

# RUFFUPDATE

GHANA MISSION

## Evaluation of 2016 Goals

If you click on this link <http://ruffupdate.com> and then click on Evaluation of 2016 Goals you will get a picture of how God has blessed our ministry. It is pretty detailed but will give you many reasons to praise God for what He is doing.

### TERRY'S TRAVELS TO USA AGAIN FOR MEDICAL TREATMENTS.

Sara, our daughter, thinks it is diverticulitis. We will know after tests. I can't eat anything without it coming back up or causing about seven hours of agony. I would appreciate prayers for Amy as she continues with the training of Kairos leaders and me as I travel to the US. I pray that I can make it there without too much suffering. Sara will pick me up and already has a doctor's appointment for me when I get back.

We really appreciate your partnership and prayers.

Terry and Amy



## Jonathan Training - Tamale

We are hopeful that this will be the beginnings of a Disciple Making Movement (DMM) network in the Tamale area. Isaac and Moses will be spending a few days with them MAWLing the tools they learned. MAWL stands for Model, Assist, Watch & Leave. Amy and I will be meeting with these group of leaders

the 3rd Saturday of the month. Pray for us as we followup with these leaders. They are really excited now, but the real excitement begins when they see how fruitful these tools are in making disciples that make disciples.



Isaac just completed a Jonathan Training by himself with around 50 trainees. The great thing is that he visits this village every Friday and can MAWL the tools with them.



This is one of the men that is very excited to learn these simple tools to make disciples that make disciples.



**JONATHAN TRAINING:** They break out into groups to practice the tools. Especially important is everybody learns how to lead a discovery Bible study. We call it a three thirds group.

## THE NUMBERS - DEC '16

ACT #	BALANCE NOV 2016	US\$3,890.41
	DECEMBER DONATIONS	US\$7,910.00
250	TRAINING NAT'LS	US\$372.82
435-7	PERM CTR	US\$478.72
435-10	RECORDING PROJECT	US\$712.82
450	COMPASSION	US\$1,508.91
490	NAT'L CO-WORKERS	US\$2,108.97
500	POSTAGE	US\$15.51
600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	US\$92.49
661	INTERNET	US\$130.77
800	TRAVEL FUEL	US\$353.33
806	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	US\$169.23
810	TRAE L FOOD	US\$19.23
820	TRAVEL TOLLS	US\$7.69
840	TRAVEL: LEGAL FEES	US\$812.74
930	MISSION HOUSE	US\$316.67
	DECEMBER EXPENSES	US\$7,099.90
	BALANCE DECEMBER 2016	US\$4,700.51

## THE NUMBERS - JAN '17

ACT #	BALANCE DEC 2016	US\$4,700.51
	JANUARY DONATIONS	
250	TRAINING NAT'LS	US\$234.59
320	CHR ED: HOSPITALITY	US\$71.25
435-7	PERM CTR	US\$524.25
435-10	RECORDING PROJECT	US\$549.49
450	COMPASSION	US\$183.75
490	NAT'L CO-WORKERS	US\$250.00
500	POSTAGE	US\$11.25
800	TRAVEL FUEL	US\$335.78
806	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	US\$695.22
810	TRAE L FOOD	US\$275.00
820	TRAVEL TOLLS	US\$9.08
830	TRAVEL LODGING	US\$90.75
920	BANKING FEES	US\$15.42
930	MISSION HOUSE	US\$500.00
	JANUARY EXPENSES	US\$3,745.83
	BALANCE JANUARY 2017	

Every month we meet together with the Disciple Makers in the Movements. We ask this question each time - "How have you seen God at work?" This is Isaac's answer this month. "I think that God is protecting us as we are going. We have also seen people's hunger for the LORD. Everywhere we go, the Holy Spirit has been preparing the place. As we go, people are talking about how this household wants to accept Christ, how this household wants to hear the Good News and another and another. One time we thought we got lost, going deeper into the bush trying to find our way. We came across a man & his family. They showed us the way we needed to go. When we were sharing with him the Good News he said, 'I know you are not lost. I am the one you are searching for. You see twenty-five years ago I came to know the LORD but family pressures made me to leave Christ. What the family claimed I would get when I left Christ, didn't happen. My father gave birth to me alone. When I married I gave birth to only females. The family pressure became very strong. They said to me, 'You don't have a brother and you aren't giving birth to baby boys so you have to get another woman. That woman can give you boys.' The pressure became so strong that I stopped following Christ. I thought I was totally lost from Christ. I had no hope anywhere. But, whenever I take my Bible I see the light. When I am not reading it, I don't see the light. I have been confused for a very long time. If you are disciple makers, and you think you are lost, you are not. It is me you are searching for.' After sharing more of the Good News the whole household came to Christ." God is at work in Gonjaland!



# PRAYER



## Praise God for...

1. ...the wonderful memorial service for Mike
2. ...the Odles embracing continuation of Mike's ministry
3. ...DMM's & leaders continued work
4. ... studio tech's ongoing Kusaal, Kasem & Gonja OT recordings
5. ...Terry's healing from intestinal pain & hospital stay
6. ...the Grahams are back settling in.
7. ...the 422 new baptisms in 2016 in nine UPG's.
8. ...the 244 discipleship groups meeting weekly with a total attendance of 1700
9. ...progress at the studio in recording audio OT's and Jonathan Training Tools.
10. ...Moses' completed restoration and back out there with a new mentoree
11. ...Jonathan Training completed with 13 new DMM'ers
12. ....Isaac's Jonathan Training in Gulumpe with 52 new DMM'ers

## Request God for...

1. ...translation & video recording of Ghana deaf NT
2. ...Graham Family's re-acclimation
3. ...Odles' ministry in several villages
4. ...health & safety for DMM Leaders: Isaac/Osman, Alhassan/Musa, Joshua, Djallo, James+10, & Moses/Samuel as they take the Gospel
5. ...new disciples to become multiplying disciples
6. ...health & safety for the studio team, Moses, Hezekiah & Michael & the recording projects
7. ...health & safety for the Perm Ctr workers: Sehadu, Simon, Lazarus, Konlan, Christy, Gloria, Yahaya
8. ...the upcoming facilitator training and Kairos course in Damango February 20-24
9. ...for profit studio projects
10. ...the upcoming Jonathan Training for 40 in the Tamale area among the Dagombas that were trained in December
11. ...the maintenance of the motorbikes that makes possible penetration into more far reaching Gonjaland areas



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Are we there yet? (Where is "home" for the holidays?) How do you answer when someone asks, "Where are you from?" Some of our workers (and their children) have a tough time with that question, because many spend most of their time on the other side of the planet. Of course, ultimately, Jesus promised us a home in Heaven (John 14: 1-4). So there's one thing we all have in common: where we will spend eternity. But as we kick off 2017, please think and pray about how challenging it might be for your favorite Team Expansion worker. Ask God to give him/her rest and fresh start for the new year. Also, if you'd like to learn more about cross-cultural reentry — "going home again" after serving overseas — just visit [www.teamexpansion.org/reentry/](http://www.teamexpansion.org/reentry/) to download a free book about the subject in PDF or ebook form. And, as always, thanks for your partnership!

Doug

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