



Julie's Heart Cry

Bringing Hope to Women Globally

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God shows us a new direction

Dear Friends and Partners,

In November 2019, we shared how the Lord provided our ministry with the opportunity to purchase 12 acres of land in order to create a new ministry called Transitional Village in Central African Republic.

This new village, equipped with a water well, a church and a pastor, would be a community where women, children and families who had experienced the atrocities of war and the hopelessness of living in internally displaced person (IDP) camps could find refuge and a hope for the Gospel.

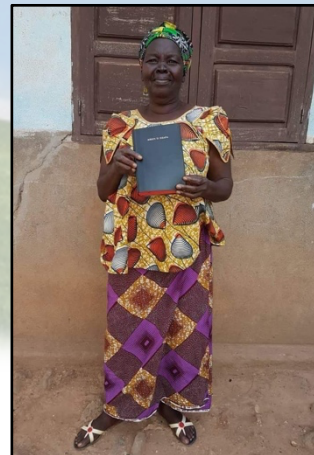
Right in front of our eyes

God, in His perfect timing, used the delays caused by COVID-19 — that led to the shutdown of all government offices and slowed the process of vital paperwork — to take this project in a new direction. He opened our eyes to an amazing opportunity that was right in front of us all along.

The Lord led Julie's Heart Cry to integrate the vision of this project through a resource center in the main village, where it will be used for a greater impact — both physically and spiritually — to minister to this community of 3,000 people.

Illiteracy still a problem

Growing up in Central African Republic (C.A.R.), I remember how women would bring their Bibles to church ... but were unable to read them. Many young girls grow up with the goal of becoming good homemakers, not realizing that later on in life they will be unable to properly administer medication to their precious



A lady holding a donated Bible from ministry supporters.

babies because they are unable to read or recognize numbers. The problem of illiteracy among sub-Saharan African women persists to this day.

The resource center will provide literacy pro-

grams for both children and adults. Other programs include evangelism

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and discipleship classes, Vacation Bible School in the summer, trauma healing training, personal finance, and infant nutrition.



Two of the displaced children your donations helped resettle in new homes in Central African Republic.

In addition, the community of Bimon welcomed over 30 people who were resettled by JHC through the internally displaced initiative. This integration would not have been possible without the cooperation of the different tribes from the southeastern part of C.A.R. We are truly grateful to the Lord for His grace upon this entire experience in light of the eight years of war in the country.

Land will provide food

The 12-acre piece of land will now be farmed to provide food for families of the displaced as well as for Irene's Home of Hope until the Lord leads

otherwise. Food security during the pandemic continues to be a struggle across the country. We are thankful this farm will supply enough Gozo (a food staple of C.A.R.) for hurting families as well as the orphanage.

Friends, we are always excited to join the Lord where He is already at work! Please join JHC in praying for the following needs:

- Things will go smoothly with the construction of this resource center.
- The Gospel can be shared clearly and boldly through this open door to impact 3,000 people through the local churches and the public schools.
- Healing for the entire country, especially for survivors of the ongoing war.
- The ongoing project for the girls' home in Kenya.

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P.S. Thank you to everyone who took the time to send in suggestions for naming the girls' home in Kenya! We hope to have a final decision soon. Look for details in an upcoming newsletter!