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## **JONATHAN TRAINING IN BURKINA FASO**

What a joy to be involved in the training of these 30 Christian leaders in Burkina Faso. We pray that many churches will be planted as a result of what was learned.

It is so amazing the way God works. We have been using the Training Rural Trainers (TRT) since July of last year and seeing good results as we were praying for church planting movements among multiple tribes in the northern region of Ghana where we live. God must have wanted us to learn more so He arranged for us to be on a training team with the man who wrote T4T from which TRT was adapted for oral learners. This man also wrote Jonathan Training which has been responsible for making disciples of literally millions around the world. His name is Curtis Sergeant. He served as a missionary in China where he trained many how to lead people to Christ and form multiplying house church networks. He now lives in Alabama and has reproducing house church networks springing up all over the

US. Pray that we can implement what we learned by making the approach we are taking with TRT much simpler and more easily reproducible. I couldn't have arranged for Curtis to come to West Africa to train us if I tried. A big thank you goes to Team Expansion who had developed a relationship with Curtis, and for a fellow Team Expansion missionary in Burkina Faso who made all of the arrangements. (She wishes to remain anonymous) We took Isaac, Moses and Derek with us to the training. They can't stop talking about how great it was.

May God be glorified by those that we train with proven successful tools for planting house churches. Curtis calls them "Simple Churches." You can read more about his ministry called Meta Camp.

Terry



#### Jonathan Training Trainers

What a treat to serve on a training team with three Team Expansion missionaries and Curtis Sergeant who wrote the Jonathan Training material.

#### Catching up...

It is beyond my comprehension that we have finished two months of a new year already. It seems like only last week that we enjoyed a wonderful holiday season with our teammates and then our daughter and son-in-law's visit which all brings smiles of remembrance.

We launched the new year with a Kairos training at the Perm Center. It was wonderful to host twenty-one participants and four newly trained facilitators. Most of the participants were young adults passionate about serving God with their whole hearts. We have been hearing great things about their involvement in TRT (Training Rural Trainers) program led by Isaac at the Evangelical Church of Ghana and the outreach they are doing in their communities and surrounding villages.

Work at the GILLBT studio continues to make great progress as the TRT materials are recorded into Gonja, Dagbanli, Mampruli, Konkomba, Twi and other languages. We've submitted the first draft to Good News Productions Int'l for the eighty-eight New Testament stories in their Global Gospel Project, staffing changes has it at a stand still for the moment. Moses Saaka not only does all of these recordings, but is also a passionate church planter. He has seen awesome results with the implementation of the TRT.

The last week of January we cast a vision of TRT training to a group of twenty Mamprusi leaders in Walewale, an hour and a half north of Tamale. They accepted the challenge and we have now completed two of the eleven training sessions with them. It seems to grow each time we meet.

Most of the month of February we were privileged to be a part of an awesome training team in Burkina Faso. Curtis Sergeant headed the team of five Team Expansion missionaries to host a Jonathan Training on church multiplication movements. The training began with the challenge: "Are you a disciple worth replicating?" and the twenty-nine participants dug into learning and practicing many tools to take the Gospel where it isn't.

On a personal note...missing eight Sabbath rest days and times with the LORD over this two month period due to many circumstances, had left me tired and dry. BUT, what a joy and peace in being able to pick that back up, even though the location has had to change. Yesterday's time was one of confession and cleansing as Colossians 3:12-17 unfolded before me. "...dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you..." MSG. He has given us robes of white, cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. What could we wear that is any more glorious?

Thank you for standing with us so faithfully!

Amy

FROM THE

**PRESIDENT** 

### **FACES OF 2015**



Buipe Kairos Training



Moses Recording at studio



Ebenezer being baptized Accountability

Our Ghana Mission is held accountable by these organizations:

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Take Part in a Global PrayerCast on April 17

On April 17, you can unite with a world of believers for praise, peace and purpose. Through the

peace and purpose. Through the magic of the internet, you and your team,

shoulder-to-shoulder with groups of believers struggling for peace around the planet. The time will be 8pm Louisville and the date is Friday, April 17. There's no charge to participate. And we'll be emphasizing peace as we work our way through the outline from a long-standing program by the name, "sweet hour of prayer. If you'd like to participate, just go to

http://www.GlobalPrayerCast.com

Bible study, or church can stand

and we'll see if there's a prayer slot left for you.

