

GHANA MISSION

COTE d'IVOIRE DISCIPLE-MAKING MOVEMENT



THE MOVEMENT IN COTE d'IVOIRE IS STRONG WITH 83 GROUPS AND 650 PEOPLE

Isaac and Moses just completed their fourth trip to Cote d'Ivoire, the country immediately to the west of us. They have been experiencing great success as they train and MAWL (Model, Assist, Watch & Leave) many with the discipleship tools they are using here in Ghana. Those being trained are amazed how well it works and how responsive the people are to this approach. Toward the end of this newsletter there are some transcripts of some of the stories of people they were privileged to work with while there. We are finalizing arrangements for them to travel to northern Nigeria to hopefully repeat the same thing there. Please pray for them as they prepare to go in September to a part of Nigeria where many Christians have been killed recently. The people there says it has calmed down.

BY THE NUMBERS:

# July new baptisms:	311
# YTD baptisms:	1910
# July new groups:	67
# YTD new groups:	439



New Disciples training in northern Cote d'Ivoire



Regional Commander, a strong POP



Training of government and church leaders



We rented 7 motorbikes to transport the disciples to a village for MAWL'ing.



Isaac, Moses & Cote d'Ivoire DMM Team



On road to Nawakahra. Five households came to the Lord and the disciples were astonished how it worked.



This is Samuel, one of 2018's apprentices in DMMs in Ghana. He is legally blind, but has a passion for the Gospel to be heard and understood so he rides on the back of the motorbike with Osman every week going into very remote areas. "I am so happy for your help in our going out every week to share Christ with the Kpariba people. They are accepting the Gospel everywhere we go. May God bless you for what you are doing!"

FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Team Expansion: Celebrating 40 Years!

The idea for Team Expansion was born in 1978, during a small prayer meeting in a men's dorm room at a Bible college in Eastern Kentucky. There were 8 guys in that room that night. All of us signed our names to a world map. I happened to sign beside the country of Uruguay. Four (short) years later, Team Expansion fielded its first team -- to Uruguay, by God's grace. The rest, as they say, is history. At last month's Connect Gathering, we celebrated lots of fun memories from the past 40 years. (Watch a video about our 40 years: <https://vimeo.com/278704826> .] Along the way, there have been changed lives, new churches, baptisms, new groups, and lots of training. Obviously, none of this would happen without God, great donors, and amazing prayer partners. Thank you for your 40 years of partnership!!!

Doug Lucas

President

PRAYER

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

PRAISES:

- 67 new discipleship groups and 311 new baptisms in July impacting 45 tribes
- Isaac & Moses' fourth trip to Cote d'Ivoire resulting in 650 people attending 83 discipleship groups
- 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
- Safe arrival of our friend Linda who is spending six weeks with us
- Grahams arrived back in Ghana safely
- 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
- Thank you Good News Productions, Intl. for a week of wonderful training for our studio techs in Tamale
- Thank you to our faithful partners who make it possible for us to witness God's moving in West Africa

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, Moses and DMM leaders 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
- [Click for a complete list of praises & prayer points](#)

ACT #	BALANCE JUNE 2018	\$5,959.08
	JULY DONATIONS	\$4,717.50
250	TRAINING NAT'LS	\$1,000.00
320	CHR ED: HOSPITALITY	\$67.11
400	EVANGELISM	\$40.00
410	EVANGELISM: MEDIA	\$1,341.11
435-7	PERM CTR	\$2,330.22
435-10	RECORDING PROJECT	\$275.00
440	EVANGELISM: DMM'ERS	\$1,393.75
450	COMPASSION	\$270.44
490	NAT'L CO-WORKERS	\$1,961.46
500	POSTAGE	\$0.91
600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$9.78
661	INTERNET	\$326.67
800	TRAVEL FUEL	\$266.00
806	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$781.45
820	TRAVEL TOLLS	\$2.44
830	TRAVEL LODGING	\$56.95
920	BANKING FEES	\$45.00
930	MISSION HOUSE	\$707.33
	JULY EXPENSES	\$11,224.75
	BALANCE JULY 2018	\$7,681.65

Accountability

Our Ghana Mission is held accountable by these organizations:

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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:
<http://www.mynorthside.com/> - "online giving"

