



SOW News Update – July 2025

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

All the students are coming to the end of their year of studies.

The full-time students at Tubakuta have completed their final course and will be leaving SOW to serve in various local churches. In the final term they focused on Bible books Nehemiah, Jonah and Acts 12-28, as well as Evangelism, Islam, and preaching practice from the book of Jonah.

There are several groups of part-time students working their way through the George Whitefield College Explore course.

Thirteen students have completed all 8 modules which is great achievement and demonstrates their commitment over a number of years. There are another nineteen students at various stages of the course from modules 1-8.

Please pray that each of these students would be able to complete all eight modules and continue growing in love and knowledge of Jesus.

EXPLORE modules are:

1. Explore the Bible
2. Explore the Life of Jesus
3. Explore the Works of the Apostles
4. Explore the World's Creator
5. Explore the Books of Moses
6. Explore the Prophets
7. Explore Salvation
8. Explore the Christian Life



Activities to engage with the Tubakuta community have continued, with a third group of local people benefitting from basic computer training, and excitingly the official start of the children's literacy programme!



The aim of this project is to encourage children at the village schools to engage more with reading, and introduce them to Bible stories. It has already provided some wonderful opportunities to host groups at the Tubakuta campus library, and to do some simple farming training.



The team have also been out to the local schools to distribute starter kits to encourage writing, including pens, pencils and notepads. These were provided by Pastor Prince and his wife Juliet, who are coming to the end of their year volunteering at SOW and living onsite in one of the farm houses.





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Please pray that each of these initiatives to engage the local community would bring blessing and draw people to Christ. Even getting the neighbours to visit the campus for the first time is a helpful step along the way to sharing the good news of the gospel with them.

While former SOW student and SOW faculty member Adriano Mbackeh is away studying at George Whitefield Theological College in Cape Town there is an increased load on the remaining teachers.



Even so, another former student and SOW staff member Pastor Daniel Anderson Obeng has just completed his distance learning studies with Teleo University and was awarded a B.A. in Pastoral Studies.

Praise God for these young men who are committed to serve to the best of their ability and willing to study hard to equip them for this task. **Please pray** for Steven as he trains and mentors other servants of the word to continue this great task of faithful teaching and preaching.



There have been several other opportunities for SOW staff and students to work alongside local churches, including a mission weekend in Ndugu Kebbeh, North Bank, run in conjunction with ECG (Evangelical Church of the Gambia) Omega Church. **Praise God** for safe travel for the team and good participation from the village community in all the activities, including farming training, medical outreach, football, and a Bible club for children and teens.



Please pray for lasting fruit from the various services and talks, one-to-one conversations and door-to-door evangelism, that God would soften hearts and open eyes, and bring many from the darkness of animism and Islam to light and life in Jesus.



Finally, Steven was also invited to preach at the annual combined churches service organised by the Gambia Pastors Alliance and held in the National Stadium. **Please pray** that his message would not only encourage and strengthen gospel convictions amongst all the church leaders attending, but also highlight the value of the training and discipleship offered by Servants of the Word to help raise the next generation of church leaders.

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).