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# Tom Flaskerud Evangelistic Association and The Freedom Team

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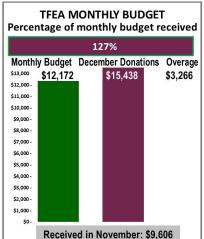
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January 15th, 2022

December: 63 Events - 5,999 Professions of Faith in Christ!

#### Dear TFEA/Freedom Team Partner.

As Carla and I were recently reminiscing about when and how the Freedom Team ministry started we have come to a remarkable conclusion. We started our ministry on Valen-



tine's Day in 1982 doing a short Martial Arts exhibition and sharing our Testimony to a group of senior citizens at a Valentines Day Banquet. The response from the senior citizens was exceptional and it was then that we discovered God had a plan for our lives......Fast forward almost 40 years and as we are approaching Valentines Day 2022 which will mark the beginning of our 40th year of ministry, God has continued to be faithful and we continue to be amazed at the response of people to our ministry. It is hard to fathom that in 2021 our TFEA Teams did 377 Evangelistic Events and 16,598 people responded with a recorded Professions of Faith in Christ and several

Thank you, Partners, for praying and continuing to support us as God

Bless you, Tom, Carla, Joy, David, Steve, Ted, Pastor Moy Jr., Pastor Luis, Hector, Pastor Román, Pastor Francisco, Pastor Giovanny, Pastor Gustavo, Evangelist Bryan, Pastor Salvador, Pastor Noemi, Evangelist Joshua, & Freedom Team

# hundred more responded with re-dedicating their life to Christ. continues to open more doors as we go forward together impacting our world for Jesus Christ.

## TFEA Recognized as "Agents of Change and Partners of Change"

Evangelist Bryan writes. Our East Africa Prison Team received a card at the end of the year from the Uganda prisons expressing their appreciation and recognizing the TFEA Ministry Team as "Agents of Change and Partners of Change" with the Government of Uganda **Prison Service.** God has granted us great favor with the staff of the prisons. The Sunday services inside the prisons are life changing and have restored the hope among the inmates. They look forward to something good during the weekly services including singing, worshiping and testifying about God's goodness. We are going to begin Sunday services in 4 new prisons, some on Saturday, in response to the requests from the different prison wardens. Evangelist Joshua has gathered many amazing testimonies full of hope from transformed and converted inmates in Kakiika and Nyabuhikye prisons who have joined the Sunday services.



Evangelist Joshua writes: The Sunday services have made a great impact and transformation in the lives of the inmates. We have received many testimonies in our testimony box and during the testimony time of the service. It is evident the Lord has called us to prison ministry



at this time. God is saving these inmates to impact the world with the gospel of the Kingdom. Many are vowing to serve the Lord in and outside the walls of prison. Many drug addicts have been transformed and God has saved many from suicidal thoughts, giving them a new hope in Christ Jesus. "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature, the old has gone. The new has come." 2nd Corinthians 5:17 We look forward to an even greater harvest in the new year. We continue to request your prayers as we launch even deeper to the unreached inmates with 4 new prison church services.

## Mexico - December Report: 22 Events - 845 Recorded Professions of Faith in Christ



## Pastor Moy Jr. Report: 4 Events 276 Men Responding 195 First-time accepting Christ

December has been a month of joy for me. We had a video meeting with all the MX Teams in which we were able to pray for each other and we received a message of encouragement from Pastor Moises to be firm and constantly growing in the work of the Lord. And we were able to visit four rehabilitation centers. (I was surprised to see young people in the rehabilitation centers not because of addictions but because of being unmanageable.) Sharing the gospel is a passion for me; I love bringing the good news of salvation and to see how the inmates

embrace the message and make the decision to change their lifestyles. We continue to pray that God brings freedom to the lives of each of the people who hear the message of salvation.

With love, Pastor Moy, Jr.



