



Ministry Updates

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Reasons He Came

As we celebrate Christmas next week, we choose to celebrate the **season's reasons!** Join us as we ponder just a few of the [reasons](#) Jesus said He came.

- ***The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor...I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.*** ([Luke 4:18-19; 43b](#))
- *I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.* ([John 12:46](#))
- ***I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.*** ([John 6:51](#))
- *For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.* ([Mark 10:45](#))
- ***Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.*** ([Mark 2:17](#))
- *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.* ([John 10:10](#))

Reasons we Went and You Sent



Jesus very clearly knew the reasons He came to earth. His motivations keep motivating us to leave there and for you to send us here. Over the past 20+ years, our partnership has resulted in thousands more people being introduced to Jesus and has led to striking improvements in the nation's public health system while integrating CHE approaches. The picture is from our main grocery store in town. The scrawny tree and toys on the floor at the store's entrance show some of the few signs of Christmas in town. Saddest of all, no indication of Jesus anywhere. This is why we came. Thank you, faithful friends, for never forgetting the **season's reasons!** Joyous Christmas from our home to yours!!

Prayer & Praise

🕊️ All praise to Emmanuel for accomplishing His purposes while on earth! Friday was a day of 5- visitors seeking counsel, only one of whom was expected. Subjects fellow witnesses touched on were

- *DBS uses for denominational growth while fostering a national DMM to reach others,*
- *starting where with CHE? – where with DBS?,*
- *steps to recommence moringa agricultural project and propagate mushroom production,*
- *provide reports to Campus Crusade for Christ from recent uses of the video-projection material provided for witness that a Gideon co-laborer here obtained for use through our contacts.*

The day weaved planning around mentions of ongoing encouragement and checkup visits we anticipate making through May. Trainings are scheduled into mid-2022. May our praise supersede the Islamic [Jumada al-Ula](#) celebrations to which we listen while prepping to send this update!

🕊️ All praise to Emmanuel who equips us to accomplish His purposes on earth!

🕊️ Pray with us for people struggling with grief, illness, and loss this Christmas, including families devastated by the recent tornadoes. We think specifically of ministry partners and friends facing these situations: one family lost a beloved wife and mother this week; another friend buried her father; a couple's granddaughter is in months of recovery after a car accident almost took her life; a missionary colleague started treatments for cancer. Jesus, be their Peace.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie