

GHANA MISSION

Glorifying the Great IAM through Disciple Making Movements (DMM)

Covid cannot stop God's heart for the nations.

Look what God has done in the midst of a world pandemic. New discipleship groups have continued to be planted because they are no bigger than ten adults. They have been able to simply practice social distancing and continue multiplying.

DMM Stats

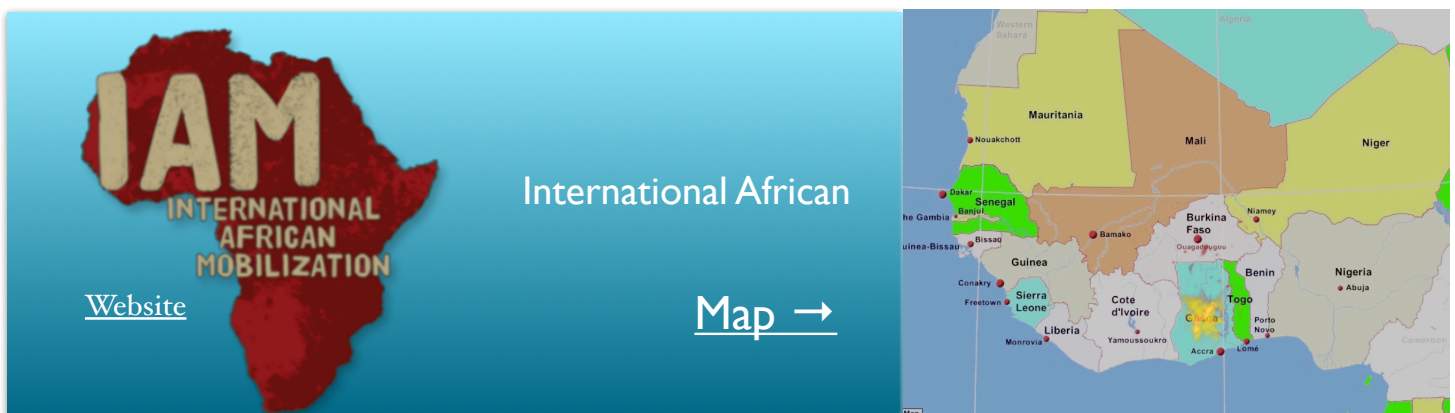
May-August 2020 New Groups:	320
2020 Total New Groups (YTD):	944
May-August 2020 New Baptisms:	1443
2020 Total Baptisms (YTD):	3747

Just before Covid, Isaac and Moses took a research trip to Guinea with a team from the US on a tribe that had zero Christians. When Covid hit the borders were closed so we wondered what we going to do. No problem to God. He arranged for me to do ZUME coaching with a man in Sierra Leone. I soon discovered he had already met Isaac at a DMM strategy meeting the year before in Kenya and was wanting Isaac to mentor him as well. So as Isaac and I both worked with him we discovered that he knows someone near the border of Guinea that has spent some time in the very village that Isaac and Moses had just visited before Covid. The young man just

happened to know the language of the tribe we were targeting. Long story short, the person Isaac and I had been coaching and his co-worker traveled by motorbike all the way across Sierra Leone and picked up this man and together they crossed the border into Guinea to the village to do the first DMM training. The young man had recruited nine friends, mostly Muslims, that were interested in the training. In the process of training eight of these young men accepted Christ and were baptized. The training involved classroom time learning key discipleship tools and then practical time in several villages implementing the tools such as prayer walking, the bless prayer (blessing people by praying for them), sharing their testimony and the gospel story with many. People of peace were discovered and 90 day implementation plans were filled out. During this whole training I was able to do Zoom calls with the leaders to encourage them. Technology really allows a lot of amazing things to be done remotely these days. Isaac and I have been corresponding via WhatsApp and Zoom to make sure those who attended the training are implementing their 90 plans. Isaac and Moses are planning a followup visit toward the completion of their 90 day plans.

Is that not an amazing story. God wants the nations disciplined more than we do so we just watch God open the doors and praise Him for allowing us to witness what He is doing.

