# **GHANA MISSION**

# **SHEEP BUTCHERING**



We butchered 15 sheep and put in the freezer along with the Tilapia we harvested.

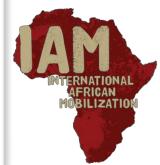
BY THE NUMBERS: January 2018

161 Baptisms

29 Discipleship Groups

Check out the Evaluation of 2017 goals and 2018 goals links @ http://ruffupdate.com/

Glorifying the great "I AM" through DMM's.





Diallo is a Fulani young man, pictured here with his wife and two children. Diallo is from a strong Muslim family, but he stayed with a Christian man while he attended school in Kumasi. I believe he learned much of Christianity from him that planted seeds that grew into his adult life. As I was looking for someone to do some translating to share with a Fulani neighbor, he began helping me. As we shared the stories of Christ with this family, Diallo came to the conclusion that he wanted to accept Christ as his Lord and Savior. This was a huge step for him because of the consequences it would mean for his life. He was later baptized and began the training for sharing Christ with others. As he began to share with his friends and family, his eldest brother was not happy and removed him from the family business and other family affairs. His elderly father wasn't disturbed by him becoming a Christian, but the eldest brother was. Diallo attended an extended training at Jam Tan in Burkina Faso, a ministry that trains Fulani from several West African countries in Discovery Bible Study and disciple making. They also teach life skills and a trade because they know once a Fulani becomes a believer, he will likely be ostracized from his family. It was a great experience for him to see many Fulani believers together worshipping God and giving the Lord Jesus their hearts and lives. Diallo returned from that experience more determined to share Christ with his tribe. He subsequently shared Christ with two Mallams [Muslim teacher] and baptized them and all three of them are now at Jam Tan learning the ways of Isa. [Jesus]. We praise God that young men like Diallo are giving their lives to Jesus and facing the persecutions with joy. Pray with us for Diallo's wife who is still a Muslim and does not want to be ostracized from the family by becoming a follower of Jesus.

Thank you! It is your support and prayers that make it possible for Diallo and others like him to come to know our Savior with such a passion for others to know Him too.



Abubakar Diallo,



Dinner with Ernestina in Accra at "Lord of the Wings"

Amy

ACT #	BALANCE DECEMBER 2017	\$29,508.83	
	JANUARY DONATIONS	\$8,302.00	
200	EDUCATION/BOOKS	\$30.07	
250	TRAINING NATIONALS	\$1,138.64	
410	EVANGELISM: MEDIA	\$1,743.71	
435-7	PERM CTR	\$54.42	
435-10	RECORDING PROJECT	\$648.25	
450	COMPASSION	\$186.05	
490	NAT'L CO-WORKERS	\$976.74	
500	POSTAGE	\$7.84	
600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$389.07	
661	INTERNET	\$1,085.36	
800	TRANSPORTATION: FUEL	\$582.91	
805	VEHICLE PURCHASE: MOTORBIKE	\$976.74	
806	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$99.77	
810	TRAVEL FOOD	\$248.60	
820	TRAVEL TOLLS	\$7.91	
830	TRAVEL LODGING	\$361.45	
840	LEGAL FEES IN-COUNTRY	\$2,441.86	
860	AIRFARE	\$353.49	
930	MISSION HOUSE	\$1,332.56	
	JANUARY EXPENSES	\$12,665.44	
	BALANCE JANUARY 2018	\$25,145.39	

### 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: <a href="http://www.mynorthside.com/">http://www.mynorthside.com/</a> - "online giving"

## Accountability

Our Ghana Mission is held accountable by these organizations:

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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT:



You regularly offer up prayers, encouragement, and partnership gifts to empower the work of Team Expansion servants all over the planet. Now here's our chance to give something back. "Zume" is the Greek word for yeast. In Matthew 13:33 Jesus says, "the Kingdom of Heaven is like a woman who took yeast and mixed it into a large amount of flour until it was all leavened." This illustrates how ordinary people, using ordinary resources, can have an extraordinary impact for the Kingdom of God. Zúme is an online course which aims to equip and empower ordinary believers to reach every neighborhood. It's free, fun, and interesting. Want to learn more? Just click to www.ZumeProject.com .Start a 9-week **Zume course today. Thanks again for your** camaraderie in Christ. We hope you'll try Zume. It's our way of saying thank you for your partnership.

Doug

# PRAYER "Ask the LORD of the Harvest therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field." Matthew 9:38

#### PRAISES:

- 1650 new baptisms, 380 new groups in 2017,
  161 new baptisms, 29 new groups in January
  2018
- Disciple Making Movements (DMMs) 12 section leaders identified in the two segments where we have been working and 12 bicycles purchased to enable section leaders to meet with the leaders in their section. Also two new motorcycles have been purchased to spread into new sections in Gonjaland. Also God has given us a goal to start DMMs in five new African countries in 2018.
- Praise God for two safe trips to Accra and back to begin work on Passports and work visas needed to expand our work into additional countries.
- Praise God for Diallo leading two Fulani Mallams (Muslim Leaders) to Christ. We have sent them to a special two month DMM training for Fulani.
- Praise God that Lee, a fellow DMM practitioner is sending a partner to Ghana that we will meet in Accra and who come to Buipe train some of our leaders in module 2 training.

#### **REQUESTS:**

- Please pray for Moses' birth certificate and passport to be completed, Please pray for Isaac' passport to be completed. Please pray for Amy and Terry's work visas to be completed.
- Please pray the DMM's will continue spreading like a bushfire in the two Gonjaland segments where we started and into surround Gonjaland segments. Also pray that the DMM fire begun in Cote d'ivoire will spread to other African Countries.
- Please pray that the <u>2018 goals</u> God gave us will come to reality for God's glory.
- Please pray for Diallo and the two Mallams currently in DMM training for Fulani in Burkina Faso.
- Please pray that all the details for the module 2 training coming up in March will work out beautifully.

For a more complete list of <u>Praises and</u> Requests