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## SIERRA LEONE, AFRICA

Russ Frase and I trained 30 pastors and leaders to start Bible Training Centers in Freetown in 2012. We did the training in the backyard of a missions house among the chickens and goats. Honestly, I left wondering what if anything would ever come of our training there.

Personally speaking, our trip back there last month for graduations was, hands down, the most demanding and physically exhausting of any of my earlier ministry ventures overseas. We traveled to eleven of the fourteen districts of Sierra Leone and besides just being brutally hot, it was the most difficult conditions I have ever experienced on a trip. Our team joked among ourselves of our adventures - 1 frenzied mob, 2 attempted thefts, 2 broken down SUVs and 1 in a ditch, 2 flat tires, 14 bucket baths, 100's of miles on extremely bad roads and 1 standoff on a single lane bridge. "Count it all joy!"

But to graduate over 200 students in nine graduations in nine days and have our Muslim driver saved and baptized – **PRICELESS**!

Alpha was our SUV driver and with us 24/7. Growing up a Muslim, he had only ever been to a mosque. He had never been to a Christian church because he had been told not to go. We were very personable with him, shared our food and snacks, and just loved on him. He witnessed the graduations we did, heard testimonies from students who used to be Muslim, witnessed us praying for the sick and dancing, and just saw the joy we all had. About half way in the trip <u>a fellow team member</u>, Steve Owings, lead him to Christ. We baptized him in a swimming pool at a hotel we were blessed to stay at one night, enjoying a reprieve from the heat! He is now connected with our leaders in Freetown and planning on going to our bible school this fall. Glory!



Alpha and Pastor Steve

#### ANNUAL MINISTRY EVENT AT TOP GOLF!



When: Monday, June 26th 12:00 - 5:00 PM

Where: Top Golf - Centennial, Colorado

How: Go to www.freetobefruitful.com and click on Ministry Event for all details
Why: Because you have a heart for fulfilling the great commission and seeing lives changed for eternity! *Please consider joining us for some fun and to hear what God is doing around the world through Freedom Through Faith Ministries.*

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#### Joshua Nations Bible Training Centers

As a Global Representative with Joshua Nations we are partnering with them to disciple the nations!

Students	150,318
Graduates	33,757
Schools	6,920
Nations	51
Languages	55

# Varanasi and Jaipur, India

It was a long trip for Russ Frase and myself, <u>a total of 36 hours</u> <u>in transit to our first ministry location</u> of Varanasi, India with one flight segment being 15.5 hours alone (Newark to Delhi). For all the discomforts of international travel though it is, <u>we</u> <u>had another extremely fruitful trip of ministry and</u> <u>arguably one that could end up being the most impactful.</u>

Varanasi is a city of 3.6 million and not only a stronghold of Hinduism, but the birth place of Buddhism is also just 8 miles away in the city in Sarnath. The Ganges River at Varanasi is one of the holiest sites in Hinduism. It was quite the experience to take a boat ride on the Ganges River and see the cremation fires which tradition says have burned nonstop for 3,000 years. It is believed washing in the Ganges River will wash away a Hindu's sin and being cremated there will break the cycle of reincarnation and rebirth. It was quite the dark place, but I'm glad to report there are brothers and sisters in Christ testifying to the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ there!

It was a privilege to teach, encourage, equip and train our brothers and sisters in Christ there. A total of <u>165 first</u> generation pastors were trained in Varanasi to start Bible <u>Training Centers and another 49 in Jaipur</u>. Based upon the commitments given there will soon be another <u>1500 students</u> in weekly biblical study and practical ministry experience. The most exciting news though is there are thousands of home groups in the network of the key leaders and their desire is to have a bible school in each of them! I was also able to teach on one of my favorite topics and activate the pastors in each location in healing. **Praise God!** 

#### Itinerary

January 2017 Destiny Church, San Antonio TX Missions Conference

February 2017 Varanasi and Jaipur, India Joshua Nations Bible School Training

March 2017 Accra and Takoradi, Ghana, Africa Joshua Nations Bible School Training and Graduations

April/May 2017 Sierra Leone, Africa Joshua Nations Bible School Graduations and Pastor Conferences

May 2017 World Missions Outreach Joshua Nations Bible School Training Atlanta GA

June 2017 Guatemala and Belize Joshua Nations Bible School Training

October 2017 Shell Lake Missions Conference Shell Lake WI

(Thailand and more TBA)



Activating pastors in healing ministry in Jaipur, India



Having some fun with children in Sierra Leone, Africa



Bible Training Center students in Accra

### Accra and Takoradi, Ghana

We trained over 400 pastors and leaders in Accra and <u>Takoradi to start Bible Training Centers</u>. Our host Bernard also trained another 200 leaders after we left. It's encouraging to see those you've trained go and train others. Duplicating yourself in ministry is incredibly fruitful and rewarding!

Teaching and training pastors/leaders is our primary mission, but I always enjoy individual ministry. It seems everywhere I go the Lord has **divine appointments** for me and this trip was no different. In Takoradi we stayed in the housing units of a Catholic seminary where we were served by two young ladies. Each of them approached me separately for prayer in regards to demonic manifestations during their sleep and <u>I was able to minister deliverance and the baptism of the Holy Spirit to each of them. Their lives will never be the same!\_Hallelujah!</u>



New bibles for 1st generation pastors in Varanasi, India



Bernard, Jack and key leader with completed BTC lessons in Ghana, Africa