

Mountain States

Boulder, CO / Colorado Springs, CO / Denver, CO /

Fort Collins, CO

January 29

Today, we attended Colorado State University (CSU) where we handed out flyers to the ministry meeting series the club is doing called "The Unhindered Move of God".

Statistics:

Meaningful conversations: 33

Tracts: 23

Flyers: 375

Prayer: 5

Phone Numbers: 1

Prayer burden:

1. For the establishment of core students in the Christian Students at CSU club.

Northeast

Newington, CT / Lowell, MA / Manchester, NH

January 28

On January 28, we had breakfast with the saints in Storrs before joining the Lord's table meeting in Lowell. After the meeting, we moved to Manchester, New Hampshire and had dinner with the saints we were staying with.

January 29

On January 29, we had coordination after breakfast, and drove to University of Massachusetts Lowell (UML) to table near the campus. Despite the weather, we had a fruitful time out on the gospel with many receiving tracts. Our team really felt that the Lord was blessing our time on the campus because the students were open to what we had to say, despite the snow and the cold. At night, we had a time of blending with the saints at the meeting hall where we shared our experiences from earlier that day and had a short time of prayer for the contacts.

Statistics:

Contacts: 28

Tracts: 144

Bibles: 14

Prayed to receive the Lord: 2

Prayer burdens:

1. For many to join the Thursday bible study in UML.
2. For the releasing of a faculty advisor required to have a club on the UML campus.
3. For the Northeast team.

Upstate New York

January 29

We had a blending time over lunch with the students at Cornell University. In the evening, we had a gospel meeting where all the trainees and students were able to share. One student brought a classmate to the gospel meeting for the first time, and he prayed to receive the Lord! He said that he was grateful that he could meet the saints in his last semester.

Prayer burdens:

1. That the students at Cornell would be able to get the campus club reapproved this semester without hindrance.
2. That the Lord would go before us to Rochester, preparing the hearts of the students for the gospel.

Northwest

Missoula, MT / Pullman, WA / Spokane, WA / West

Richland, WA

January 28

The saints in Cheney drove over to Spokane for a joint Lord's table meeting and love feast afterwards. It was awesome to regroup with the saints we met at the beginning of our trip and meet new faces as well. In the evening, we attended a gospel orientation time in the Cheney meeting hall.

January 29

After a sweet time of coordination, there were multiple opportunities to go door knocking in different spots throughout Cheney. We had solid conversations with some, and a handful invited the different groups into their home. Though there aren't many saints in Cheney, it is sweet to see the saints functioning in the meetings and going out on the gospel with us!

Prayer burdens:

1. For the Lord to release follow-up appointments with people contacted in Cheney through door knocking and those who attended the dinner at the hall on Tuesday night (January 30).
2. For the Lord to release the salvation of the people in Cheney who did not answer but had a gospel tract left at their door.
3. For the Lord to prepare the hearts of the students at Washington State University to receive the gospel on Thursday, when we go out on the campus (February 1).



Southeast

Georgia / Tennessee

January 29

Today, in Knoxville, two sisters joined a Bible study and one brother joined a full-timer for an appointment with a student. Then, we got a tour of the campus from one of the students. At night we got dinner with the students and then joined their weekly ministry meeting series called Fan into Flame. There were 34 returning and new students who attended the meeting. This week's topic was "A Story of Love" expounding on the love of Christ.

Prayer burdens:

1. That the club in Knoxville would continue to have returning students and new ones come to the club meetings.
2. That the students would see that God's economy is related to His pleasure and would seek to "speed up" His return.