## Pastor Luis Report: 3 Events 147 Men/Women Responded 81 First-time accepting Christ

December was very blessed. We had joyful visits and people were coming to Christ. We never cease to be amazed because God always exceeds our expectations and each visit we see His hand work in different ways. 2021 was full of challenges because of the pandemic. Many rehabilitation centers were closed to visits for a long time. We have seen, as we resume our visits, the hearts of the men and women in the rehabilitation centers need Christ more then a recovery program. We thank God for the hearts of the directors who joyfully

open doors for us and we ask prayers for those who close their hearts to the gospel message that God will touch their lives and that they'll see that true freedom is only in Christ. We thank God for His constant provision and the generous hearts of the ministry partners who contribute materially and spiritually so that the ministry continues. All the glory be to God for the goals accomplished and the souls won for Christ.

Pastors Luis & Nayeli Limon



## Pastor Román Report: 4 Events 465 Men/Women Responded 380 First-time accepting Christ

Last year had new experiences and new challenges but we know it all came from God's hand. In Reynosa prison we entered and preached the gospel of salvation to those who were there. We saw God move in that place and felt His support. We saw a good response with a wonderful move of God. We believe that 2022 will bring new open doors, new challenges and new dreams fulfilled. Thank you, TFEA Partners, for your love towards us, your advice, prayers and financial support.

God bless you greatly, Pastor Roman & Family



#### Hector Soto Report: Events Men Responding First-time accepting Christ

Hector came down with Covid in December which grounded him from entering any rehabilitation centers but he has recovered nicely. He has also started January with an active schedule of rehabilitation centers and will be accompanying Tom, Carla and Moyito to visit our Evangelists in Hermosillo and Ciudad Obregon this week.



### Pastor Francisco's Report: Event Men Responding First-time accepting Christ

In December we could not visit any rehabilitation centers due to medical situations. We thank God even for the hard times because God can bring good out of it. He is almighty and sovereign. We are feeling much better. God forgives all our sins and heals all our infirmities. We are ready to start visiting rehabilitation centers with joy in our hearts.

With love, Pastor Francisco Rodarte and Team



## Pastor Giovanny's Report: 4 Events 115 Men/Women Responding 92 First-time accepting

Thank God, this past month we had the blessing of being able to visit four rehabilitation centers in Tijuana. It's exciting to see how God has opened the doors for us. We appreciate your prayers because we know that God has been moved by them. One difficult situation now is that by law we can no longer take photos in the rehabilitation centers due to the privacy issues for the inmates. We were told that if they see us take photos we would be removed and would not be allowed in again. So there will not be any photos now. We love you and send a hug to each of you.

With love, Pastor Giovanny and family



#### Pastor Gustavo's Report: 3 Events 117 Men Responding 62 First-time accepting Christ

We had the opportunity to visit three rehabilitation centers this past month. It was with great joy that we were able to hold Christmas parties in each one. We were allowed to do pinatas and give out candy and other sweet treats. They inmates all had a good time and responded to the invitation to receive Christ as Savior. There is also a weekly discipleship program in these rehabilitation centers taught by members of our church.

Blessings, Pastors Gustavo and Rosalva



## Pastor Noemi's Report: 3 Events 92 Men/Women Responding 35 First-time accepting Christ

We were excited to be able to share bags of treats with the inmates in December. The inmates felt God's love for them with each bag that they received. They were very happy and had a lot of fun. We were able to visit a new rehabilitation center in December. We shared the word of God with them and invited them to receive the best gift that any human can receive, which is our Lord Jesus Christ. When we gave them the treat bags there were many who told us they had never received a gift in their lifetime. They were very excited to receive the bag of sweets that we gave them.

With love, Noemi and Ernesto

## El Salvador, Central America - December Report

Pastor Salvador's Report: 1 Event 45 Men Responding 17 First-time accepting Christ

The situation in El Salvador has been improving. We have seen a positive response from the government regarding the reopening of the rehabilitation centers for 2022. We appreciate your prayers. We were encouraged with the meeting we had at the beginning of the month with the other teams via the internet. We were encouraged to grow in the work of the Lord, knowing that our work is not in vain and we are starting the new year with courage and strength, carrying the message of salvation. I would also like to thank you for the support in prayer for the healing and recovery for my father and the support for Delmy and me. We pray that God

will bless the lives of each of those who are part of this beautiful ministry.

