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What are IDPs? IDPs are Internally Displaced People. Like refugees, they have fled violence or natural disaster, but they remain within the borders of their own countries. Gurku Interfaith IDP Camp (one of over 300 such camps in Nigeria), situated just outside of Abuja was set up in 2014 and currently houses about 2,000 people, both Christian and Muslim (mainly widows and orphans) who have been displaced by the cruel terror of Boko Haram. Most will never be able to return to what was once home.

We were introduced to the founder and director of this camp (Markus Gamache) when during the Christmas Eve service at the German church in town, they were taking up a special offering for the camp. When we heard that most of the women there were involved in agriculture, we thought, “We’ve got to invite him to learn about pfumvudza! It’s perfect for IDPs who don’t have access to much land!” The director attended our training in January and is so excited for the possibilities of empowerment for his community that we’ve already been invited to come and do a one-day training to teach the IDPs how to make compost for their farms. We continue to be humbled and amazed as God keeps surprising us with ways that planting corn is helping us to preach Christ into some of the darkest corners of the country.

Visit <https://bit.ly/MeetMarkusGamache> to learn more!



“Someone from your country might become too poor to support himself. Help him to live among you...”
~Leviticus 25:35

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