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# RUFFUPDATE

GHANA MISSION

## Jonathan Training Tools

From time to time I will be sharing some of the tools we teach in Jonathan Training that have proven successful in discipling many for Christ.

### 3/3RDS GROUPS

This is one of the central tools we teach at Jonathan Training which equips Christians how to make disciples. They must know how to facilitate a discipleship group once they have led someone to Christ. Some people call this a Discovery Bible Study. Since many that start discipleship groups may be new Christians themselves, they are not mature enough to teach but can facilitate a group that listens to a Bible story together, making sure that all participate in the discussion and application of the story. If each week a new story is played from their phone in their own mother-tongue language and then discussed and applied, the power of the Word of God in conjunction with the Holy Spirit will bring about transformation in the life of the new believer.

On page four I have explained the 3/3rds group that we help them memorize using the symbols, since many cannot read. This has resulted in 211 discipleship groups being formed since June 2014.



## High School class tours Permaculture Center

Wednesday, November 16, a good group of High School students from the High School located across the road from us came to tour the Permaculture Center. Things are quite dry not having had rain for several weeks, but they seemed excited about what we showed them and what we are trying to do. Their teacher Mark, the other white guy in the video, is

from Iowa, my home state. We have had a good time connecting and giving him some American food and a chance to get some air-conditioning every now and then. He will be here for nearly a year which will help us get pretty acquainted before he leaves. If you click on the heading you can view a very short video of the group. Terry



**SISSALA RECORDING:** Studio technicians, Michael Mensah & Moses Saaka traveled to Tumu to record the revised NT dramatized version. They completed the work in 3 weeks.



**GRADUATION:** Dear friends, Derek Amoo-sakyi & his wife Felecia graduated from Bible College on Saturday, November 5th. It was a joy to share in this momentous occasion with them.



**COMMISSIONING DISCIPLE MAKERS:** On Saturday, October 1st we set apart 3 teams of disciple makers to reach out deeper into Gonjaland.

## THE NUMBERS - OCT '16

ACT #	BALANCE SEPT 2016	\$8,098.70
	OCTOBER DONATIONS	\$9,726.81
250	ED-TRAINING NAT'LS	\$511.51
435-6	NEW PROJECT STARTUP	\$72.89
435-7	PERM CTR	\$42.20
435-10	RECORDING PROJECT (special gifts for Gonja OT & revised NT recording)	\$10,114.07
450	COMPASSION	\$25.32
490	NAT'L CO-WORKERS	\$1,391.31
500	POSTAGE	\$1.79
661	INTERNET	\$285.4
800	TRAVEL FUEL	\$767.01
806	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$89.51
810	TRAVEL MEALS	\$142.83
820	TRAVEL TOLLS	\$9.97
830	TRAVEL LODGING	\$306.00
930	MISSION HOUSE	\$702.06
	SEPTEMBER EXPENSES	\$4,461.87
	BALANCE OTOBER 2016	\$3,363.66

### FORTUNATE?

*"My friends, consider yourselves fortunate when all kinds of trials come your way, for you know that when your faith succeeds in facing such trials, the result is the ability to endure."*  
James 1:2-3

Our CHAT group has been studying the book of James for a couple of weeks now. CHAT is an accountability group whose acronym stands for: Check your progress; Hear the Word; Act on the Word (obey); and Tell others. The book of James affirms a major part of the basic DNA of disciple making movements which is "obey what you learn." James 1:22-25 says...

*"Do not deceive yourselves by just listening to his word; instead, put it into practice. If you listen to the word, but do not put it into practice you are like people who look in a mirror and see themselves as they are. They take a good look at themselves and then go away and at once forget what they look like. But if you look closely into the perfect law that sets people free, and keep on paying attention to it and do not simply listen and then forget it, but put it into practice—you will be blessed by God in what you do."*

So when you open up James and read "...consider yourselves fortunate when all kinds of trials come your way..." it is hard to swallow. Can I truly obey this scripture? Other translations say "consider it pure joy" or "a sheer gift." When you get sick and they are poking you with needles, wiggling them around searching for a vein or the borehole leaks and there is no water or your team mate dies, lots of words come to mind, but being fortunate isn't my natural response. How do we obey this scripture? It is only by faith. By faith you get up in the morning. By faith you face each trial as it comes. By faith you trust in a loving God who walks through each trial with you. Then comes the ability to endure. A quote I recently heard is the key. "I am better or worse as I pray more or less. It works for me with mathematical precision." E. Stanley Jones, Methodist Missionary. My friend prayed for me a couple nights ago that I would persevere in prayer knowing that in that I can endure anything that comes through faith if I keep my communication constant with my heavenly father. Their encouragement & prayer sent me to my knees.

Thank you for standing with us! We are blessed!

Amy



### MEET JOB BORONSONG

Job is a school teacher in Buipe, a Karios Head Facilitator and a passionate man of prayer. He recently has recorded several OT books for the Gonja recording and organized a daily hour of prayer for Gonjaland to come to Christ. The hour of prayer is 10-11pm. He writes, "We are ambassadors of Christ and been given the power to uproot and to plant, to pull down and to build... We are praying that whatever evil has been planted in Gonjaland be uprooted in the name of Jesus that Christ will come."





# PRAYER

## Praise God for....

1. ...the completion of necessary documents to repatriate Mike to USA
2. ...Odles new home in Tamale, settling in & visitors
3. ...23 new discipleship groups started since Oct 1st
4. ... 71 new baptisms since Oct 1st
5. ...network totals since June 2014 - 211 groups ; 1497 people; 739 baptisms, 304 baptisms year to date
6. ...final stages of completing the OT recording in Sissaala
7. ...ongoing recording of the Gonja OT
8. ...new connections for profit projects at studio
9. ...continued water supply from well & fairly consistent electricity in Buipe
10. ...good health and healing
11. ...
12. ....

## Request God for....

1. ...comfort for family, friends & team mates in grieving the loss of Mike Squires
2. ...International Conference on Missions, Lexington, KY
3. ...protection of DMM'ers from persecution
4. ...DMM Leaders: Isaac/Osman, Alhassan/Musa, Joshua/Sammy, Djallo, James, Enoch & Abu as they take the Gospel
5. ...Grahams as they travel to ICOM and other visits
6. ...the studio team, Moses, Hezekiah & Michael
7. ...Perm Ctr workers: Sehadu, Simon, Lazarus, Konlan, Christy, Gloria, Yahaya
8. ...the rescheduling of the Kairos courses cancelled
9. ...for profit studio projects
10. ...the restoration process of Moses Sampani
11. ...Djallo as he finds his way since family's abandonment
12. ...wisdom & insight for Odles as they move into ministry where Mike began in processing shea butter & products
13. ...Jonathan Training next 5 or 6 Saturdays.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Celebrating a Life Well-Lived**  
Join us this month in giving thanks for Mike Squires, a full-time Team Expansion worker in Ghana, Africa. On October 21, he joined the Father in glory. He died after too brief of a battle with infections in the hospital. We will all miss his smile and encouraging words. May God bless his team, friends and family as they mourn. We give thanks to his top-notch team leaders for all the energy they've invested in preparing his affairs so his body could be returned to the USA, where it will be laid to rest in the family burial plot. Thank you, Mike, for your service to our org, the people of Africa, and to your God and His Kingdom. When members of our org head overseas, they know the risks in advance. Please pray daily for the safety and security of your favorite Team Expansion workers.

*Doug*

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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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## ONLINE GIFTS:

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

## Accountability

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# SIMPLE CHURCH – 3/3 MEETING FORMAT

