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N° 62 CITÉ DIACKSAO, NORD FOIRE, DAKAR

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LEADERSHIP TRAININGS:

- We had Counselor training, Computer, Sewing, English, and French classes. We had Counselor training, Computer, Sewing, English, and French classes.
 - Total Participants: 68

COUNSELOR TRAINING SERVICES:

- Counseling Levels 1 & 2, Addiction Recovery, and Abuse Recovery were offered and the length for each is 1 month.
 - Number of Participants: 7
 - Number of Graduates: 15

CURRENT ACTIVE CENTERS

- Saint Louis Region
 - Director: Pastor Matthew Awoyode
- Hann Mariste
 - Director: Fred Itodo

COUNSELING SERVICES

- Office (smoking, alcohol, trauma,m) emotional); Homes (family conflicts, marital issues); Church (youth camp, youth empowerment program)
 - Number of Counselors: 4
 - Number of Clients: 25
 - Number of Participants in each group: 3

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED WITHIN THE COUNTRY

- **Widows:**
 - We have 7 Member Widows Association which meets once a while instead of every month but we are working on improvement.
- **Orphans:**
 - Presently, we have 2 orphans in our sewing class going through training.
- **Children's Education:**
 - Presently, the ministry is sponsoring 2 children in school, 1 in high school and the other in the university.
- **Other:**
 - clothing making project

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2023 BOARD MEMBERS

- **ERIC MARTIN UWAKINA**, Board President
- **LOVEDAY JACOBS**, Secretary
- **SIDONIE DIOUSSE**, Treasurer
- **ALICE SARR**, Board Member
- **PATRICK ROSARIO SILVA**, Public Relations Officer
- **KWESI ISAAC**, Board Member

OUTTER REGION VISITORS

- We received a family of three (a husband, a wife, and a daughter) who escaped assassination from the hand of the terrorists in Nigeria and now relocate to Senegal last August 2023.

2023 PARTNERSHIPS / FUNDRAISING PROJECTS OR EVENTS

- 1. The present GSM location which serves as an office and our residence (me & and my family) is becoming congested hence we need an annex. It is good to know that the ministry work in Senegal is growing, we are having more students than before.
- 2. Presently, we have 36 sewing students with just 9 machines to work with, this makes learning slow. As time goes on, we will need more sewing machines

UPCOMING PLANS FOR 2024

- There's plan to open Hairdressing & Catering Schools to add to the existing ones as part of our services to the people of Senegal
- To train more leaders in Counseling, etc
- To devote more time on Widows & Orphans programs.
- The new board to work effectively.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For peace to continue to reign in Senegal especially as we will have presidential elections in February 2024.
- The ministry is becoming more popular in Senegal, pray God to continually uphold our work and service to the people of this nation.
- Pray to God to strengthen and empower me, and continually use me for the Kingdom work.
- Pray God to continually supply my family needs.

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TESTIMONY OF ABDOULAYE DIALLO

My name is Abdoulaye Diallo, I was born on the 7th of December, 2007 in Senegal but my parents originated from Guinea Conakry. I am the fourth in a family of six children, and in fact, I am the junior brother of Aissatou Korka Diallo (a graduate of GSM sewing school). We have the same story of a family background. My sister brought me to Good Samaritan Ministries to take up a course in computer training and to benefit from GSM programs in Senegal.

I accepted the offer and our parents were happy about it because I was just roaming the streets every day not knowing what to do with my life, in the process joined a bad gang and going to be a vagabond when the opportunity came for me to be trained in GSM computer school. Today, I am computer literate, and not only hope is restored in my life, but with my certificate, I have secured a job in a small enterprise to register everyday sales into the system. I thank God for Good Samaritan Ministries for being a blessing to me, I'm now a changed person responsible. More importantly, I have stopped smoking cigarettes and stuff, and I make it a duty to support my family every month from my salary. May God bless Good Samaritan Ministries!

- **Director's Comment:** Abdoulaye Diallo was a bandit when her sister introduced him to me. I not only allowed him to study, but I also had some counseling sessions with him because he is an early-stage smoker. And, before he graduated from computer school, he stopped smoking.

TESTIMONY OF AISSATOU K. DIALLO

My name is Aissatou Korka DIALLO, I was born on the 11th of November 2003 in Senegal but my parents originated from Guinea Conakry. I am second in a family of six, and my parents struggle to care for the family, which is the main reason why my father couldn't send anyone of us to school. The family comprises of 3 boys and 3 girls. I am attached to my mom and always at her service being the eldest daughter of the house. I help my mom with the house chores and petty stuff she sells in front of our house. Our tradition allows parents to give their daughters in marriage at the early age of 15 years, and my parents were already contemplating this if not for the intervention of my Aunty(my mom's kid sister) who suggested that I should be given a chance to have a handwork before going into a marriage. When I decided to be trained as a sewing mistress, I talked to a friend about it who introduced me to Good Samaritan Ministries, Senegal where she's been trained as well. I registered with the school and I found the atmosphere very conducive, the teachers are very kind and efficient, and the director is a real Samaritan. I have been trained for 2 years and I just graduated last October, but I'm not in search of a job yet as I have decided to remain in the ministry to help train other students. However, my parents have already accepted a marriage proposition from a family and soon I will get married. I want to express my gratitude to Good Samaritan Ministries for this opportunity, and the hope restored in my life. I'm happy for this training because I will no longer be a liability to my family and I will be a support to my husband when I get married. May God bless Good Samaritan Ministries!



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Director's Comment: After the graduation ceremony, Aissatou K. Diallo's aunt approached me and expressed her heartfelt appreciation. She confided that if it weren't for the GSM in Senegal, her niece would have been forced into early marriage, leaving her with no hope of living a fulfilling life.



TESTIMONY OF MARIAMA TALL



My name is Mariama Tall, I was born on the 27th of February, 2002 in Senegal. I am the first child of my parents and they are both Senegalaïse by origin. I came from a poor family of five children, my mom is a full housewife according to the Muslim rite, and my dad is the only one catering for the family, it's not easy for him because he doesn't have a stable job.

I dropped out of high school because my parents could no longer afford to pay the tuition fees. I couldn't find anything to do thereafter because everything is about money in Senegal and hope was lost until I met a teacher from Good Samaritan Ministries who happened to be a distant cousin, she talked to me about the ministry and also encouraged me to take up a sewing course. I broke the news to my parents, they accepted it and gave their blessing.

No sooner than I started, my parents accepted a marriage proposition from a family, and I got married in my first year of school and gave birth to a son in my second year. I graduated last October and my husband has been so supportive. I'm not in search of a job yet, I have decided to remain and work in the ministry in the meantime.

I thank God for being blessed by GSM, today I am a professional tailor, and I will be useful to myself, my family, my society, and support my husband. Initially, I took up this course because it has been my passion, perhaps the reason why I became the best student of this set. May God bless Good Samaritan Ministries!

Director's Comment:

Mariama is a very obedient student, humble and courageous. She got pregnant her first year in school and she attended classes until the week she delivered her baby. To crown it all, she is our best student this year.

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