



GOOD NEWS JAIL AND PRISON MINISTRY SEWING PROJECT MAGAZINE



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GOOD NEWS JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY - TANZANIA.

I was in prison and you came to visit me."

(Matthew 25:36)

Who are we?

Good News Jail & Prison Ministry is a registered non-profit Christian organization in Tanzania with registration number S.A 20205 under the Societies Act (CAP 337.R. E. 2002). It provides services nationwide. It is the only registered Christian organization in Tanzania that serves as tool for Jesus Christ to convey the message of the Gospel to prisoners in collaboration with various churches to carry out under this organization to convey the Gospel of Jesus Christ to prisoners in prisons. The organization was founded in 2015 and began the process of registering in Tanzania and succeeded in obtaining registration in 2022. There are many reasons that required us to register this organization, one of the reasons was the difficulty of denomination churches from being allowed to perform services in prisons, according to our prison service laws in order for the church to be accepted to do ministry in prison, it should have believers who are inmates in prison who they know and mention their names, then they should ask permission to be allowed to do ministry in prison. Many pastors from various churches were not going to do ministry in prison and completely forgot the souls in prison due to lack of this quality, it is the Roman Catholic Church that could find in prison doing ministry in prison, so it was necessary as leaders to sit together and register an organization that will be called "GOOD NEWS JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY - TANZANIA" which works to unite different denominations to do Ministry in Prison. Many denominations do not know about prison services, some go once a year to attend to the needs of prisoners only, and they call prison services. Ministry in Prison is the presence of a preacher every week in the prison who provides spiritual service in the respective Prison, and it is good if other denominations will support him by helping him to show the love of Jesus Christ through actions. We need to help prisoners grow in faith and in relationships with Jesus Christ. It provides training on how to do ministry in Prison, and having an understanding of God's word helps the Christian called to serve to get permission from the relevant department, and serve in the prison closest to him, the Pastor who provides the service. service in Prison serves as a human service provider in prisons and a spiritual service provider. Any Christian who needs to cooperate with this ministry must go through ministry training in Prison so that he/she does not break the laws in Prison, and enable him to have a good understanding of the word of God. This organization does not teach the teachings of denominations Churches, it teaches what the Bible teaches to be silent when the Bible is silent and to say what the Bible says

OUR VISION:

A community spiritually freed from the effects of imprisonment that reaches all those affected by imprisonment, through love, hope, and faith found in Jesus Christ.

OUR MISSION:

The Good News Jail & Prison Ministry is to share the transformative love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, along with their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

CHALLENGES THAT THE MINISTRY IS FACED WITH:

Our evangelists who volunteered to serve in prisons, face the challenge of Muslim prisoners after becoming Christians, they are separated from their families while in prison, and stop visiting them, and warn them to return to the faith of their families. And when they finish their prison sentence, their family is not ready to receive them, they expel them from their home, and they are given conditions to return to Islam and then receive them in their family.

Former prisoners have started to live a life of suffering and struggle, they become beggars, and some are threatened by their families to be killed, and sometimes our evangelists are threatened to be killed.

Also, the problem of Christians who were Muslims who changed their religion outside the prison face the challenge, after becoming Christians they are expelled from home and start living a poor life and as a student they stop paying their school fees. They remain people who have no relatives or any help.

THE SOLUTION TO THIS CHALLENGE:

The Board of Good News Jail & Prison Ministry began to pray for God to help us find a way to start a Sewing project to help these groups acquire sewing skills and after graduating from sewing skills, they can be self-employed and continue with the faith of Jesus Christ.

GOD ANSWERED OUR PRAYERS (John 15:7)

We are very relieved that God answered our prayers, after contacting IDES to represent our request for the need to start a tailoring training project. God was able to provide us with the following needs through IDES:

The cost of the support received and the expenses of the purchase of items Grant Expense(s)

ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	QUANTITY	TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT
Sewing Machines	\$250.00	10	\$2,500.00
Overlook machines	\$500.00	2	\$1,000.00
Fabrics	\$10.00	140	\$1,400.00
Sewing oil,	\$1.00	100	\$100.00
Thread	\$1.00	130	\$130.00
Scissors	\$1.00	5	\$5.00
sewing needles	\$0.50	100	\$50.00
Tapes	\$10.00	4	\$40.00
Notebooks for students	\$1.50	130	\$195.00
pens	\$0.50	10	\$5.00
Printing sewing materials	\$1.00	150	\$150.00
Rice	\$2.00	200	\$400.00
Corn	\$30.00	10	\$300.00
Beans	\$2.00	100	\$200.00
Sugar	\$2.00	50	\$100.00
Cooking oil	\$30.00	10	\$300.00
Salt	\$1.00	100	\$100.00
Transportation	\$10.00	22	\$220.00
Charcoal	\$50.00	4	\$200.00
Mechanic to install sewing table	\$20.00	10	\$200.00
Sewing Machine screws	\$0.50	10	\$5.00
Total Grant Expenses			\$7,600.00

