

RUFFUPDATE

"It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known..." Romans 15:20

Buipe DMM Stats

November 2017

New Groups - 41
New Groups YTD: 340
New Baptisms - 162
Baptisms (YTD): 1474

December 2017

New Groups - 40
New Groups (YTD): 380
New Baptisms - 176
Baptisms (YTD): 1650

Let's Finish The Task!

"Arise, O God, judge the earth;
for shall inherit all nations."
Psalm 82:8

"19 Go therefore and make
disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them in the name of
the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching
them to observe all things that
I have commanded you;"
Mt. 28:19,20



Christmas Party

Shortly after arriving back in Ghana Bobby, Mandy, Amy and I celebrated Christmas with our Permaculture Center workers. It was fun as we played games and gave gifts.

We had some great meetings with Isaac and Moses and met with the Buipe Disciple Making Movement leaders to make plans.

We have also met with the Tamale Studio personel and have begun working on getting passports for Isaac and Moses as well as Hezekiah. Year end report coming soon along with new goals for 2018.



PRAISE

- Tremendous DMM fruit in 2017
- Back in Ghana & off & running
- Bridges completed making travel to Tamale possible
- DMM keeps going strong
- Great team meetings
- Staying healthy & still losing weight
- Graham Family's work at Perm Ctr & CHE
- Odle Family's work
- Job's work in organizing Kairos courses
- Wonderful, productive time in USA



PRAYER

- Buipe DMM network keep simple
- Spark to ignite Cote d'Ivoire to spread throughout West Africa
- Extra resources needed to continue walking through the doors God opens
- Keep implementing the healthy plan
- Odles business plans & teaching
- Grahams Childrens CHE, Perm Ctr & DMM work
- Moses, Hez & Dan's work in studio to become self-sustaining
- Kairos Trainings - this week and April

Learning New Things!

Looking back over 2017 it was a turning point year. We could have given up because it is too hard. We could have become complacent and said "I can't," but we didn't. We buckled down, worked hard and pressed through. None of it was easy. Not for us apart [one of us in Ghana and the other in the USA] and together [going through counseling and making hard choices together in USA]. It wasn't easy for our teammates and colleagues working on their own projects and picking up the slack handling all of our things in addition, but they pressed through. And in spite of it all, studio projects were completed, DMM's grew, new DMM's were started, and trainings were held. This past year has truly been a work of God. It isn't something we could have done on our own, absolutely!! We continue to grow and learn and are being stretched every day.

Some new things I've learned to do since we've been back to keep us healthy are making our own coconut milk, granola, seed crackers, juicing [also making juice pulp crackers], making hummus and learning to prep veggies and fruit so they are readily available for snacking. It is time consuming but the payoff is tremendous.

We can't thank you enough for all the encouragement and prayers we continue to receive. We can't wait to see what God is going to do in 2018. Many Blessings for a wonderful new year.

Amy

ACT #	BALANCE OCTOBER 2017	\$8,991.45
	NOVEMBER DONATIONS	\$9,702.00
	PERSONAL DONATIONS	\$10,816.81
410	EVANGELISM: MEDIA	\$324.92
435-10	RECORDING PROJECT	\$10,816.81
750	REPRESENTATION	\$243.80
800	TRAVEL FUEL	\$99.13
	NOVEMBER EXPENSES	\$11,484.66
	BALANCE NOVEMBER 2017	\$18,025.60

ACT #	BALANCE NOVEMBER 2017	\$18,025.60
	DECEMBER DONATIONS	\$15,112.00
310	CHR ED: MEDIA	\$380.00
320	CHR ED: HOSPITALITY	\$10.00
420	EVANGELISM: HOSPITALITY	\$25.00
435-7	PERM CTR	\$239.50
450	COMPASSION	\$110.00
600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$60.00
661	INTERNET	\$164.99
800	TRAVEL FUEL	\$478.44
806	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$1.00
810	TRAVEL FOOD	\$863.59
820	TRAVEL TOLLS	\$0.50
830	TRAVEL LODGING	\$60.00
840	LEGAL FEES	\$994.50
910	POST OFFICE BOX	\$20.00
930	MISSION HOUSE	\$220.75
	DECEMBER EXPENSES	\$3,628.27
	BALANCE DECEMBER 2017	\$29,508.83

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It seems like every morning, as we scan the headlines, we see more and more chaos, confusion, violence, and fear. Refugees are on the run seemingly everywhere, escaping war, hardship, and famine. Yet, amidst all of it, we can't help but remember this one simple truth: God is still sovereign. He's still on the throne. He reigns. And He's powerful and BIG. If you've ever doubted, just pray along with this video: <http://prayercast.com/you-reign.html> . Suddenly, all the fear fades. Confidence and hope rises. Something tells me that your favorite Team Expansion missionary sometimes experiences stress too. Would you join us today in lifting him or her up? Would you pray with us that God will strengthen, encourage, and nurture gospel harvesters throughout the world in this New Year. God still reigns. We've seen the end of the book. And He wins. Thank you for your shared vision and partnership. God bless you!

Doug

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