



SOW News Update – April 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we are delighted to share with you some brief news from The Gambia, and to ask for your continued support in prayer.

The small group of full-time students at Tubakuta have moved onto studying Titus, Mark 9-16, and Acts 12 12-28 this term. **Please pray** for them that they would hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that they can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it (Titus 1:9).

All the students (part-time at Fajara, full-time and Tailoring school trainees at Tubakuta) are continuing with The Lord's Harvest discipleship series, **please pray** that just as they received Christ Jesus as Lord, they would continue to live their lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as they have been taught, and overflowing with thankfulness (Colossians 2:6,7).

We would love to train and equip more 'Servants of the Word', so **please pray** for the recruitment of more students for next academic year, part-time and especially for full-time students at Tubakuta. There is capacity to host and train many more, please pray that church leaders would be willing to release, encourage and support potential students for training, that young men and women would be willing to invest in a year of ministry training, and that there would sufficient financial resources for their families to allow them to take time to study.



The monthly Children's Bible Club had 36 children attend at Bonto village in February, and 62 in Jareng in March. **Praise God** for these opportunities for so many young people to hear the gospel clearly proclaimed. Thanks that they are well attended and enjoyed by the children who come, **please pray** for long term fruit so that that some of these young people may become future SOW students, teachers and preachers equipping God's church in The Gambia and beyond.



As this initiative gets established, **please pray** with us for someone who could act as the Children's Bible Club Coordinator, so that more and more children can hear the good news of Jesus.



Finally, **please pray** for the country and people of The Gambia. Pray for continued freedom for Christians to preach the gospel and worship together. Please pray that the scheduled Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) conference, due to be held in The Gambia in May, might be cancelled or re-located (as it has been in the past), and that current religious freedoms would not be further restricted.

Praise God for your continued prayer and financial support for gospel work in West Africa.

Thanks from all the staff, students and directors of Servants of the Word, The Gambia.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:3-5).