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Timothy Project GiG: Transforming Lives in Ethiopia (1)

GiG is an acronym for “God is Good!” It was a favorite greeting of Timothy Project’s founder, Don Church. To have that exclamation an official part of its name is an energetic reflection of the organization’s faith and commitment to serving God and others.

Timothy Project GiG is a faith-based nonprofit, founded in 1985 with a mission “to share the gospel and love of Christ with people of diverse cultures and to facilitate their development as totally devoted followers of Christ.”

The organization has been instrumental in delivering essential services and aid to a region severely impacted by civil conflict—all while being completely volunteer driven. Their board and advisory council are proudly diverse, representing several ethnicities and professions.

Timothy Project GiG focused recent efforts in Tigray, Ethiopia, in five key ministry areas: educational support, food distribution, Bible distribution, trauma healing, and mercy ministry. God blessed this ministry’s efforts through important prayer and financial partners, including Faith & Learning International, to make a significant impact on the lives of many.

Educational Support

The devastating civil war in Tigray resulted in the closure of over 2,000 schools, leaving two million children out of school for an extended period. Through donated financial support, Timothy Project GiG successfully assisted in relaunching the Embasneyti school district, benefiting 6,000 students.

The organization delivered 100 blackboards; 3 laptop computers; 6,000 pens, pencils, and notebooks; and 16 soccer balls. The reopening ceremony, which was broadcast regionally, was a testament to the project’s impact, with the mayor of Nebelet acknowledging that Timothy Project GiG was sent by God. Additionally, the project supported the TDA/Kalamino Special High School by donating computers and establishing the Araya Zerihun Award for a graduating senior committed to seeing Tigray flourish.

Food Distribution

Severe food shortages in Tigray have resulted in tragic deaths by starvation and a humanitarian crisis. Fighting in Western Tigray has displaced one million people internally, creating a dire need for food aid. Timothy Project GiG began delivering 10 quintals (1 ton) of flour and corn kernels per month to an internally displaced people (IDP) community of 68 households

PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED

Recommended Scripture:

Exodus 15:19–17:7 | Matthew 22:1–33 | Psalm 27:1–6 | Proverbs 6:20–26

Believers in hostile areas and restricted nations are often among the poorest of the poor. Because of their witness, they’re often not included in food distributions and are unable to find jobs to sustain their families. They may be driven from their homes and have their belongings seized or destroyed.

Lord, you provided manna and quail to your people in the wilderness. My persecuted brothers and sisters need your help today. Give them what they require. Thank you for how you will respond to their needs. Amen.

More prayer prompts are available in *The One Year Prayer for the Persecuted Bible*.



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(266 people) living in a school in Nebelet. Additionally, another 4,000 IDPs are being supported by impoverished families in the surrounding community. The organization's initial distributions were small but significant, demonstrating God's limitless provision.

Bible Distribution

With an estimated 400,000 civilian deaths during the war, a huge spiritual vacuum has left people searching for answers. Timothy Project GiG helped deliver hundreds of Tigrinya-language Bibles to people of all ages seeking peace and truth. Bible studies, home fellowships, and numerous churches benefited from the distribution of these Bibles, fulfilling a critical spiritual need in the community.

Mercy Ministry

The mercy ministry of Timothy Project GiG is a testament to God's love in action. Examples of their efforts include moving a young couple and their infant from a tent into safe housing or providing a wheelchair to a stroke victim allowing him to attend church again. The organization's efforts bring hope to a beautiful people who have endured immense suffering.

Timothy Project GiG team members Pastor Temesgen, Teame, Saba, and Tesfai were deeply moved by the needs of post-war Tigray. Their immediate and large impact in Tigray has set the foundation for future projects, which the organization looks forward to sharing in their next annual report.

Timothy Project GiG is incredibly grateful for the support and partnership in prayer and finances from its supporters. While continuing to serve the people of Tigray, the organization remains committed to bringing hope, education, and spiritual nourishment to a region in desperate need. Through their unwavering dedication, Timothy Project GiG is truly transforming lives and demonstrating the love of God in action.

Timothy Project GiG (timothyproject.info) received a grant from Tyndale House Foundation, a grantmaking organization that partners with Christian ministries around the world. To learn more, visit tyndale.foundation.



Laos: Four Families under Threat from Village Authorities (2)

KhamKeo placed his trust in Christ after he was healed from gallbladder disease. Eventually, the change in his life caused his wife and children to place their trust in Christ as well. The family began to

experience opposition from neighbors and coworkers who noticed that they did not participate in the worship of local spirits. KhamKeo bought land some distance from the village and built a hut there, but the villagers were still unhappy with his family, so they moved again. Then authorities in their new village warned them that their faith was causing division in the village after three other families came to Christ through their witness. These four Christian families have been shunned and verbally attacked, and local authorities have repeatedly threatened them.

Pray that the faithful witness of these four families will lead others in their village to trust Christ.

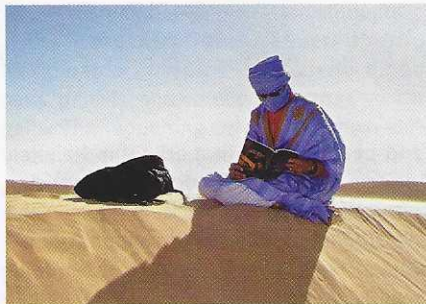


Malawi: Yao Christians Face Severe Pressure (3)

Roughly 2.5 million Malawians are part of the Muslim Yao people group. According to front-line workers, God has been moving significantly among the Yao people in the last two decades. But in recent years, Yao Christians have experienced persecution. “They are beaten and cast out of their communities,” said a VOM worker. “When others find out they are Christian, they have 24 hours to leave the village, and then they will put a fatwa [Islamic edict] on their life.” Churches have been burned down, Christians have been attacked, and front-

line workers are under extreme pressure. “They get so many death threats that one worker’s wife has developed severe PTSD and can no longer homeschool her own kids,” the worker added.

Pray that Yao Christians will have courage to stand firm in their faith amid intense opposition.



Mauritania: Christians Arrested, Threatened (4)

After a video of 15 Christians participating in a baptism was posted online, Mauritanian authorities arrested the group. All of the arrested Christians were former Muslims. Mauritania is dominated by Islam and conversion from Islam is illegal. “At first, no lawyer would defend them,” said a VOM worker. “The officials tried to get them to apologize on social media for spreading the gospel, to agree to never promote Christianity, and to return to Islam,” he added. All of the Christians were released late in December after agreeing to only hold Christian services inside their homes. “This is an answer to prayer,” the worker said.

Pray that the Christian community in Mauritania will bear much spiritual fruit. Pray also for increased access to God’s Word in this restricted nation.