God bless your month!

Doug

#### PRAYER PRAISE GOD FOR... REQUEST GOD FOR... ...recording studio plans progressing ...electricity ...water to flow at Bilisikura ...nine new simple church groups ...46 baptisms ...water to flow at Perm Ctr ...21 Kairos participants trained ... Mamprusi TRT training ...29 Jonathan participants trained ... Isaac as he grieves death of father ...TRT training for 23 Mamprusi started ... Moses Saaka life & ministry ...Chris & Christina's return to Ghana ...2 unexpected BIG rains! ...Kolowurape well running ...Gonja to know Christ ...protection from kitchen electrical fire ...Dagombas to know Christ ...continued recordings at GILLBT ... Mamprusi to know Christ ...safety from bush fires ...more laborers for the harvest For details see <a href="http://www.ruffupdate.com/Prayer.html">http://www.ruffupdate.com/Prayer.html</a>



Isaac & Moses helping with the training in Burkina Faso



Jonathan Training in Burkina Faso

WHAT WILL WE DO WITH OUR ONE DEEP EXHALE OF GOD ON THIS EARTH?

#### Financial Gifts

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

**Terry & Amy Ruff** 

c/o Northside Christian Church 4407 Charlestown Road New Albany, IN 47150

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"



Terry listening to his translator in Burkina Faso



Gonja teenager named Isaac being baptized.



Training Rural Trainers with the Mamprusi people

# BY THE NUMBERS-JANUARY 2015

ACCOUNT #	BALANCE FROM DECEMBER 2014	\$4,578.79
	JANUARY DONATIONS	\$5,827.42
	BILISIKURA WATER PROJECT DONATIONS	\$2,500.00
300	CHRISTIAN ED: TRAINING MAT'LS	\$876.47
320	CHRISTIAN ED: HOSPITALITY	\$466.33
330	CHRISTIAN ED: MISC	\$8.33
435-7	PERMACULTURE CENTER	\$1,000.67
435-10	RECORDING PROJECT	\$33.33
450	COMPASSION	\$30.00
490	NATIONAL CO-WORKERS	\$1,330.00
500	POSTAGE	\$9.17
600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$128.33
661	INTERNET	\$16.67
800	TRAVEL DIESEL	\$197.67
806	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$269.69
820	TRAVEL TOLLS	\$4.00
840	TRAVEL FEES	\$65.00
	EXPENSES FOR JANUARY	\$4,435.66
	BALANCE	\$8,470.55
PROJECTS:	\$300 VILLAGE WATER PURIFICATION; \$300 CHICKEN PROJECT	

## BY THE NUMBERS-FEBRUARY 2015

ACCOUNT #	BALANCE FROM JANUARY	\$8,470.55
	FEBRUARY DONATIONS	\$4,575.00
220	CONFERENCE TRAINING FEES	\$450.63
300	CHRISTIAN ED: PRINTED MAT'LS	\$132.00
310	CHRISTIAN ED: MEDIA	\$120.00
400	EVANGELISM: PRINTED MAT'LS	\$22.00
435-1	WATER PROJECT-BILISIKURA	\$2,400.00
435-7	PERM CTR	\$1,885.28
435-10	RECORDING PROJECT	\$100.00
450	COMPASSION	\$339.00
490	NATIONAL CO-WORKERS	\$1,103.33
600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$0.33
661	INTERNET	\$171.00
800	TRAVEL DIESEL	\$555.43
810	TRAVEL FOOD	\$709.19
820	TRAVEL TOLLS	\$23.33
830	TRAVEL LODGING	\$544.00
	EXPENSES FOR FEBRUARY	\$8,615.52
	BALANCE	\$4,430.03
PROJECTS:	\$300 VILLAGE WATER PURIFICATION; \$300 CHICKEN PROJECT	