With love. Pastor Salvador and Delmy

## Africa - December Report: 41 Events - 5,137 Recorded Professions of Faith in Christ



Evangelist Bryan Report: 21 Events 3,812 Inmates Responding 3,714 First-time

A happy new year to you all. Praise the Lord for the good health and protection enabling us to do His work. Loice and I deeply apricate the hand of God Almighty working wonders in our ministry here in East Africa and His saving grace in the prisons. We are so thankful to our TFEA partners for your support, prayers and spiritual guidance and for our TFEA East African Team members for the good team work. We share with you our joy of seeing thousands of inmates responding to our invita-

tions to receive Christ as Savior. We are looking forward to an even greater harvest in the new year. We are depending on God for every step we take. We request prayers for God's guidance and wisdom.

Laborers in His vineyard and partners with you, Evangelists Bryan and Loice

Evangelist Joshua Report: 20 Events 1,681 Inmates Responding 1,423 First-time



Praise the living God and happy new year. We are so thankful to God for enabling us to serve Him by giving us the gift of life, good health and provision for His work. My team and I are so grateful to TFEA ministry partners for welcoming us as a part of what God is doing in the prison ministry. This is a very unique, powerful and effective method of evangelism that we have never experienced before. We are amazed at the hundreds of inmates accepting Christ in just a single event every time we visit the prisons. We are also thankful for the favor God has given us with the staff of each facility. There is a great move of God that is working amidst us and the prison ministry with a huge impact as we continue to receive so many invitations to other prisons.

"So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free." John 8:36

810 New Believers attended the December Prison Sunday Services in 2 prisons.

Read their Prisoner Testimonies of what God is doing in their lives and how powerfully God is impacting them (see page 4). We have also trained additional workers who will be doing 4 more Prison Services and we will be purchasing another vehicle for them. Please pray that God would provide the funds for this vehicle and the funds for the Africa Bibles. Thank you!

## Praise God For:

- \* A successful and very fruitful 2021.
- \* The response to His Word.
- A new year to carry on His work.
- God's protection as we walk the road of ministry.
- \* Our Faithful Prayer Partners that make our ministry possible and fruitful!!!

# Prayer Requests for TFEA & The Freedom Team

- \* That God will continue to move in the lives of people as they respond to the gospel call.
- \* That God would increase our financial resources to add more workers in the vineyard.
- \* That God would protect the new believers and grow them in His grace.
- \* That God's Word would continue to move in power and not return void.



20,000 New Testaments: 10,000 in the Luganda Language & 10,000 in the Runyankole Language to be given to the East Africa Prisoners who are receiving Jesus Christ through the Tom Flaskerud Evangelistic Association's East Africa Prison Evangelists. We are able to have these printed for \$2 each. Please consider sending your tax-deductible gift to: Tom Flaskerud Evangelistic Association, 19053 River Woods Drive, Bend, OR 97702 or visit our website at: www.TFEA.us and click on the Donate tab.

Please be sure to mark 'Africa Bibles' in the memo line.

## Testimony from Prisoners in 2 Ugandan Prison Sunday Services

#### Asiimwe, 36 years old, male, Kakiika prison

Thank you for coming to us here; you brought life to me again. Now I know there is a God in heaven. I won't say I understand it all but after watching the Prisoners of Pain documentary and accepting Christ, I feel that Jesus has spared me from death, hell and the grave. God has been so good to me, allowing me to live until now to be able to meet Jesus in this place. I was a violent person years ago, as you know drugs change a person's nature. I witnessed my friends getting gunned down in the streets for not paying their drug bills to the gang leaders. Drugs are a tool of the devil; drugs change and destroy human nature. I became violent. I was insane on drugs. I had no pity for anyone yet the Lord Jesus has shown me so much pity today. I want to say without hesitation that coming to the weekly Sunday services has changed my life and given me hope. My immediate need now is a Bible. Reading it is all I want to do this whole next year.