Terry





PRAY WITH US

"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:

- The President of Ghana opened the airport for international travel. Waiting for flights.
- Zume coaching for Amy and I has been going great. People in Rwanda, Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone and Ghana have learned the Zume discipleship tools and we are coaching them through implementation of their 90 day plans.
- Continued progress on the Media 2 Movement Initiative is really going well. Overwhelming, but good. Praise God for all the technical specialists that are helping us a lot!
- Five new segment teams have been sent out [we are now in all 12 segments of Gonjaland]
- New "Pray4Ghana" FaceBook page and daily postings: <https://www.facebook.com/4GhanaPray>
- New "Pray4Peoria" Facebook page and daily postings: <https://www.facebook.com/Pray4Peoria>
- The need to identify four DMM country leaders and watch God provide the resources for motorbikes and expenses they will need to oversee and expand the movements in their country.
- For multiplying disciples beyond our wildest dreams.

REQUESTS:

- Please pray for understanding and implementation of the DMM tools by those who have been trained or coached.
- Please pray for the Media2DMM open door and implementation to come soon.
- Sustainability for studio & DMM movements.
- Terry's doctor visits with Endocrinologist (Sugar) and Nephrologist (Kidney) to come up with the best plan to manage his diabetes and impact on his kidneys. Diabetes doctor appointment on September 21st and Kidney doctor followup appointment on. September 29th.
- God's protection for the DMM'ers as they go through struggles of health, safety & more.
- Fidelis [Latin for Faithful] is a new obedience-based Masters program. Amy will be taking the course and leading a cohort of seven others [3 of us are from USA and 4 are from African countries]. Pray for us to be faithful.
- New believers in Guinea and the implementation of their 90 day plans.
- Bobby & Mandy's flight back on September 20.
- Hez, one of the studio technicians, as he has test to discover why he is ailing.

"Why should anyone hear the gospel twice before everyone heard it once?" Oswald Chambers

FINANCIALS

#	DESCRIPTION	
	JULY BALANCE	\$22,084.32
	AUGUST DONATIONS:	\$5,068.77
200	BOOKS	\$62.99
410	EVANGELISM: MEDIA	\$409.02
430	EVANGELISM	\$2,704.00
435.1	RECORDING PROJECT	\$1,775.00
435.7	PERM CTR	\$904.00
661	INTERNET	\$285.39
900	EQUIPMENT	\$1,466.30
	TOTAL AUGUST EXPENSES	\$7,606.70
	AUGUST BALANCE	\$19,546.39

Community

Anyone, besides me, feeling a bit of anxiety over lack of community? Terry's great & all, but where are my friends? :) Zoom and FaceBook are close seconds, but nothing replaces that face-to-face, deep, heartfelt conversation with a brother or sister in Christ. Why?

God made us that way! God is community dwelling in perfect, loving harmony in His threefold being and because we are created to bear God's image in the world we have that need as well. BUT, even in good times, community is hard, but necessary. [that's why I miss it so much]

In other words, building and enjoying healthy community is going to require us to believe the gospel, to believe that what Jesus did for us has power and relevance for the way we relate to God and others. This requires an intentional focus on our part. It means identifying the unbelief in our hearts that hinders our ability to love and serve others and to receive love from them in turn. It means receiving the healing, liberating truths of the gospel in ways that allow them to soak deep into the core of our being. And guess where this work of ongoing transformation takes place? In community. [biblestudytools.com] [Even our worldly experts identify our need for community: "Our human nature does not prepare us to strive without deep, meaningful, and fulfilling connections to others." Sarah Bloch-Elkouby, PhD]

Thank you so much for being a part of our community and supporting, encouraging and blessing us in so many ways. I am very glad that we were able to visit many of you last fall, but I think we'll be heading back to Ghana without the opportunity to meet face-to-face again. Yes! The president of Ghana has opened the international airport allowing us to hopefully head back to Ghana the middle of October.

Amy

FROM THE PRESIDENT



In Genesis 50:20, Joseph looks at his brothers (the ones who sold Joseph to a human trafficking ring) and said, calmly, "You meant evil against me, but God used it for good." Of course, in this passage, it was clear "in the rearview mirror" that God had managed to place Joseph in a position of influence far beyond anything his poor brothers would have ever imagined. But in this crazy year of distress and chaos, what can possibly merge for good? One thing has been clear to us around the world: these stressful times are causing people to ask questions. The great part is - Christ's Kingdom offers the best answers to a world in distress. Thank YOU for your partnership and shared vision, even in tough times. (Please watch this four-minute video to see how God has been at work during the first six months of 2020:

<http://teamexpansion.watch/2020review> .)
sacrificially to make this work possible. We thank
GOD for you!!!

Doug

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