# ARKEA NEWS

#### ARK EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION, INC • ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

## Recent Happenings

**FALL EVANGELISM WRAP-UP** The Level I Classical Evangelism classes finished the semester as a flourishing group! Six students graduated with gospel-sharing skills and on-the-job practice to now lead others to saving faith, and share the Gospel any time, anywhere with anyone. They hope to be disciples making disciples and fulfill the Great Commission in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Fall 2024 CET participants, teachers + trainers



Danny Smith, with his wife, Bailey

#### **MEET OUR NEW FIELD ASSOCIATE**

Danny Smith of Satsuma, FL heard the calling of the Lord and is in the process of onboarding at ARKEA, fulfilling his steps of service, serving as a volunteer evangelism instructor, developing a prayer-partner team and various support-role relationships. Welcome aboard, Danny and Bailey!



Albert gathering with all the men at breakfast for a group photo before prison departure







Albert and Louis

35K made with love!

Pre-briefing from Pastor Clifton

## Florida Prison Ministry is Sweet on Jesus

What do you get when you combine 57 local men, four North Florida churches, 35k homemade cookies, thousands of Cokes, two Florida prisons and 2000+ inmates? Why, the 50th Annual "Cookies4Jesus" outreach, of course, a birthday party for Jesus!

Very early (5am!) one mid-December Saturday morning, 57 brothers in Christ, including four from Anastasia Church, gathered at Cracker Barrel to prepare for a full day of cell-front, dormitory, chapel and work-camp witnessing, praying and sharing the gospel at the Florida State Prison. The volunteers broke into several teams and spent the entire Saturday visiting with inmates and sharing the good news of God's salvation with incarcerated, several even responding in faith and prayer! The witnesses met every inmate personally and handed out approximately 35 THOUSAND homemade cookies and hundreds of cases of Coca-Cola in the spirit of Christmas. Several volunteers also served as decision-counselors for about 100 inmates after several chapel services. A long, but very blessed day in the name of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To God be the Glory!

## Ministry Growth

**CHANGES AT ARKEA** These past few months, ARKEA expanded our brick + mortar office space to accommodate the recent growth in our staff. And thanks to our donors and supporters, we updated with a newer, much-needed work vehicle. Praise God, who is our provider!!



Congratulations! The sale is complete.



Board + spouses conclude the year in praise!

#### YEAR-END HOLIDAY DINNER

Our ARKEA family met at the Ginn home to celebrate the past year of blessings and favor with food, fellowship, Christmas carols and one another's company in a relaxing, holiday atmosphere. God is good all the time, and all the time He is good!

#### **MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS**

- PRAY for spring semester participants, teachers and trainers, and for those God is preparing to hear the Good News of salvation by His great and amazing grace.
- PRAY for new evangelism work at Trinity Church in Deltona, FL and other area churches. • PRAY for 2025-26 mission invitations to Asia. Africa, Armenia and Russia • PRAY for ARKEA as we humbly work alongside college ministries and faithfully serve current and future generations. • PRAY for the 5-part video series on formal evangelism training, the cast, filming and distribution.

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## "Evangelize Kenya" Testimony

Brother Daniel Sabwa can only be described as "on fire for Christ" since our leadership mission to Kenya. He currently leads two evangelism training teams in Eldoret, Kenya, and recently shared the gospel with 31 people, 12 of whom made decisions or professions of faith in Christ, and five strengthened their faith in Christ through prayer. Although Daniel was disappointed that five men, after hearing the good news, made no decision, seeds were sown that day in Eldoret. (Report by Samuel Wekesa, Pastor-Associate under Bishop Situma Elyves Wanjala at Grace Life Church in Eldoret, Kenya)

### The Faces of Faith

A large part of ARK Evangelistic's mission is to personally share our faith with all those we meet. Our teachers, students, staff and others participate in "on-the-job" training on the streets of St. Augustine, Jacksonville, and beyond. Here are a few of those who heard the Good News in our midst!











Albert with many of the people he has met and shared the love of Jesus.

## Reaching Out in Faith

A year-end summary of our gospel and Great Commission outreach, involvement and participation, including: three 2024 Evangelism Training semester classes, leadership training, VBS, monthly visits

to two assisted-living homes, Anastasia Church Mission Sunday, Flagler College outreach, the Putnam County Fair, July 4th H2O Ministry, St. Francis House Sunday services, Kenya Leadership Mission trip, Tuesday night prison outreach, and "Cookies4Jesus", witnessing to  $\pm -370$  inmates.

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*These numbers recorded by	/

class participants are approximate, and may be more or less than the total shown.

Contacts Attempted	146	49	78	273
Heard the Gospel	56	19	52	127
Profession of Faith	39	4	39	82
No Decision	9	4	6	19
Immediate Follow-up	39	6	20	65
Assurance Strengthen in Faith	15	4	8	27
Friendly Visit Only	52	14	21	87
Already a Christian	7	4	5	16









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