#### Dennis, 43 years old, male, Nyabuhikye prison

After the death of my wife and daughter in separate car accidents in 2009 I lost hope and tried to take my life 3 times in vain. Then I found "friends" who introduced me to drugs and alcohol. Little did I know that I was walking a road of gradual self destruction. I have been sitting here in prison for about 13 years serving a 15 year sentence for a crime I did not commit. But because of the people I associated with I was rounded up with them under a cloud of shame. In fear and depression I wanted to take my life and quit the world. That is when Jesus met me in the service hall when you visited last Wednesday with the documentary, Prisoners of Pain. You said my life will never be the same again when I received Christ. And yes, now I believe it. I feel peace in my soul. I thank the Warden for letting me in here for the service and please keep letting me in for Sunday service. Keep coming to us.

#### Abison, 49 years old, male, Kakiika prison

I thank God for my new found hope and life in Christ Jesus. I can boldly say: I feel peace in my heart, I don't remember feeling this peaceful in over 20 years. I started using and selling drugs when I was 13 years old after growing up in a violent and broken home. I cared less if tomorrow ever arrived. I later joined a neighborhood gang and was taught to sell heroin, to rob or steal and bring the money to the leaders. One evening we staged a road block that went very bad. Our target was a government official who had heavily armed escorts. We were over powered and arrested. I ended up in prison. I have tried several times to take my life over the past 20 years but somehow failed. Last month when I met the Freedom Team and watched the documentary it was like a replay of my past life. I took Jesus into my heart and even though I am still in my prison cell, I have experienced freedom in my heart that is beyond anything I've known.

## Janan,39 years old, male, Kakiika prison

I was a witness to a robbery in my neighborhood. At first I collaborated with the police and then I was a suspect. Now I am doing 10 years in prison. I was filled with anger, bitterness and resentment because the system would not fight for my innocence. I wished to die many times and had suicidal thoughts because I saw no meaning to life. Until yesterday when you invited me to watch the Prisoners of Pain....God's Grace documentary. I received Christ Jesus. I am just a day old in salvation but the peace I felt last night, I never felt before. For the past 10 years I have not slept for more than 3 hours at night but yesterday I had a peaceful sleep until morning. I also had a dream that I was released from prison and back at home. I know I am out of prison in my soul and am peaceful even though I'm here physically.

### James, 39 years old, male, Nyabuhikye prison

As a teenager I lived a wild life of drinking, drugs and crime which led to a charge of armed robbery and facing 26 years in prison at the age of 19. While sitting in a jail cell recently I heard the warden call us for prayers at the hall. I came out just to feel the sun outside and not to pray. Little did I know that God would give me this wonderful salvation and the peace that I felt from that day after watching the documentary that showed me that I had been living in sin and that I could not live that way anymore. I surrendered my life to Christ. Since then I have found a new meaning to life and am looking forward to being in the weekend service with you again.

#### Catherine, 48 years old, female, Kakiika prison

Since the age of 18 I have been a drug dealer and user. My life has been full of crime. Spending time behind bars has not been in itself enough to stop me from a life of bad choices. My turning point was in December when I experienced the transforming grace and power of God through the ministry of the Prisoners of Pain documentary and the preaching of the Freedom Team that delivered me. I feel empowered to live a better life and if I ever get out of here, I want to serve the Lord with the same urgency that I previously served sin. Praise God that now I am at peace. I've been set free in my spirit and soon I will be set free from the prison cell.

#### Joseph, 52 years old, male, Kakiika prison

From my youth my life was marked by drugs, alcohol, crime and violence. I was arrested and imprisoned many times. I continued my bad lifestyle that eventually led to my final arrest. I was looking for satisfaction in money, drugs and women. However, the void inside remained....until the day I stepped into the prison hall in November and watched the Prisoners of Pain documentary. I heard several testimonies of people that lived a life like mine. I surrendered my life to Christ and the next day I was in the hall for church and felt a power greater than drugs, guns and violence. God delivered me and filled me with His peace. I look forward for the time I will be in the church service.