

GHANA MISSION



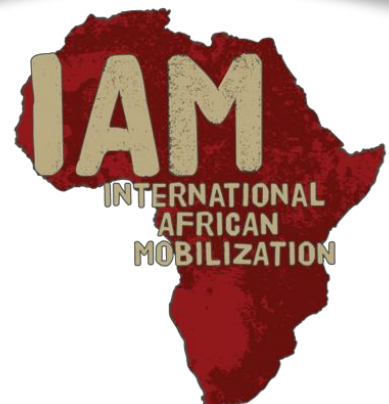
NYAKPALA TRAINING

Isaac led fifteen men in June in a DMM training in the Tamale area at the ECG Church training center.

Isaac and Moses are now in Cote d'Ivoire for three weeks trying to set up a national team to lead DMMs there. This is their fourth trip there. They have discipleship groups going in Abidjan, the capital, as well as 12 hours north where Mali, Guinea, Burkina Faso and Cote d'Ivoire intersect. Part of their time will be spent in Abidjan and the balance of their time will be spent in the north. There are far more unreached people in the north than in the south. Moses is a good French speaker so he has been accompanying Isaac with the intent of following up without Isaac next year so Isaac can follow up in Niger and northern Nigeria after visiting there.

BY THE NUMBERS:

- # JUNE new baptisms: 345
- # YTD baptisms: 1599
- # June new groups: 79
- # YTD new groups: 372





ISAAC AND GODFRED IN BANDA LAND

NEW PEOPLE GROUP NETWORK AMONG THE BANDA

There are two tribes associated with the Banda people, the Pantara & the Boahen. They tell us they don't understand each other's languages. The Boahen are more closely associated with the Ligbi and the Pantara with the Nafaanra. The Boahen are also associated with a tribe in Cote d'Ivoire called the Kolongo.

There is a curse between the two tribes that goes back many generations that says they cannot intermarry. This curse was made with a blood sacrifice. They say that anyone who tries to bring reconciliation will die and they have been doing animal sacrifices to try to bring that about, but there is much fear.

We talked with them about this. It is true, blood must flow, but there is a blood that is more weighty than the blood of animals that can take this away. There is a strong man [demon] that has made the curse. It is no longer the way of rams, but the perfect lamb of God that takes away sin. His blood makes the way where there is no way. He can bind the strong man and break the curse. You have to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, repent of your sins and He will bring freedom from this and all sin.

"I am thanking God for allowing us to see His wondrous works on this trip. In the first village we went to we met a group playing Ludu, a local game. They asked us what we were doing and we told them we are people of God and we have good news. They said they didn't need that, but they directed us to a family they said would be interested. They weren't home, but someone passing by heard us and said this, God is what I've been waiting for. He said, he said I and my family want to accept this message, the husband, his wife & all of his children."

Godfred Aziz

FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Help us Get the Word Out About the Great Commission?

In March, the Barna Group announced the completion of a major study regarding what church members nationwide seem to know about Jesus' commands to make disciples of all nations. Commonly referred to as the "Great Commission," (see, e.g., Matthew 28:19-20), these words are some of Jesus' final marching orders for the church. Barna found that over half of all church members report that they don't even know of the Great Commission. Many church members (especially younger adults) claimed they didn't know the church had been given these instructions. Please re-read the Great Commission and help us get the word out. Make sure your church gives it priority attention during primary meeting times. And thank you for your partnership in fulfilling it in conjunction with your favorite Team Expansion worker(s)! (Read the Barna study at: <https://www.barna.com/research/half-churchgoers-not-heard-great-commission/> .)

Doug Lucas, President

PRAYER

"Ask the LORD of the Harvest therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."

PRAISES:

- Terry has his passport back with a two-year residency permit
- Isaac & Moses arrived safely in Cote d'Ivoire for three-weeks of modeling, assisting and watching the Ivorians using DMM
- New network started in new people group, the Banda/Pantara/Boahen/Ligbi
- We've had many good rains and the crops are looking really good
- God has provided as the needs have come to meet the growing needs of the network
- Grahams home visit going well
- Odles BAM ministry continual growth and expansion
- Studio projects completed and preparation for upcoming Jesus Film projects
- Great partners, teammates, prayer warriors, national colleagues and a great God

REQUESTS:

- For God to provide for the growing needs of the network. Resources are needed for several projects
- Increased faith, trust and wisdom for the work God has called us to
- Safety for Isaac and Moses as they travel and for their families in their absence
- Funds for housing Isaac and Moses' families in town
- Expansion of Kairos into the upper east region of Ghana. three courses planned for August
- Implementation of Market Media Center in Buipe
- Implementation of a media to movement in Tamale
- Please pray for wisdom as hundreds of people have been killed by Fulani herdsmen in the part of Nigeria we want to visit
- For Bobby and Mandy's final visits, rest and safe return to Ghana as they finish their furlough

ACT #	BALANCE MAY 2018	\$9,329.84
	JUNE DONATIONS	\$4,555.55
200	BOOKS/EDUCATION	\$9.99
300	CHR ED: PRINTED MAT'L	\$31.25
320	CHR ED: HOSPITALITY	\$56.25
400	EVANGELISM: DMM'ERS	\$988.25
410	EVANGELISM: MEDIA	\$621.23
435-7	PERM CTR	\$1,923.00
435-10	RECORDING PROJECT	\$1,866.27
450	COMPASSION	\$155.00
490	NAT'L CO-WORKERS	\$662.50
500	POSTAGE	\$6.10
661	INTERNET	\$54.97
800	TRAVEL FUEL	\$268.50
806	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$315.50
820	TRAVEL TOLLS	\$2.50
830	TRAVEL LODGING	\$42.50
910	MISC LEGAL FEES	\$50.00
920	BANKING FEES	\$158.50
930	MISSION HOUSE	\$714.00
	JUNE EXPENSES	\$7,926.31
	BALANCE JUNE 2018	\$5,959.08

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