BONUS STORIES FROM ISAAC & MOSES

We came back to the city of Dana and set off to the extreme north, next to Mali border. It was a sixteen-hour bus ride. We were told that we were to get down at a small town called Kobola at a junction. So, we kept looking, passing junctions, thinking the driver's mate has forgotten us. Finally they told us "This is where you are getting down. No vehicles go beyond this point." We waited, seeing motorbikes with three people to a bike coming and going. We didn't know it but someone had called the governor of this new region to come and pick us up. Shortly after, we were picked up in a new 4-wheel drive vehicle and brought us to the regional capital, Dikodougou. There had been much flooding in the area recently with vehicles being washed away so the roads were very bad, but God timed it just right to where the floods had subsided and we were able to pass. The governor asked the commander to house us there. When we got settled in, we went to commander to pray with him. He told us, "Your coming here is such a blessing to us. This is a new region. The area is partly Muslim and partly animistic. There are the Malinke's and Jula, which are predominately Muslim and the Sinifo, which are predominately animistic. There are some French speakers as well. We have experienced a resistance to development in this area. If you want to open a market, they will tell you all kinds of rituals and sacrifices to be done before it can be opened or to build a bridge or put in a culvert across a stream sacrifices and rituals have to be performed. When we heard about disciple makers coming, our hearts were blessed. We see God in a move to transform this area, to take it from the forces of evil that are strongly present. We have a small church in the area, mostly for government workers who are Christians from the south. We determined not to segregate denominationally and come together to worship. We truly have a passion to know how to share Christ with all the people in this area. When those in the church heard about your coming, they came to me and said, 'Don't let these disciple makers go without letting us have time with them for them to teach us how effectively reach the people here.' [these are teachers, doctors and administrators; a church of workers sent to that place.]" We told the commander that will be great but we need to go to an area where the Malinka and Sinifor people live to teach them. When we come back we will dedicate two days to train you to be effective disciple makers.

When we got back to the regional capital, we continued our prayer walking and spiritual mapping of religious centers, mosques, sacred forests, marketplace and new market area. We prayed for the spiritual bondages to be broken to make way for the government development for the people. Then we hosted a two day training for the church and government leaders at which the district commander gave this testimony: "After the prayer walking was done, a couple of days later, I was in my office when a group of young people came to see me. They told me that they wanted the market open now, so they were coming to ask permission to clear the place. They had talked to their elders and they agree that the market needs to start. The youth & youth chief said, 'We want the market commissioned and we have dedicated workers to clear the place. We now give the Governor permission to come and do the ceremony to open the market area.'"

After the two days of training of government leaders, we took all the participants to a village after Boron to where the chief used to be a Christian. Last year when the team was in his village prayer walking, the team met him. He told them that because of his chieftaincy he couldn't go to the church building so he stopped being a Christian. In their first visit they led a family to the Lord. This year the chief gave this testimony: "Last year when the team came to visit and do prayer walking in the community, I invited them to my house to pray for the community. We'd had insufficient rainfall and many unexplained deaths of young people. This year, I have told the team that the doors of the community are open to them. Enter any house you want to enter. If there is any problem, let me know because last year after they came, where others haven't gotten rain, we've gotten rain and we haven't experienced any young people dying. We are always talking about the prayers of the church so you are very welcome."

Our team divided into 14 pairs and entered the village. We visited with people until 10:30pm. Farmers were back from their farms and women were listening to the message while cooking. The family Moses witnessed to, all accepted Christ along with four other families. The family Isaac witnessed to were Muslims from Mali. The man said he'd never heard the name of Isa al'Masih. I asked him if he read the Koran, and he said they'd been taught Islam, but not the Koran. He went on to say that he believed there are some things in the Koran that the Imams don't want to tell us. Isaac said "You are right. They won't explain things like we've done today. All the prophets sacrificed a lamb. Then when you get to the New Testament you see Yahaya [John the Baptist] saying, 'See this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.' This is a sacrifice bigger and heavier that has been performed that takes away all sin and never do animal sacrifices have to be done again." He asked us who would follow up with them and we explained that those who have come with us are trained and will be coming to continue building you up, so you can tell your neighbors. They were very happy and said they'd look for them to come.

We came back to Boron about midnight. The following morning we met with the nucleus of seven that we had trained and they made their follow-up three-month plan. Every one of them had already connected with those in their circle of influence and formed a group.