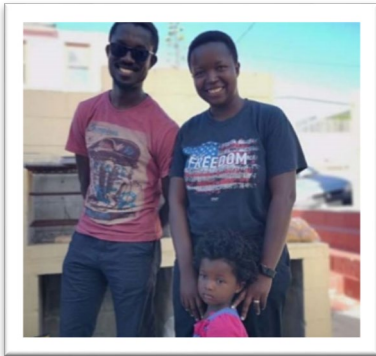


# STUDY PARTNER NEWS

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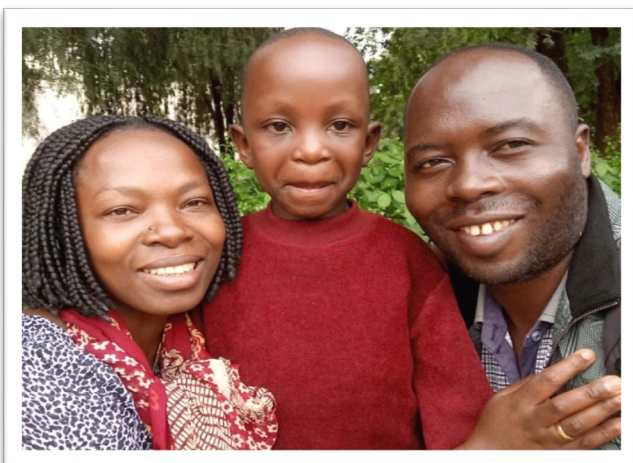


**Mensah Ameyaw** is studying the Bachelor of Theology course at **George Whitefield College** in Cape Town, South Africa and is in his last semester before returning to Ghana. He writes, 'Through my work on the Student Representative Council (SRC), God has been teaching that leadership is tough. I've learnt the need to grow in humility, dependence on God and wisdom as I'm not sufficient in myself to carry the responsibilities

entrusted to me. I've also come to appreciate the enormous value of team work. I've been involved in the SRC initiative of peer-to-peer tutoring in biblical languages and in planning and editing assignments. In a recent survey by the SRC, students indicated that they've found these tutorials really helpful.

'During the first term vacation, with two other colleagues, I travelled to Kwa-Zulu Natal for the ministry week. We were mainly involved in helping organise and teach at the holiday club at Christ Church, Pinetown. I had the opportunity to preach to the congregation on our last Sunday there. At my church I regularly lead the Sunday morning service, lead a weekly bible study for young adults and have had the occasion to preach.'

Another BEST study partner involved with fellow students is Master of Arts in Mission Studies student, **Simon Mumbere Mastaki**. Simon leads the Congolese student fellowship group at **Africa International University** in Nairobi, Kenya. Every Saturday evening he and his wife, Esperance, host the group, welcoming them with tea and snacks. One of the Congolese students told Simon that sometimes he goes to bed having not eaten, but on Saturday he knows he will be fed well at the meeting. This semester the fellowship is



studying 1 Timothy and gather to pray for Congo and others nations. Simon and Esperance also host a church bible study group on Tuesday evenings. Simon is chairman of the missions group (both Islamic and general missions) where students and lecturers meet to discuss missional and academic matters. This September they joined a local church in Nairobi for a one-day door-to-door outreach. Simon writes, 'Sixty-nine students from our university met with people from the church and helped us preach the gospel in Utawala. We thank God for the 109 souls that came to Christ our Lord and Saviour. In one of the shops we visited we met a Muslim man and three other young men. When I asked them if they would allow me to

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### Africa

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### Asia

Myanmar 2;

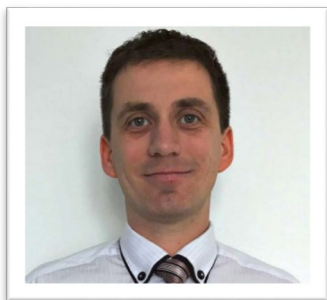
### Europe

France 2; Greece 1; Hungary 1; Serbia 4

### South America

Argentina 1; Peru 1

He then spoke to them the Muslim, who owned the shop, refused. However, he began asking questions about Jesus and then finally said: 'I don't want to become Christian', and left. The three other men gave their lives to Christ. It was really amazing.'



During his Master of Arts in Theological Studies course at **Baptist Theological Seminary** in Budapest, **Krisztian Toth** has been assigned as the theology intern at Aszód Baptist Church. One of his roles has been to help in youth work. He writes, 'Before the start of the academic year, younger teenagers and those over 14 attended church separately and I was given the task of

integrating them into one group. I thank God that the two groups bonded well, for the times they met together and for the bible-based classes which fed their desire for God's word. There have been many open and honest conversations through the year, sharing questions and problems that concern each of them. I am grateful to God that during the spring four of the young people were converted and baptised. We talked to others who regularly attended about their concerns and sought answers based on the Bible. Later on, one of the girls who was baptized told me how especially useful were these occasions had been for her.'

A recent report from **Radomir Jovetic**, studying for a Bachelor of Theology at **Novi Sad Baptist Theological Seminary** in Serbia, tells us of his evangelistic work and ministry in the church. He writes, 'I have non-believing friends whom I meet from



time to time and I have the opportunity to talk about the gospel with them. The last time we met I was surprised when one of them told me he had started reading the Bible. He asked me key questions about salvation and I could see how much he understood the gospel. May the Lord open his heart. Also I am encouraged that after four years of service in the church, people are beginning to recognise the importance of expository preaching. I started meetings with the church elders and together we read the Scriptures which taught who 'elders' were and what their responsibilities are. Thank God, I can see a change in their attitude to ministry and calling to be pastors of the church.'



**Ajikune Ojaga Okony** and **Chot Ruach Mot** are former study partners and Diploma in Theology students with **St Frumentius Anglican Theological College** in Ethiopia. They are now working as pioneer youth leaders for the Gambella Diocese. Together they recently arranged a quite remarkable event which brought together young people from the traditionally-hostile Nuer and Anuak tribes. Current

study partner and St Frumentius student **Ochalla Omot Cham** also played a leading role in this significant occasion, which we pray will prove an effective demonstration of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the two communities and an example to the Church.

### Leavers

Please pray for those who have completed courses in the last couple of months and will be beginning to serve in churches, bible colleges and other Christian organisations:

**Thomas Poëtte** finished his research studies at **Faculté Libre de Théologie Evangélique** in Vaux-sur-Seine, France and is now pastor at a church in Marseilles.

Returning to the Diocese of Victoria Nyanza is **Albinus Aloys Peter** who has completed his Diploma in Theology at **St Philip's Theological College** in Kongwa.