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In the Beginning was the Word...

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Hebrew 4:12 says; "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. "

"...So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:11

Statistics show that only 5% of people effectively retain and implement what they have learned through traditional training. This goes up to 85% implementation if they receive ongoing coaching/discipleship. Success is usually evaluated by the quality of material or how well it is presented. In contrast, the effectiveness of discipleship is determined by the increasing success of the disciple. Effective discipleship requires a transformation process while developing a relationship. The process teaches skills, as well as new insights and attitudes. It's a process of; "knowledge > practice > skills > attitudes > habits" circle? As you have noticed, the start point of this circular process is at the knowledge stage and where best to acquire Christian knowledge than in the Bible. Basically saying, without the availability of Bibles in the societies we work, none of the other process we are trying to start can run successfully.

You may have heard or read of the popular adage:

"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."

Teaching him to fish is not enough. We take this a step further in the Christian realms using coaching/discipleship. We must also coach this new fisherman to identify and develop fishing strategies; to discover where to fish; how to start a fishing business. He may learn how to fish but he also needs to know how to find fish and also markets to sell his catch. Strategic discipleship helps minimize unproductive, unemployed fishermen and adds productive contributors to the future growth and development of communities.



With the help and support of many kind individuals, YEA has managed to start this cycle by the donation and hand out of Bibles to specific and strategic youths in the areas we work. We offer Bibles, Bible reading skills, materials and Bible study techniques to the youths. With this small mustard seed sown, we can comfortably trust that the Lord will continue to grow and multiply the seed into fully grown gardens across the lands.

I guess the question you need to ask yourself is how have you helped improve / transform any ones life lately? You can still do this by donating towards the YEA's Bibles 4 All (B4A) cause.

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