Luke Lesson 44 Handout – Which Way

Village Profile of Bugiri...

ReturnHope has heard the promptings of God to begin its work in a town in Uganda called Bugiri. (Boo-gi-ree)

Bugiri is known as the town that everybody drives through as they head to other larger towns in the area. Some refer to Bugiri as “The Forgotten Town, or “The Forgotten People”.

It is a town of great potential. 45 years ago the Ugandan Government built a large hospital in the town and it still stands, although, no upkeep has been done on or in the hospital since it has been built.
There is a market that meets on a main dirt street every Monday and thousands gather to trade, buy, and sell food and enjoy community together.

The average wage in Bugiri for a family is less than $.40 per day. When Jesus refers to helping “The Least of These”...this town fits the description. The biggest income generator right now, in Bugiri, is sex. Because Bugiri is close to the Kenya border, many transportation and shipping trucks drive through and park in Bugiri at night and the truckers have propositioned many women for sex. The families of Bugiri are so desperate that many husbands and wives have resorted to using the wife for sex as a way to put food on the table for their family. Only desperation resorts to this tragedy. There are solutions and we must commit to this town and it’s people to help it all change. ReturnHope wants to help the people of Bugiri
learn business and skills that will help them produce, sell and money manage, develop Churches and train pastors in a way that the entire town becomes completely self sustaining. ReturnHope desires to do all of this under the umbrella of Christianity and the hope that only Jesus can give.

The greatest request from the people of Bugiri is to help their children get an education. The locals know that without an education they will never break out of the poverty trap. School in Uganda has to be paid for. This is an impossibility when the average family is making less than .40 per day.

ReturnHope has begun a partnership with the School called, “Wings of Grace.” This school has very little, but is serving hundreds of children. The building they are renting is very close to the main highway and the Government authorities are forcing this school to either shut down or move due to concerns of a run away vehicle coming off the highway and harming the children of the school.
Oketch Sam, the School’s Leader and also ReturnHope’s Uganda Director, sold some of his own property to purchase a couple acres of land and has begun to build a temporary facility where the students can study until a permanent facility is built.
The goal is to purchase a total of about 15 acres, ($5000 per acre) and build a first class school that helps raise Bugiri out of the worst school rankings in Uganda. Thousands of dollars are needed to help the people of Bugiri become self-sustaining. Donations from America will be used to build, train and equip the people of Bugiri, young and old, to become self-sustaining. ReturnHope does not believe in handouts, and wants to use donations to remove the obstacles that are forcing the people of Bugiri to be stuck in the poverty trap. I pray you would make a monthly contribution to ReturnHope’s General Fund and have confidence the money is being used to conquer the very things that are described above.

The people of this community are overwhelmingly loving and kind. They have such bright futures and potential, they simply need some people like you to coop with them and walk alongside them to the point of self-sustenance.

ReturnHope, through your contributions has already been able to provide 2 fresh water wells that will serve the people fresh water for decades. Up to this point, the people have been forced to walk more than 2.5 miles to a ground water source that provides water that is ridden with water born diseases that are killing the citizens. Thank you for helping this problem already.
Luke 6:43  For there is no good (healthy) tree that bears decayed (worthless, stale) fruit, nor on the other hand does a decayed (worthless, sickly) tree bear good fruit. 44 For each tree is known and identified by its own fruit; for figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor is a cluster of grapes picked from a bramblebush.

Mark Driscoll - We don’t need behavior modification, we need regeneration. You don’t need to become a better person, you need to become a different person. What he’s talking about is uprooting one tree, saying, that one’s worthless. It’s a bad tree. It’s bad to the roots. It has nothing but bad fruit. And then God replants us in Christ as a whole new tree. New creation in Christ, new person, new heart, new mind, new will, new emotions, new life, new appetites, new passions, new pleasures, new affections, new person.
Ephesians 2:1–5 (NASB95)

1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
2 Corinthians 5:17 (AMP)

17 Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!

Luke 6:45  The upright (honorable, intrinsically good) man out of the good treasure [stored] in his heart produces what is upright (honorable and intrinsically good), and the evil man out of the evil storehouse brings forth that which is depraved (wicked and intrinsically evil); for out of the abundance (overflow) of the heart his mouth speaks.

Ezekiel 36:26–27 (NASB95)

26 “Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

Psalm 37

1 Do not fret because of evildoers, be not envious toward wrongdoers. 2 For they will wither quickly like the grass and fade like the green herb. 3 Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. 4 Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart. 5 Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He will do it. 7 Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who carries out wicked schemes.
Psalm 37:8–10 (NASB95)

8 Cease from anger and forsake wrath; do not fret; it leads only to evildoing. 9 For evildoers will be cut off, but those who wait for the L ORD, they will inherit the land. 10 Yet a little while and the wicked man will be no more; and you will look carefully for his place and he will not be there.

Psalm 37:12–13 (NASB95)

12 The wicked plots against the righteous and gnashes at him with his teeth. 13 The Lord laughs at him; for He sees his day is coming.

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Numbers 1:5-10 (NASB95)

5 “These then are the names of the men who shall stand with you: of Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur; 6 of Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai; 7 of Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab; 8 of Issachar, Nethanel the son of Zuar; 9 of Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon; 10 of the sons of Joseph: of Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud; of Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur;
Psalm 37:23 (NASB95)

23 The steps of a man are established by the LORD, And He delights in his way.

Psalm 37:23 (AMP)

23 The steps of a [good] man are directed and established by the Lord when He delights in his way [and He busies Himself with his every step].

Psalm 37:23 (NLT)

23 The LORD directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives.