

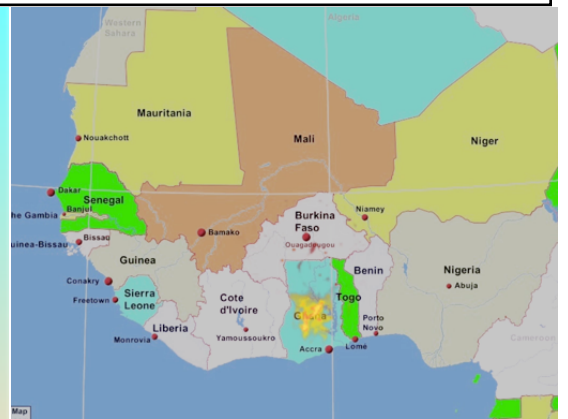
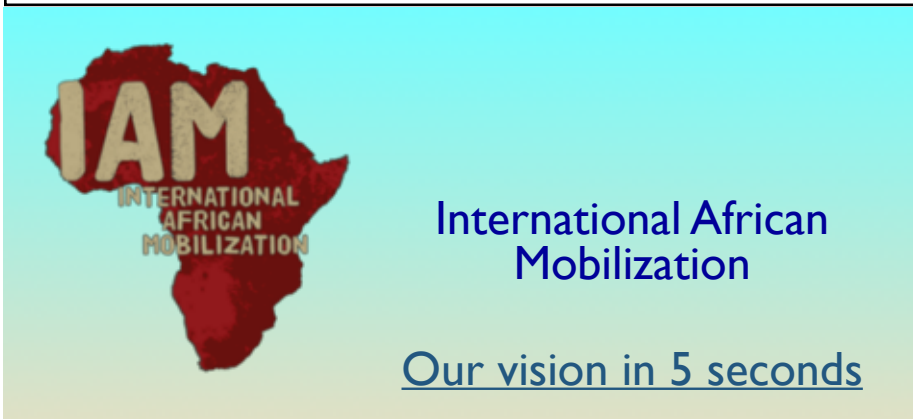


Our Nigerian country leaders just reported about another wonderful Disciple Making Movement (DMM) training in Nigeria. Please pray for implementers to emerge from the training. This took place just before the Corona virus.

GHANA MISSION

Glorifying the Great IAM through Disciple Making Movements DMMs

Feb/Mar 2020 DMM Stats		Cote d'Ivoire Network	
New Groups	150	New Groups	14
YTD New Groups	418	Baptisms	51
New Baptisms	565	Gambia Network	
YTD New Baptisms	1177	New Groups	
Buipe Network		Baptisms	
New Groups	118	Togo Network	4
Baptisms	420	New Groups	4
Benin Network		Baptisms	
New Groups	6	Nigeria	
Baptisms	46	New Groups	
Burkina Faso Network		Baptisms	
New Groups	8	Praise God for the fruit of the DMMs. God is truly	
Baptisms	44	being glorified. Thank you for your partnership.	





"Pray diligently. Stay alert, with your eyes wide open in gratitude. Don't forget to pray for us, that God will open doors for telling the mystery of Christ, even while I'm locked up in this jail. Pray that every time I open my mouth I'll be able to make Christ plain as day to them." Colossians 4:2 MSG

PRAISES:

- For the growth of the movements in spite of the pandemic. Groups continue to meet, pray for one another, study & obey the Word and share the good news with others.
- For the safety and health of the Odles in Ghana, the Grahams in Kansas, the DMM team spread out in Gonjaland, the perm center staff in Bilisikura, and the studio staff in Tamale.
- For the continued work of the Odles in church planting and community development
- For the perm staff continuing work tending animals, growing food and watching over Sasha.
- For the work the studio staff continues to churn out in spite of the restrictions of movement.
- For the faithful support of Northside Christian Church, Sherwood Oaks Christian Church and all of our financial and prayer support team.

REQUESTS:

- For wisdom and open doors to train those who will share the good news with the Sanka people in Guinea.
- For the safety and health of the Odles in Ghana, the Grahams in Kansas, the DMM team spread out in Gonjaland, the perm center staff in Bilisikura, and the studio staff in Tamale.
- Sustainability to become a reality for the DMM movements and the studio productions.
- For the implementation of the Media 2 Movement training in Ghana and beyond
- For all those impacted by the pandemic in both health and economy.
- Thank God we made it through our 14 day quarantine.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Bear Hunts are Essential Services

In the community where I live, several neighbors have adopted the practice of placing a bear in a street-facing window. Apparently they're imagining that neighborhood children, struggling with chaos and isolation, will spy those bears on a kind of scavenger hunt through neighborhood streets. Paul wrote about something similar. "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Eph. 2:10)." Amidst all the chaos, there is One who is still in control. (In fact, please visit www.StillinControl.com - daily, if you can.) And He is asking us to be "essential services." We are essential because He calls us to be lights in the darkness for a world seeking hope. All over the world, our workers are finding greater interest in learning about Jesus than ever before. Thank you for partnering to empower these "Essential Services."

