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**GHANA WEST  
AFRICA:**

# RUFFUPDATE

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## TRAINING RURAL TRAINERS WITH MAMPRUSI FINISHED

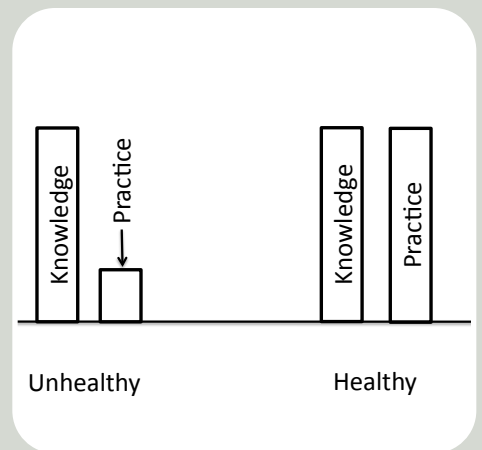
**We will follow up once a month with additional tools for discipleship and work with them on reporting. Four groups have formed and so far four baptisms. Several others are waiting for rain to have water to baptize.**

The traditional view of discerning spiritual maturity is based on perceived knowledge accumulated through attendance in groups and classes. After they have proven faithful by attendance they are selected to teach others. But this approach is unhealthy because group attendance does not show what is being obeyed from what they have learned. A healthier way is to make sure that people within groups are sharing what from the scripture they will obey or put into practice this week and then be held accountable the following week as to how they did. Also listening to people answer questions like, "What makes you happy about the story?",

"What make sad about the story?", "What did you learn about the character of God from the story?", "What did you learn about the character of man from the story?" and "How will you obey what you learned in the story?" lets everyone know immediately if the person is understanding the story and appropriately applying it. Jesus said, "Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock." Matt. 7.

Spiritual maturity is measured by what we are putting into practice and doesn't every require literacy.

Terry



### **Spiritual Maturity**

The ratio between your knowledge and obedience is a far better measurement of your spiritual maturity.

## THE GOSPEL CHANGES LIFE...

There isn't a day that goes by where we are not asked for money or to provide something for someone. I don't remember experiencing that during the years I lived in the States, but looking back, maybe I lived insulated from the needs of the poor where that is not possible here. The struggle for the basic needs of life such as water and food go unmet for hundreds around us. You cannot be among this and not be moved.

So, you move forward to research & implement what can be done without causing dependency and sustainability. Sometimes, there is nothing to do but provide, but the desperation leads to struggle.

It has hit me hard this month how much the Good News of Jesus Christ affects a culture. We would not say that every person in America is a believer in

Jesus, but in spite of that a culture of giving still permeates the society. It is this heritage and legacy that is missing in Ghana. We see brother cheat brother. We see family member place burdens on other family members in expectations they are unable to fulfill unless they borrow or beg from others. Very much "every man for himself" attitude. Although this causes compassion fatigue it also causes us to yearn even more for the Good News to penetrate every village, every person of Ghana and beyond.

*"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen!"* 1 Peter 5:10-11

Thank you for making it possible for us to bring the Gospel to the people of Ghana and beyond. Lord, reign in our lives and in the lives of those around us. Raise up men & women to take your Good News to the ends of the earth. *Amy*



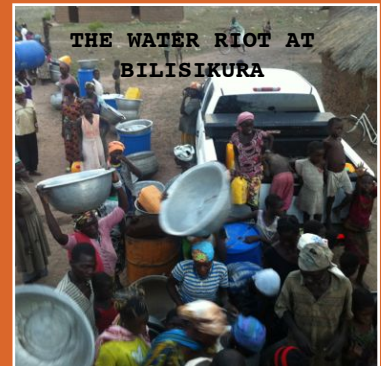
Setting the Pace for the Unreached

FROM THE  
PRESIDENT

This past weekend was incredible. A church in Kansas had recently selected an unreached people group (UPG) in Africa as a special focal point for their global outreach (i.e., a "PACE Project"). In partnership with our org, they are raising up workers to share help, hope, and the Good News of Jesus among these new Muslim friends. Throughout the weekend, while celebrating their existing mission partners, they shared bold goals for the future and signed a partnership agreement with us in their services and over the web via high-def TV (using pseudonyms, of course). Please pray that God will replicate this exciting weekend again and again in cities all across the Christian world for the 6900 remaining UPG's. May God use this tool, PACE, along with many others to finish the task of the Great Commission. (To learn [more](http://www.U4theU.com/pace), visit [www.U4theU.com/pace](http://www.U4theU.com/pace).)

Doug

## FACES OF APRIL



## Accountability

Our Ghana Mission is held accountable by these organizations:

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# PRAYER

PRAISE GOD FOR...	REQUEST GOD FOR...
...ELECTRICITY! We are amazed at His grace!	...Jonathan Training May 10-15 & Kairos in Bole June
...the great rains we've been getting. Wonderful!	...water to flow at Bilisikura
...Walewale TRT	...water to flow at Perm Ctr
...studio foundation has been dug	...truck to continue to be road worthy
...Moses Saaka's mom's surgery went well	...Mike's Community Development work
...Perm Ctr animals are doing well	...Moses Saaka life & ministry
...Moses Sampani's new church plant near Daboya	...last week of TRT in Walewale
...new shelter for Kolowurape church celebration	...Gonja, Dagomba, Mamprusi know Christ
...GILLBT VMS studio projects in process	...3 interns for June/July
...Great Teammates - Grahams & Mike	...summer visitors
...faithful supporters	...more laborers for the harvest

For details see <http://www.ruffupdate.com/Prayer.html>

## Financial Gifts

All gifts are tax deductible. Please make payable & mail to:

**Terry & Amy Ruff**  
**c/o Northside Christian Church**  
**4407 Charlestown Road**  
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*Please provide an email address so a receipt can be emailed to you!*

### ONLINE GIFTS:

It is now possible to give to the Ghana Mission online:  
<http://www.mynorthside.com/> -  
 "online giving"

# BY THE NUMBERS-APRIL

	BALANCE FROM MARCH	\$6,888.14
	APRIL DONATIONS	\$2,749.00
300	CHRISTIAN ED: TRAINING MAT'LS	\$195.02
310	CHRISTIAN ED: MEDIA	\$343.71
320	CHRISTIAN ED: HOSPITALITY	\$208.25
330	CHRISTIAN ED: MISC	\$259.40
410	MEDIA: SD CHIPS	\$111.52
435-7	PERMACULTURE CENTER	\$1,555.76
435-10	RECORDING PROJECT	\$14.87
450	COMPASSION	\$164.31
490	NATIONAL CO-WORKERS	\$1,365.06
500	POSTAGE	\$1.56
661	INTERNET	\$134.20
800	TRAVEL DIESEL	\$425.72
806	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$565.06
820	TRAVEL TOLLS	\$8.55
830	TRAVEL LODGING	\$78.07
860	AIRFARE	\$847.58
930	MISSION HOUSE	\$209.29
	EXPENSES FOR APRIL	\$6,487.95
	BALANCE	
PROJECTS:	\$300 VILLAGE WATER PURIFICATION; \$300 CHICKEN PROJECT	