

CALL TO PRAYER

JULY 2024



FARMING GOD'S WAY— BREAKING THE YOKE OF POVERTY IN WEST AFRICA

How do you see Africa—as a begging bowl or a breadbasket? If we're honest, most of us would admit we see the region as the begging bowl of the world. But CAMA, The Alliance's relief and development arm, is working to change that. Food insecurity, corruption, drought, lack of educational opportunities, unrest, and malnutrition are among the many contributing factors to the holistic poverty in Africa. Spiritual poverty is also prevalent, as many put their trust in ancestral worship and the majority faith to save and protect them. And because of our fallen world and people's poor choices, the plight continues to worsen.

This crisis was the motivation for hosting the first-ever West African Regional Farming God's Way (FGW) training. FGW is a resource—freely available to individuals, NGOs, and churches—to help them make a difference in the communities where they have influence. It seeks to break the yoke of poverty by teaching proven, biblical growing practices to help individuals, families, and communities meet their basic needs. We in CAMA believe FGW can be an incredible tool to

alleviate both the physical and spiritual poverty so many people face here.

From May 6–10, 60 people from 26 countries gathered at the Beersheba Farm in Senegal, West Africa, for this training. Participants included many who desire to use FGW as a tool to reach the nations. Some attendees didn't know Jesus, and others had never planted anything. The training's success was largely due to the prayers of our supporters and CAMA international workers who serve in Senegal—God answered powerfully. Some of the non-Christian participants were deeply touched by the teaching from God's Word at the training and have stayed connected with us since it ended. Others have already started applying their knowledge in preparing their own fields for farming and helping others do so.

Will you pray that each participant will not allow this resource to sit in their “toolbox” but rather use it to expand the Kingdom in coming alongside the poor in West Africa? Ask God to guide us in how to keep the momentum going and equip those who participated to become future Farming God's Way advocates in Senegal and beyond.

| based on an update by Tom Brane, a CAMA global partner

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As cross-cultural international workers, we are taught that sometimes it's too soon to ask someone to accept Jesus as Savior. An example is when they don't understand the gospel yet. I had been afraid of scaring my friend away by teaching this lesson prematurely. My dream confirmed that God didn't want me to let fear hold me back.

At the end of our study, I asked my friend if he wanted to trust Jesus as his Savior. He said yes. At first, I was shocked, so I asked him in several different ways to make sure he understood the commitment he was making. Each time, he said yes! Pray for him to grow in his faith and understanding of what it means to follow Jesus. Ask God to send

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| by an Alliance international worker serving with aXcess in Asia

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Now that they have returned home, pray for attendees to be anchored to Jesus and walk in daily surrender to the Holy Spirit. Pray, too, for young adults to explore and respond to the call to serve the local church and that regional partnerships will continue to form in our churches.

| by Jon Mann, young adult pastor, SJCAC

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