

JANUARY 2016

# RUFFUPDATE

GHANA MISSION

## Projects

**EFFICIENCY APARTMENTS** This dry season has been a time for several building projects. We have been constructing two one room efficiency apartments, one in Tamale located on [GILLBT property](#) and the other at the [back of the Permaculture Center Property](#). Our teammates, the Graham family will be moving to the Perm Center to manage it. We will move into the efficiency apartment due to our increased traveling to do training. We are also hoping that the efficiency apartment in Tamale will be completed before our lease is up on our apartment there.

## STUDIO PROJECT

We are now treating the walls, ceilings and floors in the studio to improve the sound for recording. We are also trying to create a way of hanging different backdrop material in the video room for things like green screen and different colored backdrops. We also had furniture & shelves made for the control rooms. Moses has already claimed one of the editing rooms for his office.



## Nursing Plants

After nearly four months with no rain things look more like the desert than the tropics. So we have been doing a little gardening to green up the place even though water is hard to come by. I have begun nursing some seeds for when the rains come in a couple of months or so. Lots of spinach that

will grow through the next couple of months, the hottest time of the year. Tree seedlings, green leafy vegetables, peppermint, cucumbers, cilantro and dill will taste wonderful. It is a lot more work keeping alive until the rains come but it is worth it. I will have some to give away also.



**LOCAL PLANTS** Koko Yams (small potato like) and the leaves that resemble elephant ears are also good eating.



**TOMATO & OKRA** Cherry tomato, okra and some kale that seem to be doing well. However as you can see in the background it must be watered well because of the dry season.



**SPINACH (RED MALABAR)** This is my favorite vegetable to grow because it does good year around, wet or dry season.

## NEVER GIVE UP

*"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."*

*II Corinthians 4:16-18 MSG*

I was recently praying, reading and spending time with the Lord and came across these verses. It struck a chord with me. It seems often the days are one difficulty after another. Disappointments, failures, and struggles. A fellow missionary mentioned that it's almost like we have to "fight" to live here. How true! But to be truly honest with you, I would not do anything else. Terry has often spoken of how stubborn I am and that is true, but it's more than just stubbornness or determination. I know without a doubt that on the inside He is making new life and daily His grace unfolds before me. As I read recently, "I am blessed, God is present and involved in my life directing all my affairs for a divine purpose." So, when the power breaks down for the tenth time and there is no water to haul and you have a flat tire and you go to the key shop for the fourth time to get the key made you need and you eat rice for a week so twenty new disciple-makers can be

trained and the laborer says for the sixth time he's going to fill in those places with blocks so you can move into the studio, and you fall into bed at night exhausted from the dust and the heat and the disappointments, there is peace. God is in control. He has a plan. He is faithful, my job is not the results, my job is obedience. We've learned in disciple making movements that the DNA is obedience - Radical, Immediate, Costly Obedience. I'm working on that. May

God continue to teach me all that I need because I'm looking forward to the things that we can't see now that will last forever.

Thank you for standing with us. Encouraging us, loving us, supporting us financially and prayerfully. We are truly blessed and we can't do this without you.

*Amy*

## NEW STUDIO TECHS

\* MORO P. HEZIKIAH



ALLAN NANA OPARE



## REMODELING: ADDING TWO BEDROOMS & A BATH



We converted one open area of the training center into two bedrooms and a bath. For those who have been to the training center this was the entrance to guest side of the center.



This is the second additional bedroom which is quickly being used temporarily for storage.



What was a small kitchenette is being converted to a full bath for guest using the two new bedrooms.



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"The history of missions  
is the history of answered  
prayer."

Samuel Zwemer

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"Untold millions are still  
untold." John Wesley

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"No one has the right to  
hear the gospel twice,  
while there remains  
someone who has not  
heard it once."

Oswald J. Smith

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"Radical obedience to  
Christ is not easy...It's not  
comfort, not health, not  
wealth, and not  
prosperity in this world.  
Radical obedience to  
Christ risks losing all  
these things. But in the  
end, such risk finds its  
reward in Christ. And  
hHe is more than enough  
for us."

David Platt, Radical

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"To belong to Jesus is to  
embrace the nations with  
Him."

John Piper

## THE NUMBERS - JANUARY '16

ACT #	BALANCE DEC 2015	\$20,673.23
	JANUARY DONATIONS	\$2,883.00
	PERSONAL DONATIONS	\$5,500.00
240	EQUIPPING MISSIONARIES: DIALLO	\$55.56
300	CHR ED PRINTED MAT'LS	\$361.67
310	CHR ED MEDIA	\$137.50
435-7	PERM CTR	\$3,310.14
435-10	RECORDING PROJECT	\$298.89
450	COMPASSION	\$100.00
490	NAT'L CO-WORKERS	\$1,036.39
500	POSTAGE	\$12.50
600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$365.04
661	INTERNET	\$411.79
800	TRAVEL DIESEL	\$360.00
806	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$138.89
810	TRAVEL MEALS	\$346.39
820	TRAVEL TOLLS	\$2.78
830	TRAVEL LODGING	\$177.78
840	TRAVEL FEES	\$137.50
930	MISSION HOUSE	\$5,547.22
	JANUARY EXPENSES	\$12,800.02
	BALANCE JAN 2016	\$16,254.04



# PRAYER

## Praise God for....

1. ...the 20 newly trained in Kumbungo
2. ...the 22 trained in Kairos in Burkina Faso
3. ... **2015 goal evaluation & 2016 new goals**
4. ...Diallo Burkina discipleship, skills training
5. ...12 new baptisms
6. ...1st all-Ghanian led Jonathan training
7. ...CityTeam's leaders visit from Sierra Leon
8. ...new truck, no repairs
9. ...studio construction coming to a close
10. ...Grahams & Squires Development Projects
11. ...beginnings of a movement with 4x4's
12. ...new internet solution
13. ...Bobby's opportunity for CHE training
14. ...Perm Ctr borehole is producing small

## Request God for....

1. ...newly trained to practice tools learned
2. ...Ghana team to implement 2016 goals
3. ...new believers be multiplying disciples
4. ...Diallo as he trains in disciple making skills
5. ...physical healing & health of the Grahams
6. ...finishing touches on studio
7. ...construction of 2 bungalows
8. ...studio techs - Moses, Allan & Hezekiah
9. ...audio tool production to reach many
10. ...Graham Family as Dad is away at training
11. ...future trainings in Ghana
12. ...future team-mates the Odle family
13. ...DMM team to accomplish 2016 goals
14. ...water, rains, relief for suffering

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



A church leader recently observed, "Team Expansion is one of the best-kept secrets in the missions world." Would you help us change the "secret" part of that comment please? It might provide a boost for your favorite worker — in prayer, encouragement, and possibly even new teammates, not to mention the potential for added financial backing. You could send people to our main website, [www.TeamExpansion.org](http://www.TeamExpansion.org), or recommend that they attend a training or function that is relevant to their world — like [www.PrayerWeekend.com](http://www.PrayerWeekend.com) or, online at [www.MoreDisciples.com](http://www.MoreDisciples.com). For local church missions leaders, we offer a great encounter with God and the nations called Kairos. You could send them to [www.TeamExpansion.org/learn/church-resources/](http://www.TeamExpansion.org/learn/church-resources/) to learn more. The best way to boost the Team Expansion name is through great friends like you. Thanks for your help — and, as always, thanks for your partnership in making possible the work of your favorite Team Expansion worker!

*Doug*

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**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:  
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