

Hello Everyone,

Greetings from snowy Sugarcreek:). Thought I would send you a few photos we received from Jacques of the Bible School graduation from last Saturday. It brings such joy and gratitude to our Lord for His faithfulness and loving-kindness as we see this glorious celebration of accomplishments!

It may not appear like a very big deal or even important, but I can tell you that this day (in the life of a bush Pastor) means more to him than silver and gold!! To be recognized and honored among his friends, family and those visiting is beyond exciting. To be congratulated for completing studies of God's word, to know and understand Bible history, theology, church leadership, biblical disciplines, etc is no less important to them than those who receives their Master's degree in other parts of the world.

This **IS** their Master's Degree!!!

Thank you again for all those who contributed towards the Study Bibles MacArthur/French version) that were given to each graduate. In the first photo it is the large white Bible some are holding with their certificate.

I pray these pics encourage you, but that they also serve as a reminder to pray for Jacques, Sebastien and the next group of students who will begin studies in a few months. Pray that those desiring to come and be taught God's truth will be allowed to travel the distance to Golikro. In the past, several men came from as far away as 400 miles! That means walking, hitchhiking, possible bus, maybe taxi, maybe large cargo trucks, etc. Whatever means they can safely use to get to Golikro, they will do. These are men/women who would never be able to attend any other Bible School or advanced training. You must have already attended and passed basic education classes and were granted diplomas from those schools. You see, some of the students that Jacques is teaching have never learned to read or write. That's how he begins his training. To first know what level of education each student has, then to focus on that need and prepare them for additional learning. When school's not in session, Jacques spends many hours on his Moto-bike traveling to villages to tutor those in need of the basics. Much more goes into this accomplishment of graduation that you see in these pictures than meets the eye! Praise God for all He has done!!

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