

LifeRise Projects Address Hardship

Kenya

With funds from a *LifeRise* grant, Full Gospel Churches of Kenya (FGCK) has brought a video about how to prevent HIV, called *The Fire is Coming*, to rural villages and schools. They also showed the *Jesus Film*.

Hauling water

Several villages that FGCK visited are suffering from lack of rain. Village women travel long distances to collect water, carrying heavy tanks on their backs. The difficult task takes all day.

Crowds came late into the night

Because the effort to survive consumes villagers' days, facilitators showed the video presentations late at night. Even so, several hundred people trooped out to see the videos.

Jesus the living water

Through the outreach, people learned how to prevent the deadly disease of HIV. Villagers heard about the living water that Jesus offers to quench the thirst of the soul. FGCK has planted a couple of new churches in the area which will have continued impact.



Woman hauling water in Kenya



Water source for people and animals



FGCK church plant meets under the shade of a tree

Cameroon

LifeRise grant recipient Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services (CBCHS) successfully completed the first quarter of their project. Due to political upheaval in the area, they were not able to continue with the second quarter of the project.

Political violence

Rebel militia groups are terrorizing villages in the project areas. In addition, government forces are fighting the militias. Civilians are fleeing the areas of fighting.

Pray for project continuation

CBCHS is attempting to restart the project in safer areas. Please pray for the project. Community outreaches are bringing medical care to where patients live. This helps patients to not have to travel on unsafe roads in insecure areas to visit the clinic.

- ◆ Medical teams are bringing lifesaving HIV treatment to people in support groups which are meeting close to home.
- ◆ Hospice medical teams and volunteers are making home visits to patients dying from HIV.

Dying Man Saved

LifeRise grant partner Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services (CBCHS) (see page 1) aims to bring medical teams and hospice volunteers to visit people dying from HIV in their homes.

A CBCHS hospice volunteer visited a man who was in great pain. She asked that one of the medical teams see him. They admitted him to the CBCHS hospital, where his pain was relieved by the care.

“God wasn’t finished with me”

Asked about his experience, he said, “I realized I was getting close to my grave. Living was meaningless to me. Even though I had accepted in my mind that I was going to die, God wasn’t yet finished with me. I never knew that I was so valuable to God that He would send a volunteer and also a whole team from the hospital to come right to my home to take care of me. The gospel was shared with me and my wife and we all surrendered to the Lord Jesus Christ. That I am alive today is all because God used them to rescue my life. Thank you, God, for everything you have done for me.”

HIV Education Tool Developed

LifeRise has developed a training manual to equip Christians to share the key HIV messages with people in group settings such as villages, schools, and churches. The tool is called, *HIV Education Outreach: Sharing the 4 Most Important Messages About HIV*.

I wrote this for the Global CHE (Community Health Evangelism) Network. Since this Network has over 27,000 workers in more than 130 countries, the tool has potential for a big impact.

Each of the four lessons starts with an engaging role play. Spiritual concepts are woven throughout, and facilitators are encouraged to share the gospel.

The four life-giving messages can be summarized as **P2T2** — **P**revent, **T**est, **T**reat, and **P**rotect.

◆ Prevent

HIV can be prevented by following God’s design for marriage — abstinence until marriage, and faithfulness in marriage. God can give a person the power to live by his plan.

◆ Test

Every person who has ever had sexual relations or used injected drugs is at risk for HIV and should be tested.

◆ Treat

Every person who tests positive for HIV (infected) should start on lifesaving treatment (called ART) as soon as possible and stay on it for life. People with HIV will have improved health on ART. They can live a long life and are less likely to die of AIDS. They have less chance of passing the virus to others. ART is God’s gift of compassion and healing.

◆ Protect

A pregnant woman with HIV can pass the virus to her baby in the womb, during delivery, and through breastfeeding. Her infant with HIV will be very sickly and have a high chance of dying. Every pregnant or breastfeeding woman and her partner should be tested for HIV. A woman who tests positive for HIV should start ART as soon as possible and stay on it for life. ART will protect a woman’s health and prevent her baby from getting HIV.

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because of HIV/AIDS in poor communities worldwide.

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