

ARK Evangelistic Association 1st Quarter 2020 Newsletter

A Little Look at 2019 for ARK Evangelistic Association

God can do so much in just a moment! But in a year? "2019" was an amazing year for ARK Evangelistic Association! We wanted to take the time to recap a little bit of last year. This past year has been filled with mission to spread the Lord's Gospel, many evangelism classes being held and taught, Prisoners being shown the Lord's love through the Gospel, prayer and serving in VBS missions at some of our local churches. Several disciple makers were mentored and encouraged in God's Word. Many heard the Good News of Christ, many trusted Jesus as their Lord & Savior and repented by God's grace!

"2020" started in full swing of God's power & presence, with His momentum and traction in the Gospel & Great Commission! On January 11th ARK participated in the Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusade on Jax. Beach and thousands heard the Gospel and many responded in faith to the Lord's invitation for salvation! January 23-26, ARK also participated in the Pastor's Conference at First Baptist Jacksonville as an exhibitor. Much fruit came from this historical conference and ARK's work in the Gospel ministry was increased significantly through much prayer, several contacts made and rich relationships!

Additionally the Lord divinely arranged, ARK EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION & Bhutanese Nepali Community Church of Jacksonville a wonderful honor together of co-hosting Pastor Ge from Asia. Ge was our honored guest from 2/18 thru 3/16. God really blessed this joint effort by expanding our training ministry impact exponentially and globally. It was through this wonderful opportunity to invest in Ge from Asia by hosting, teaching and training him. Pastor Ge has planted 46 churches in various regions of Asia over the course of 30 years and has 4 more church plants in sight for 2020. *2Tim. 2:2 & Eph. 4:11-12*

On March 16th Pastor Ge just made it out of the US in time, and back to his family and church in Asia! It was nothing short of the grace, favor and work of the Holy Spirit. Just in the nick of God's perfect time the Lord to allowed Pastor Ge to safely return home to Asia in good health! Upon landing in Asia and still many hours from is home boarder Pastor Ge's fellow passengers were frozen with fear and remained in their seats on the plane. Due to their uncertainty how health officials and the government would process post COVID-19 international travelers. Ge's bold faith and courage by God's grace moved him as the first passenger off the plane. After his interview and examination he was allowed passage, and was one boarder closer to home. Then all the other passengers followed Ge's lead and the plane quickly emptied. We also can lead by faith, courage and love, in this world that is gripped with fear and uncertainty, just step out!

The objective, mission and purpose for hosting Pastor Ge here, in the US for 30 days was *"three-fold"*. First for his leadership development, second for an intense week long investment in an evangelism training school specific to pastors and leaders and third for multiple speaking engagements in Texas and in Florida. Pastor Ge preached, shared and testified on what the Lord has done in the recent years in Asia and what God is currently doing in many different regions of Asia at this point in time through his broad church network as well as in his local ministry in his little area of Asia. *2 Tim. 2:2 Eph. 4:11-12*

This time last year 3/9 - 3/31 ARK EVANGELISTIC, was deployed on mission to several areas of Asia, as a guest of Pastor Ge, for the primary purpose of evangelism training in various churches, to conduct gospel outreach in mountain villages, then to administer gospel teachings in villages and in a UN refugee camp and finally to preach good news of great joy from the pulpit of many churches. On this Asia mission journey last year, the Lord afforded us the privilege to praise, pray and proclaim the Good News of Jesus, to teach and to baptize nine new converts in the tea-garden river, so that the new converts would observe, obey and do all Jesus has commanded them. *Mark 16:15*

At the end of February, we had four days of concentrated gospel outreach(OJT) in Jacksonville at the Avenues Mall and some other public areas in South Duval County. As a result of our labors of love and works of faith in teaching, training and sharing the gospel we contacted 63 people. The Holy Spirit allowed us to share the gospel 36 times to 45 of those 63 people! We were blessed to witness 32 of those 45 people make decisions of faith for Christ! Thank you Jesus! *Matt. 28:18-20 & Acts 1:8*

To date in a Putnam County semester church training, our local ARK mission teams together with College Park Baptist Church members served as witnesses and laborers in the harvest field of souls in the various communities of Palatka. To date this group has contacted 45 people in homes and public areas and shared the gospel more than 16 times and witnessed more than 12 people make decisions of faith in Christ! Praise be to God and all glory be to Him alone! *Matt. 28:18-20 & Acts 1:8*

Will you please pray? Due to COVID-19/Corona Virus public adherence and local and national compliance, local church and ARK ministry protocol the Share Your Faith Workshop set for Saturday, March 28 @ Julington Baptist Church, in South Jacksonville was postponed until a later date; TBA. **Will you please pray** for this evangelism training workshop in the future? **Please pray** for protection and wisdom of all those that will be involved? **Pray for** church body's life application of the Gospel in love, as we live and move and work by faith, not in fear. **Pray** that our only fear will be "the fear of the Lord" that of our holy, loving, gracious and righteous God, our Heavenly Father have mercy and shed His grace upon us. **Please pray** for a powerful and impactful move of the Holy Spirit upon the Lord's church and upon our surrounding communities? **Pray** that the church of Jesus Christ would be kindled in our hearts with compassion for others and burn with passion for the cross of Christ to a world that so needs God's saving grace!

Please remember to pray for continued and ongoing gospel training work in all the local churches in our area and around the world? **Pray** that even though we must temporarily resort to technological platforms to reach out to others, **pray** the church remains engaged as messengers and ministers of God's saving grace. Especially if we must utilize digital technology and digital tools to get the WORD out, Praise be to Jesus! **Pray** the Holy Spirit would empower us all as witnesses with the message of the Gospel. **Pray** that we (the body of Christ) put our heads, hearts and hands out there into the world with the Word & service; John 1:1,14. **Pray** the church be as God's workmanship to shine our lights before men and do good works in our communities and throughout our neighborhoods in multiple creative and innovative ways and means. **Pray** that all the world would hear, see and sense God's glorious grace by the Holy Spirit, in and through Infinite God-man, our Lord & Savior of the world, Jesus Christ. Will you unite us in **prayer today** in is way?

Immediate and urgent requests for prayer: **please pray** for innovative and creative ways to continue the ministry work of evangelism, evangelism teaching, for training and for the furtherance of the gospel and great commission of His church in this time of trial and tribulation. **Pray** for the Lord's church corporately and for our little local communities. **Please pray** for ARK Evangelistic corporate officers, staff, volunteers and Board of Directors as we move forward to record Gospel training videos in order to continue the mobilization of the Gospel of Christ & for the furtherance of the Great Commission of making disciple makers in and of the Gospel itself. **PRAY-PRAY & PRAY I plead!**

We at ARK would like to thank you, for supporting us in 2019 through **prayer**, finances and in our community. We could not do it without your blessings. ARK is looking forward to another amazing and blessed year in 2020 in spite of these challenging times! The Holy Spirit is still working, God is in control and Jesus is sitting at the right hand of God the Father, so be strong in the Lord & in the power of His might....Eph. 6:10-20....