Doug

#	DESCRIPTION	
	FEBRUARY 2020 BALANCE	\$44,701.22
	DONATIONS:	\$10,260.00
230	TEAM BUILDING	\$20.00
240	CHR ED: EQUIPPING MISSIONARIES	\$39.99
320	CHR ED: HOSPITALITY	\$364.80
430	EVANGELISM: DMM'ERS	\$4,877.00
435.1	RECORDING PROJECT	\$960.00
435.7	PERM CTR	\$249.00
450	COMPASSION	\$3,574.00
490	NAT'L CO-WORKERS	\$1,854.00
500	POSTAGE	\$11.14
600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$2.00
661	INTERNET	\$193.63
800	TRANSPORTATION	\$707.68
805	MOTORBIKE PURCHASE	\$1,134.00
806	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$100.00
810	TRAVEL FOOD	\$165.64
820	TRAVEL TOLLS	\$1.60
830	TRAVEL LODGING	\$797.75
840	TRAVEL LEGAL FEES	\$2.30
850	TRAVEL SHIPPING	\$106.00
860	AIRFARE	\$679.60
920	BANKING FEES	\$273.95
930	MISSION HOUSE	\$589.10
	TOTAL MARCH EXPENSES	\$16,703.18
	MARCH BALANCE	\$38,258.04

WOW! How fast things change. We set up banking accounts to wire money to our Permaculture Center employees, Disciple Making Movement guys and studio guys in Tamale so they will be able to continue to have expenses met so they can continue working until things calm down. I have been using Zoom, email and Facebook Messenger to communicate regularly with key leaders in Ghana.

We will work remotely from here until the flights begin to fly again and the virus calms down. We returned to the US because we did not want to become a burden to the people there and that we could probably accomplish more for the work from here for the time being.

We are also studying Media2Movements which uses social media to make disciples. The studio guys, Amy and I just completed an online course on this very topic. We will be telling you more about that in the coming days.

Our prayers are with you as well with so many people being impacted by this terrible virus. We love and appreciate your partnership.

Terry

LAMENT

Recently I've been reading through Lamentations. It has come through a couple of reading plans, but I've found it most interesting. I've not thought much about it before, but I've discovered how important it is and what a gift it is from God. The dictionary describes lamentation as a passionate expression of grief or sorrow. I've discovered in this book that God gives us a "voice," permission even to express ourselves in our suffering to Him both corporately and personally. Lamenting gives way to hope. While there is no resolution to the lament in Lamentations, there is the glimpse of hope. In Lamentations three Jeremiah writes: "I'll never forget the trouble, the utter lostness, the taste of ashes, the poison I've swallowed. I remember it all—oh, how well I remember—the feeling of hitting the bottom. But there's one other thing I remember, and remembering, I keep a grip on hope: God's loyal love couldn't have run out, his merciful love couldn't have dried up. They're created new every morning. How great your faithfulness! I'm sticking with God (I say it over and over). He's all I've got left." MSG Many of the Psalms begin in despair, lamenting, and end in hope.

I have learned through many going through great times of grief, losses, struggles, health issues and more that they often feel guilty in expressing any doubt or grief toward God. They think that if they had more faith they wouldn't feel this way or doubt God in any way. They stuff their feelings rather than express them. How could I feel this anger against God if I truly am a believer? Then, there are the platitudes of well-meaning believers when they don't know what to say and want to be an encouragement to those hurting. Worse yet are those who chastise the hurting when they do express their anger toward God.

Often I have turned to my fellow sojourning sisters in Christ to express my woes, struggles, complaints, grumblings, anger, frustrations, griefs, losses and my "pity parties" and have felt great comfort. I am so blessed with many sisters who offer listening ears, encouraging words, and deep love. But, I have discovered in recent months a new avenue for these expressions, lament. When I am angry, frustrated, don't know what to do, I sit down and write a letter to God. I express myself through writing, I love to journal, so this makes sense for me to write my laments. What I have found is a rich blessing. I start off expressing all my doubts, frustrations and anger, asking God why this is happening, why this person is acting in these horrible ways, and have found that a release comes, a peace that is different from others. Even later in the day, I hear God's answers to my questions and comfort comes through scripture, through something I've read, through others words or just thoughts God puts in my head.

We are in unprecedented times. We are hurting. Many are sick or dying. Many are starving to death because of the pandemic the world is experiencing. These are lamenting times. We don't have any answers. We have a big God. He has all the answers. He is working in and through these times for all to come to know Him. Be strong and courageous. God is still in control. [by the way, check out a new website: www.stillincontrol.com] and lament. He wants to hear from us, every thought, every cry, every doubt, every fear. Tell Him. He is the only one with the answers.

God Bless each of you. Let us know how we can pray more specifically for you and your families. We love you deeply and we so appreciate your partnership with us in taking the good news to the nations.

Amy

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