



Baraka Road Church of Christ

2019 Christian Ministry: Annual Review Newsletter

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Vision: To know Jesus Christ and make him known through love and service [John 17:3](#), [Mark 10:45](#), [1 Peter 1:18-19](#)

Mission: To bring people to Christ and membership in his family, develop our Christ-like maturity, and equip everyone for their ministry in the church and for their life mission in the world all to God's glory: [Mathew 28:18-20](#), [2Tim 3:16-17](#), [Colossians 1:27-29](#)

James, called to be an evangelist of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the church of Christ in Kalispell, Montana,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hello and Praise God sisters and brothers in Christ:

I can't believe that 2019 is already coming to an end. It seems to have flown by, but it was an amazing year! So let's take some time to reflect with gratitude on how God has worked through us in 2019. Your continued partnership in Christ's service has allowed me to humbly serve God alongside the Baraka Road Church of Christ.

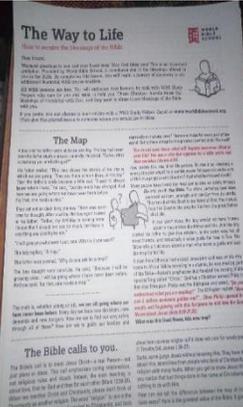
Together, we have accomplished God's kingdom work in evangelism, discipleship, worship, fellowship, and ministry fulfilling God's Great Commission & Commandments (Mk 16:15-18, Mt 28:18-20, 22:37-40).

1. Evangelism:

We are proclaiming the good news of God's kingdom in Christ, the forgiveness of sins, and the hope of eternal life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We aim to follow Jesus by reaching our friends and family for Christ and publicly spreading the gospel in our neighborhood. This year 25 people whom we reached out to welcomed Jesus into their hearts, were baptized and were added to the church!

We organize seeker-oriented church services. We use WBS adult and children lessons to bring people to Christ. We also use the below evangelism methods and tools:

- Friendship evangelism, Personal testimony, Hospitality, House fellowships
- Evangelistic Bible studies, Chronological Bible storytelling,
- Visitation evangelism, Visitation of inquirers or church visitors, Hospital visitation, Door-to-door visitation,
- Student groups, Children's Bible clubs.
- Praying for the sick, for people in personal crisis, for deliverance from spiritual bondage, and praying over public events.
- Internet- Facebook, Whatsapp, Messenger.





We are looking forward to incorporate the following evangelism methods in our outreach program depending on our resources:

- Evangelistic or Evangelistic films and videos such as the Jesus film
- Public-proclamation-evangelism, Open-air preaching on streets or in parks and markets,
- After Job/School Meals where a testimony and encouragement is given.
- Community canvassing Seminar and course evangelism Alpha courses.
- Marriage enrichment,
- Adult evening Bible Study
- Christian couple Family and Spiritual retreats,
- Christian Servant evangelism,
- Community service projects Medical, dental clinics, cleaning etc
- Crisis counseling, Single parents, divorce, grief, special need groups
- The use of email blogs

We are having a challenge with where we baptize new believers, as you can see above, we go to different places to do baptisms, renting permanent and inflated swimming pools are always expensive, at times we resort to seasonal rivers here, and again these rivers are often polluted by poor sewerage systems. Our only solution is to buy our own inflated swimming pool. Please remember us in your prayers over this need.

2. Discipleship: Discipleship helps us fortify our faith by learning the truth of God's Word and applying biblical principles to our lifestyles. In discipleship classes we help people become more like Christ in their thoughts, feelings, and actions.

We use discipleship classes to teach and encourage believers to be committed and mature followers of Jesus Christ as they serve him obediently. We stress the NT privileges and joys as well as the cost of our calling. We exhort believers that this process involves learning from God, fellow believers, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Jn 6:45 See also Isa 54:13, Acts 2: 42-47

This process begins when a person is born again and continues to follow Jesus throughout the rest of his/her life.



Worship Discipleship and Bible study classes:

3.Sunday- Worship: John 4:23, 1Cor 14:26-38. Worship helps you focus on God. It prepares us spiritually and emotionally for the week ahead. In our worship we aim to celebrate the worthiness of God, his love, greatness, and saving deeds as we partake of the holy communion. We honor his name by offering our praises, adorations and reverence. We encourage our congregation that true worship brings blessings, unity in the spirit, guidance, deliverance, joy, a sense of God's presence, boldness to witness, and a conviction of our sins.





