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Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV 2011)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?...

Psalm 27:1 (NIV 2011)

<sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:4-5 (NIV 2011)

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

John 8:12 (NIV 2011)

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For Africans dispersed from their homeland, loneliness and isolation is increasingly becoming a known experience, yet it is hard for people to speak up as mental illness is usually stigmatized to a great extent. The African Gathering that Blackhawk Church allowed us to organize has truly created an avenue for us to begin to intentionally and proactively work towards building a community that is focused on representing Christ and loving each other through hardship and good times. We hope to continue to live out our lives to glorify God and God alone.



















I find great joy and meaning through watching children grow in their knowledge, relationship, and excitement for Jesus. I was cautious because of my age, thinking that I might be too old to fully engage, so I prayed for direction and guidance, and I know in my heart that this is where I am meant to be. I am incredibly grateful, as it has not only deepened my faith but also provided me with a new sense of purpose to show and teach children how wonderful and amazing God truly is.



