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The Gospel is for Everyone: A Pastor's Journey to Embracing the Lost

For many years, Pastor Alfred Benson of the Guinea Road community avoided associating with the drug users—locally known as zogos—in his community. Then one day, he was invited to an orality training workshop led by Living Water. As he listened to the story of the Good Samaritan, his heart was stirred with compassion for the overlooked, prompting him to think differently about the zogos in his own community.

“That story challenged my understanding of love and ministry,” Pastor Alfred explained. “After the training, I made a decision to start reaching out to the zogos in my community. I began visiting their camps, talking with them, listening to them, and sharing the love of Christ.”

As Pastor Alfred began to interact with the very people he had once avoided, something transformative began to take place. The zogos in his community began to open up their hearts to Pastor Alfred. They felt seen, heard, and cared for, and were drawn to the gospel message Pastor Alfred shared, beginning to see themselves as deeply loved by God.

Today, Pastor Alfred has at least five zogos who have become active members of his church. One of them has even become a worship leader, guiding others into the presence of God through songs of praise and worship.

“Many churches I’m working with have started reaching out to the zogos. It’s amazing to see what God is doing,” Pastor Alfred shared. “I thank God for using Living Water to help me see beyond what’s on the surface. Everyone deserves to be loved, reached, and restored.”



A group of men listen to Pastor Alfred as he teaches them about the transformative grace and love of Jesus Christ.



Pastor Alfred [bottom center] poses for a photo with the group of men he has been discipling.