We thank God that IDES was able to help us in the amount of **\$7600** which enabled us to buy 10 sewing machines and other sewing materials that were needed. As shown the above expenses.

The Missions was able to allocate the following amount to our sewing school project, where there is an amount that our missions cost every month due to involving the church with one person and other stakeholders that God will be able to touch to help this project.

Mission Expense(s)

ITEM	COST PER ITEM	QUANTITY	TOTAL AMONT SPENT
Electricity Bill	\$40.00	7	\$280.00
Teacher's allowance	\$200.00	7	\$1,400.00
Chalk	\$3.00	100	\$300.00
Ironing Iron	\$20.00	5	\$100.00
CHAIRS	\$15.00	20	\$300.00
TABLE	\$150.00	8	\$1,200.00
Total Mission Expenses			\$3,580.00

Total spent on this project: \$11,180.00

SEWING SCHOOL STARTED MARCH 7, 2023.

After God answered our prayers through IDES, and after buying a sewing machine, and other equipment that was needed to start a sewing school, we were able to register Christians who were Muslims and received Jesus Christ while in prison, and after leaving prison they were separated from their families and they began to live a life of misery, begging, and some were Christians who became Muslims after becoming Christians and were expelled by their families, and others were Christians who were living in difficult circumstances and others were young people, orphans, and widows. There was a total of 33 students who started learning sewing in our sewing school. 7 students were living in a dormitory who had no place to sleep and were separated from their families. Others and people who were from the community.

STUDENTS GROW IN RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD AND OTHERS AND THEY OBEY THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST WHILE IN SCHOOL:

Every day from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm students are in class. From 9:00am - 12:00pm there is a training in sewing, and from 12:00pm - 1:00pm there is a Bible class, where the Bible teacher teaches the word of God and after the training the students sit in small groups to discuss the word of God according to what the teacher taught, to help the student who did not understand get a better understanding of God's word. We have witnessed how the Lord Jesus Christ increases people in his church, just as it was in the first church (Acts 2:41). In the first phase, the evangelist Isaiah F. Mwainyekule volunteered to teach the students, he was able to do very well, he was diligent in teaching the students to ensure that everyone has an understanding of the word of God. At the very beginning, they learn the meaning of the Gospel, and how they can obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ, distinguishing themselves from the denomination churches that they have created for themselves, the way that a person can find salvation, we look at what the Bible says and put it into practice and ignore what man has created for himself. We have a special curriculum to teach this school, where we hope that within six months the students will have a good understanding of God's word and be able to share God's word with another person.

TIME TO FINISH SEWING TRAINING IN OUR LOCAL SCHOOL

Sewing school is taught for 6 months, and after six months students have the skills to sew clothes. Three months they learn to sew women's clothes and another three months they learn to sew men's style clothes.

The student learns in theory and in practice. Every time after the teacher teaches the subject, in theory he starts to teach them practically by the teacher sewing his own clothes, then they start to sew the students themselves in practice. We help every student to acquire sewing skills so that can be self-employed. There is no student who has studied in our sewing school who has finished school without knowing how to sew clothes.

STUDENTS WHO KNOW CHRIST THROUGH SEWING TRAINING:

Seven students have come to know Christ through the tailoring school, we have two students who are from outside the city who after graduating from the tailoring training went to transplant to the congregation in their town which is about 70 kilometres from Mbeya town. We always visit them and encourage them to continue in the faith they have received. And there are two other students who claim that they have started a congregation after finding that there is no gathering of Christ in their area, when God gives us the opportunity and needs to go around those areas, we will be able to visit them and encourage them to continue to fulfill the great command of Jesus Christ.

PHOTOS WHEN SOME STUDENTS OBEY THE GOSPEL BEING BAPTIZED TO RECEIVE THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS



Rehema was a Pastor in the Pentecost Church, he started studying IBS courses and after the truth of God he started visiting the congregation of Christ, and then he joined a sewing training where he was able to learn the word of God more so he had to make a decision to be baptized. for keeping the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Rehema says that he was baptized as a Pentecostal church but he did not teach the blessings that are found in baptism, the view of his baptism was different from what the Bible says. The Bible says that when you are baptized, you receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, and get forgiveness of sins (Acts

2:38). The prayer of repentance is not in the Bible, it is made up by people themselves, there is no example in the Bible where people prayed the prayer of repentance in order to be saved, one must hear about Jesus Christ, (Romans 10:17), must believe (John 8:24), must to repent (Acts 17:30), must confess Romans 10:9, and must be baptized (Mark 16:16), continue to be faithful until Jesus returns the second time (Revelation 2:10). We do not choose one step, then we call ourselves saved, for example believing alone, it is necessary to work on all the steps that we have told God how a person can get salvation. Rehema graduated from sewing training, where she studied men's clothes for six months which were taught by teacher David Mwamlima from March 07, 2023, and said female clothes which were taught by Mwalimu Vicky who continues to help many students to acquire sewing skills.



Rebekah is a Muslim who knew God and worked to become a Christian through sewing school, she realized that Jesus Christ is the only way to bring someone to God, Jesus is the mediator between man and God through Jesus Christ shedding his blood on the cross to obtain forgiveness of sins, Jesus died for our sin and God raised him from the dead, so he decided to

put the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Look at the picture when he is baptized, and the Bible says the blessings that we get after being baptized, getting the gift of the Holy Spirit, getting forgiveness of sins, being a new creature means starting the ways you used to walk. She could not finish the tailoring training because after becoming a Christian she was able to separate from her husband, and the children were abused so she failed to attend the tailoring training and serve her children to get daily food. You can continue to remember him in your prayers for the challenges he is going through.



Flora is one of those who was a sewing student in our school, where he came to know Jesus Christ through this project, after studying the Bible for three months while learning sewing in our local sewing school, she decided to obey the Gospel and was baptized to become a new creature (2 Cor 5:17). How do we glorify God as long as it has

been a part of evangelism also to bring people to our Lord Jesus Christ. Look at the picture during the baptism



Look at the photo of Flora with Wayne, Avin and Samuel, being presented with a Bible after the baptism. Flora was baptized when Wayne Avin visited us and when they were conducting a seminar on God's word, the seminar inspired Flora to obey the truth of God's word, because during the seminar Wayne taught about the meaning of the Gospel, and how one

can obey the Gospel.



Haruni was a murder accused who stayed in prison for almost 10 years, he thanks God that he helped him die from the COVID disease while in prison, he says he was very sick while in prison with COVID. when he was sick, he was taken to the mortuary thinking that he would die, every day they came to check on him as if he was dead, he says it was God's grace to restore him to good health and get him out of prison. He was attending services in Prison but

he had not yet been baptized after being taught the meaning of the Gospel and the blessings that are available to a person who is baptized, he made the decision to be baptized. Look at his picture when he was baptized.



Haruni with Wayne and Avin in the picture. The seminar he attended for three days to encourage you to obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What is the meaning of the Gospel (1Cor 15:1-4) is the good news, Jesus Christ died, was buried and resurrected for the forgiveness of our sins. The way one can obey the Gospel is to die, be buried and rise with Jesus Christ through baptism (Romans 6:3-4)

Some photos when the students received the sewing machine after it was purchased.



Students helping to carry the sewing machine and bring it into the classroom, to learn how to connect the machines.



Students being taught how to assemble machines. After the teacher taught them how to connect the sewing machine, each student started to connect the sewing machine and the teacher was checking if it was connected properly.





The picture above shows the students doing practical exercises with the teacher in charge to help make sure everyone is doing well, the student who fails to do well is told to repeat sewing until he understands.



The teacher started to teach how to sew a shirt, and after teaching in theory he started to teach them by doing, he was sewing a shirt and the students were watching him do it, after the teacher told them to go there and sew it themselves.



After the teacher taught them practically, then he told each student to sew his own shirt, this picture shows each student continuing to sew his own shirt according to what the teacher taught



Students measuring their cloths to start sewing activities after the teacher taught them. each with his garment which he measures for sewing.

Look at the picture of the students after finishing sewing training in our school, they started sewing their own clothes for business. They are happy to learn sewing skills and be able to employ themselves and get their daily needs together with their families and continue to be faithful to serve God.