Sunday Worship and our youth presenting songs. This year the Lord blessed us with one newborn baby among our members.

4.Fellowship: Fellowship helps us face life's problems by providing the support and encouragement of God, Jesus, Holy Spirit and other fellow Christians. In our fellowship we seek ways that God desires fellowship with humanity. God calls people to be his own and to reflect his holiness and love.

Fellowship among us helps us find and develop our talents and use them in serving others. We share our common union with God through Jesus Christ as expressed in our living and serving together.

Our aim is to reflect God's own love by our fellowship together, in our love for one another, and in our practical commitment to one another demonstrated in our concern for the weak & our readiness to share with the poor & needy.

By sharing in the fellowship of God's love 1Jn 4:10-12, Jn 13:34; 15:12; Eph 5:1-2; 1Jn 3:10, and by sharing in the fellowship of a common devotional life Ac 2:42. Strengthening one another in fellowship together. Bearing with the weak Gal 6:1-2, Isa 42:3; Ro 14:1; 15:1; 1Th 5:14



House Fellowship and Ladies' Bible study

5.Ministry: We demonstrate God's love through service and living out our mission statement above. At Baraka Rd Church of Christ, we take seriously the task of meeting needs in Christ's name. That's what "ministry" is all about: meeting needs in Jesus' name. Our objective is to minister to the total person. We do not limit our ministry to only the so-called "spiritual" needs. We believe God cares about every part of a person's life. People cannot be compartmentalized. Their needs spill over onto each other.

We follow the NT ministry pattern of Jesus {Servanthood} In servanthood Mt 20:26-28 pp Mk 10:43-45 pp Lk 22:26-27 See also Mt 23:11 pp Mk 10:43

We recognize and encourage the ministries of other Believers-Col 4:17. We teach that the Holy Spirit allocates gifts and enables ministries. No individual has all the gifts; ministry is shared;1Cor 12, Eph 4:7,11-13. Our motivation of ministry is mutual love Gal 5:13. Our purpose is to serve and equip Acts 2: 42-47: "They gave to anyone as he had need."

Children Ministry:





We use WBS materials and chronological Bible story-telling to teach the young ones the way of Christ. Through this program, we are able to reach their families and neighbors and friends with gospel of Christ. Baraka Rd congregation also partially sponsors the education of two of these poor children. These children come to us every Saturday for Bible study with various needs, such as education, medication and food. When resources allow, we serve them with snacks and candies.





Susan and Vera as Sunday School teachers. James giving out children's gifts from Kalispell CoC Children ministry sent by Sister Katie Schliebe.

Hospital Ministry.

Our church congregation visits nearby hospitals to encourage and to pray for the sick, and occasionally serves each patient giving them a piece of fruit



Baraka Rd-CoC visits hospitals to encourage and pray for the sick.

Serving God's purpose: We exhort and encourage believers that. God's purposes for the church are His purposes for every Christian. As individual followers of Christ we are to use our lives in worship, ministry, evangelism, discipleship, and fellowship. Having the church allows us to do this together united in our service to God and people.





I thank God that through His grace and your continued support, my two children, Godwill and Mark made it to High School, and now the third one Joy Akoth is to join them!

All five of our kids did well in their exams and have been promoted to the next grades come 2020!

Our Public Address System fund drive gave us **KSH 43,000**, this was almost a half of our target, we are still following up with those who pledged to fulfill their promises, this plus our current internal contributions may give us an addition of **KSH 50,000 to 60,000**. And God willing, we may go for PA- rating at these amounts. We dearly appreciate brother Tony Smith who sent us \$100, this amount in paying customs duty for the Children's gifts sent by Katie Schliebe, and a balance of \$ 60- help in our PA- fund drive.

If I knew a more strategic way to invest my life, I would do it. The task of bringing people to Christ and into membership in his family, developing them into mature disciples, empowering and equipping them for personal ministry, and sending them out to fulfill their life mission is the greatest purpose on earth. I have no doubt that it is worth living for and dying for.

2019 has been an amazing and blessed year for all of us! Because of your willingness to partner with me in the work of God's kingdom, so much has been accomplished. None of it could have happened without your support; and all of us here at Baraka CoC are so grateful for you!

We are praying that you will all be blessed with wonderful divine blessings. And that the New Year 2020 will be one filled with love, unity, peace, good health, and prosperity for you and your families. Please pray with us that the Lord may open up financial doors to help with our ministries.

Yours in His service: James for the Baraka Road Church of Christ.