

## NGO FEMDEV HALF SEMESTER REPORT 2022 - COTE D IVOIRE

We send new year greetings to you our friends and partners. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement all through the year joining hands with us to impact hundreds of lives in Côte d'Ivoire both in Abidjan and the villages.

We give glory to God for what He has done for us. The year 2022 was a very fruitful year for the ministry and for God's Kingdom.

"Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy...The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy." Psalms 126:2-3

### INTRODUCTION

Indeed, "the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. " Isaiah 9:2

NGO FEMDEV (Women with a mission for Development), founded in 2006, was built upon three axes of community development namely, social, economic and spiritual development. In the year 2022, we had the objectives of ministering to widows and widowers, girls and women, prisoners and vulnerable people in the slums. FEMDEV reaches out to all these people based on the Great Commission of Jesus Christ in Mathew 28: 19-20 of " Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature baptizing them in the name of the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

### 1. ABIDJAN FIELD

#### WIDOWS PROGRAM

Our yearly widow's program happened on January 14, 2022. In an atmosphere of intense prayers, praise and worship, the hearts of the widows were bubbling with much joy. Over 60 widows were blessed with gifts such as wrappers, bags of rice, bottles of oil, Bibles and a small amount of money for their transportation. Some of them also received clothes and shoes. In addition to a hot lunch, the widows benefitted from testimonies of God's faithfulness from other widows and a powerful exhortation on being consistently attached to God in their individual lives.



## **RENOVATIONS**

God helped us to begin a complete renewal of the roof of our mission centre which was leaking profusely in April 2022. It became so challenging that we had to stop the technician from the work. We got a new person who took time to cover all the leaking parts of the roof. We testify that this has been completed and the roof is no longer leaking. Other parts of the renovation have been put on hold for the time being.



Community church under construction

## **PRISON OUTREACHES**

After ministering to the adult section of the prison for several years, God directed to the correction department of about 150 juveniles who have been incarcerated for the purpose of transforming their lives. During our outreach on 12th March 2022, NGO FEMDEV and the partners donated goods worth more than 1.5 million fcfa (\$3000) for the purchase of building materials for the construction of a chicken pen which serves as a life skill education for the juveniles (boys and girls). They ended up constructing a rabbit pen as well as a chicken pen with the materials we sent to them. This donor, the director of New Generation Media, accompanied us for two outreaches in 2022 to see for himself what happens in a correction centre. He was amazed and challenged to do more for those boys and girls. He also took some of his staff along to help us do film projections on work and discipline. Furthermore, our May 14 outreach was quite impactful. This time, juveniles were ministered to through prayers, God's word, a film show, gifts of Bibles, 20 bags of rice as

well as sandwiches and drinks donated by the women of the International Fellowship of Christians in Abidjan. The film show on chicken raising and a workshop on discipline, responsibility and hard work was impactful for the purpose of preparing them for reinsertion into their various communities when they are released from prison. On June 14, they received 30 bags of cement to help them complete their chicken and rabbit pen. They also received 15.000f in cash to buy seedlings for their vegetable garden which they use for training as well. Additionally, they received 36 French Bibles in addition to the 100 Bibles we gave them during our outreaches in 2021 for their spiritual nourishment.

In December 2022, the coordinator of the juvenile department shared with us the need for them to buy 5000 chicks and 18 bags of feed for the chicken raising project. In collaboration with our partners, we were able to sponsor the purchase of 2000 chicks for their project and some bags of chicken feed. They still need a couple of chicken feed.



Chicken raising used as life skill education for juveniles in prison. FEMDEV helped them construct a chicken and rabbit pen in 2021.

### **FOOD BANK**

Our regular FOOD BANK is situated at our mission centre in Bambakro slum, Angre, Abidjan. The vulnerable and less-privileged people always come weekly to get some food for their families. The food bank constantly empties weekly but God has raised individual partners who have pledged to refill the food bank each time it is empty. Both men and women in need of food come to our centre every friday and Sunday to get food supplies. No one has

ever gone back empty-handed to the glory of God.

### **SCHOOL KITS AND SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

God also provided some partners that helped us distribute 130 girls' school uniforms to children from vulnerable families in Bambakro slum, Angre. Furthermore, we were able to help around 10 children from vulnerable families with school fees otherwise they were about to drop out of school. In addition, we usually give out hundreds of school kits to primary and secondary school kids every year with the help of our friends and partners.



## **2. BROFFOUEDU MISSION FIELD**

### **SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**

To the glory of God, we have a couple of converts in Broffouedu mission field in Eastern Cote d'Ivoire and one of our missionaries is with them now discipling them. Church planting is part of our spiritual development. We have been able to start the foundation of the church building and mission house after the chief of Broffouedu freely gave us two plots land. We did mobilisation for blocks and other materials to raise up the walls and do the roofing of the house of God and the mission house together. The villagers, including moslems, also donated blocks and wood for this project. In November 2022, two evangelists from the Abi went and continued the building of the church and mission house. A lot has been accomplished by December 2022. We are trusting God that this will be completed by the first semester of 2023.

### **YOUTH EMPOWERMENT**

As part of our social development ministry, NGO FEMDEV sensitised parents about the importance of girls' education, we were able to distribute 153 school uniforms to girls in primary school in Broffouedu and Sokoyakro primary schools encouraging them to stay in school until they complete their education. Food supplies, clothes, books, Bibles and sports shoes were given to many needy youth as well.

Additionally, hundreds of youth who abandoned school to work in a new gold mining company got disoriented when the company suddenly closed down in 2021. Many of the youth could no longer go back to school so they started getting into alcoholism and drugs. God gave us a strategy to mobilize the boys and re-orient them through football. We started by giving them

free sports wears and shoes to distract them from drugs and alcoholism. As they gained trust and confidence in us we started to give them the gospel as well as life skill education. One of our missionaries is a food baller and he uses this as a strategy for mobilizing and evangelizing the youth. Those in school were also organized in study groups and assisted in a consistent study program by our evangelists. This is already bearing fruit to the glory of God.

### TESTIMONY

NGO FEMDEV opened a Christian library at the Abidjan prison in the year 2020 with more than 300 books and Bibles. Most of the titles were written by the founder of NGO FEMDEV. We had given the prison chapel leaders money to buy iron bars, padlock and key for the purpose. And they carved out a section of the chapel to create this library. So the books are under key and lock and supervised by one of them as the coordinator. He registers the names of borrowers. Most of them sit in the chapel to read the books and they sign when the books are returned. So here is a testimony that we received in December 2022.

“Dear FEMDEV director, the young man preaching in that video is an ex-prisoner from MACA prison in Abidjan. I will come with him to your office to greet you. The books in the library you created has sparked off a great revival in the prison. The lives of many prisoners have been transformed and many are about to be released , “ said Mr. M. D., a former muslim and ex-prisoner himself. TO GOD BE THE GLORY

### 3. PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE YEAR 2023

NGO FEMDEV will continue the following activities with the help of friends and partners:

- **Food for the hungry project** through the food bank in the Abidjan mission field.
- **Distribution of school kits and girls’ uniforms** to pupils in school both in Abidjan and villages around Broffouedu will continue. We have received a request of 844 girls’ uniforms from three primary schools in central Cote d’Ivoire namely Biaka 1 and Tiebeita 1 and 2 primary schools.
- **Our youth empowerment programs** like vacation Bible school, football coaching and life skill education will be intensified as God provides us with faithful volunteers.
- **Completion of the house of God** and mission house in Broffouedu mission field is a big priority for us in early 2023. By the grace of God, Broffouedu will be the headquarters of our ministry operations in Eastern Cote d’Ivoire. We had previously done a mission in a village called Takikro when God sent us by revelation to go deliver the village from a terrible curse.
- The result was spectacular. Part of the land given to us by the chief will be cultivated to produce food for the masses.
- **Provision of food and life skill education** for the 150 juveniles in MACA prison will be intensified through the grace of God.
- **Missions training** for ministry workers and volunteers will be emphasized in 2023.
- Any other project that God lays on our hearts will be executed through God’s help.

Thank you for patiently reading the report and thank you for your prayers, support and visits from time to time. Any financial support to our ministry from the USA, Canada, UK and

other European countries can be done by mailing the checks to:

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Humbly submitted by

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