From 9:00am - 12:00pm he learns sewing and from 12:00pm - 1:00pm they study the Bible, every student must attend the Bible class and do the exercises given by the teacher. Many students have been there to grow in the understanding of God's word through this training and others who did not become Christians get the grace to obey the Gospel.

SEWING SCHOOL TO BE USED AS AN EVANGELISTIC TOOL TO BE ABLE TO REACH PEOPLE WITH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

The sewing school is used as a tool to reach people who are not reached by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And we need to use this school to reach many people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the truth of God's word to spread in various places in Tanzania.

The challenge that we are facing is to get money for advertising so that people can get the grace to join the school of fattening, we do advertisements through radio, through car advertisements which cost money, if God will be able to find a way to advertise our school of sewing as instruments of evangelism, then we will be able to reach many people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and congregations will be planted in different places. And our local congregation will be able to grow in numbers also and spiritual.

Another challenge that we face is the Bible for teaching students, students need to have a Bible to be able to do their exercises easily and to be able to grow in the understanding of God's word.

CHALLENGES FACED BY STUDENTS GRADUATED IN SEWING SCHOOL:

The challenge faced by the students who graduate from our tailoring school is that after they have finished failing to employ themselves and open their own business because they are unable to buy their own sewing machine, they are forced to go to work as a tailor under someone where they are there to earn a small income. they would be independent of themselves.

If grace can happen, we pray that our school will be able to lend sewing to honest students who will be able to return the money little by little and that money will be able to help other students who will be graduating. The plan will be long.

We need the grace to find brothers and sisters who will be able to invest their money in the kingdom of God by helping these poor Christians to be able to employ themselves and continue to serve God.

THE CHALLENGE THAT CHAPLAINS FACE:

The preachers are facing the challenge of how to travel to do the stations they planned to do ministry in the Prison. Preachers go to do service in the prison every week, on average each preacher needs to get \$40 for the fare per month. Also for preachers who are doing service in prisons outside the city, they need to get a motor-bike to help travel, there are rural areas where buses do not reach, it is expensive to use the fare to go and do service in the assigned prisons.

There is a need for a Bible for the prisoners, and to enable them to practice what they have been given, and a need for hymn books, and a need for equipment for the Lord's table, and also to buy preparations for the equipment for the Lord's table every week such as bread, and wine, and the need to publish lessons for use in teaching prisoners in prisons.

PRISON MINISTRY TRAINING MAKING PRISONER GROWING DISCIPLESHIP OF JESUS PROGRAM

We have a public sermon that takes place for 30 minutes, and after the public sermon, the prisoners are divided into 2 groups for learning in small groups about discipleship.

GROUP 1:

Prisoners who have become disciples of Jesus Christ, have their subjects who meet in small groups to discuss all together. They are given a lesson early before the Bible class, they answer individually and after answering the questions each one says how he has learned according to the relevant lesson.

GROUP 2:

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The discussion lasts an hour and after the discussion they pray together and disperse. There will be a need for local Christians to volunteer to do service in the prison because they are used as evangelists in groups, not as teachers. And also, for prisoners who have completed discipleship studies they help to serve as facilitators in groups.

PRISON PREACHERS/VOLUNTEERS/CHAPLAINS SHOULD HAVE A DAY TO MEET IN GROUPS FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THE LESSON BEING TAUGHT BEFORE GOING TO DO MINISTRY IN THE PRISON



The organization insists that preachers in prison, and all volunteers have one day a week in each region, district or neighborhood to meet together for the discussion of the subjects that are being taught in the prison so that they can understand the subject well that is being taught in the respective prison, and get involved in discussion and be good facilitators in groups.

OPENING WELDING PROJECT FOR PREACHERS.

International Bible College needs to open welding training where students who study the Bible in this college to study Welding in order to acquire skills in welding and be able to get rich after graduating from our Bible college.

Many preachers have been there to graduate Bible training in various colleges but they do not go anywhere to preach and plant congregations because of the lack of support to be empowered to do God's work.

Through the Welding project established in our Bible college, when the students complete their training they will be able to employ themselves and fulfill the order of Jesus Christ to operate their welding skills, they will no longer need to get help from outside.

We ask God to give us the grace to get money to buy welding machines and other welding equipment to start the training in our college. We hope that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be able to be spread through this college and the body of Jesus Christ will be transplanted in various places in Tanzania in this way all those who are empowered by this project will have responded to the call of the great command of Jesus Christ.