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GHANA WEST AFRICA:



ISAAC & PASTOR EVANS - SHARING WITH A FULANI WAN

The Fulani tribe has been guite open to this approach. They can sit down, drink tea and listen to a gospel presentation in story format, ask questions and many times accept Christ in the process. Then using the same approach the discipleship process begins.

2015 was a very good year. Our Team Expansion Team and Ghanaian team has been meeting evaluating last year's goals and setting new goals for the year to come. If you would like to take a look at our evaluation of last year's goals just go to our website at http://ruffupdate.com and download the evaluation. Each team member has also completed their 2016 goals and you can also download them on our the hope page of our website.

We continue to work on the recording studio in Tamale. It has been a long process and we are anxious to begin using it. For a short updated video check out this youtube link.

In the first two weeks of January we have had 12 baptisms. This Sunday we will begin a week of Jonathan Training close to Tamale. The 6th of February Amy, Isaac, Moses and Derek will travel to Burkina Faso to launch Kairos. There has recently been some terrorist activity where they will be going. We covet your prayers.

Terry



2015, A VERY GOOD YEAR!

It has been an amazing year! There have been new spiritual communities formed and dozens of new baptisms. These groups are discovering the scriptures on their own and learning how to live as disciples of Christ. We've hosted two Kairos courses (missions mobilization) and four Jonathan Trainings (disciple-making movements). We had the privilege of hosting four interns, as well as our good friends, the Stepps and two of our children. We began a new studio project that will catapult us into even more opportunities for creating audio and visual scriptural tools. We had an amazing time in the USA with most of you being challenged and encouraged on so many levels. On a more personal level we got electricity this year at the Perm Ctr and you can't imagine the difference it has made in our daily lives. We also began construction on two bungalows, one in Tamale on the GILLBT property and one on the Perm Ctr, one room efficiencies that we can move into and release the Perm Ctr to the Graham Family for more hands on management and day to day operations since our future looks like more and more travel for training purposes.

"So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever." Il Corinthians 4:16-18

Thank you for making it possible for us to serve her. How blessed we are.

Amy





At the end of the day, we all long to make a difference in the Kingdom. The good news is, it's working. At the end of 2014, as measured by five very exacting criteria, we were operating full-tilt among 25 unreached people groups. Now, just one year later, measuring the same criteria, we're working among 77. Until last year, as an org, we had been averaging around 900 baptisms/year. But last year God allowed us to baptize 1,387. In similar manner, until last year, we had been starting around 70 new churches per year, but last year we launched near double that number (130). Combined attendance at churches we and our partners have launched has been rising, but last year it peaked at 17,446 attenders. Someone must be praying. Is it you? Thanks to your help, prayers and partnership, God is at work through your favorite Team Expansion missionaries! Doug

BY THE NUMBERS-DECEMBER 2015

ACT#	BALANCE OCT/NOV	\$30,423.64
	DECEMBER DONATIONS	\$21,479.00
	PERSONAL GIVING	\$17,000.00
200	BOOKS/PERIODICALS	\$20.57
220	CONFERENCE/CLASSES	\$19.34
240	EQUIPPING NAT'L MISSIONARIES	\$447.51
320	CHRISTIAN ED: HOSPITALITY	\$55.25
435-7	PERMACULTURE CENTER	\$3,478.65
435-10	RECORDING PROJECT	\$12,638.37
490	NATIONAL CO-WORKERS	\$1,105.25
500	POSTAGE	\$25.95
600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$2.21
661	INTERNET	\$552.81
800	TRAVEL DIESEL	\$296.18
805	VEHICLE PURCHASE	\$24,556.75
806	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$2,387.88
810	TRAVEL MEALS	\$315.60
820	TRAVEL TOLLS	\$4.97
830	TRAVEL LODGING	\$419.44
840	LEGAL FEES	\$1,554.60
920	BANKING FEES	\$20.00
930	MISSION HOUSE	\$359.12
	EXPENSES DECEMBER	\$48,260.45
	*BALANCE	\$20,673.23
PROJECTS	\$300 VILLAGE WATER PURIFICATION; \$300 CHICKEN PROJECT	
	"\$17,000 EXPECTED COSTS TO COMPLETE STUDIO & BUNGALOWS	

PRAYER REQUEST GOD FOR... PRAISE GOD FOR... ...321 baptized new disciples to date in 2015 ...newly baptized believers to become multiplying disciples ...Diallo who will be traveling to Burkina for training ...Diallo, new Fulani believer's training in Burkina Faso ...safe travel to & from USA, great ICOM, Summit & visits with ...construction completion of new GILLBT studio family & friends ..."Ruff Night" Truck Fundraiser that raised \$30,000 ...protection from robberies ...Graham family taking such great care of perm ctr while we ...family of Disciple Maker Daniel who died in motorcycle accident were gone ...construction of bungalows in Buipe & Tamale ...studio construction progress ...community development projects by Grahams & Mike ... Moses Saaka's recording projects ...GILLBT intern Rachel's completion of scripture app in Adele ...newly jonathan trained leaders to implement new tools ...the beginnings of a Disciple Making Movement (DMM) ...plans to come together for 2016 Kairos & Jonathan Courses ...safety & securing pemr ctr from robberies ...Final support raising for new teammates the Odle Family ...for water at Bilisikura & Perm Ctr ...national led DMM training ...new internet solution ...team planning meetings for 2016

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