

# RUFFUPDATE

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## NEW GILBT VERNACULAR MEDIA STUDIO

**With a high % of the population unable to read and write we are giving oral learners the access to audio/video scripture tools in their mother tongue that empower them to make disciples of their extended households.**

We are very excited about what is happening as we apply what we learned from the Jonathan Training that we helped facilitate in Burkina Faso last February. We have led the Jonathan Training twice since then in Ghana and at the end of this month we will be offering it for the third time in Bole over four Friday nights - Saturday 2 p.m. The Jonathan Training gives oral learners the strategic tools and resources needed to mobilize all believers in fulfilling the great commission of making disciples of all nations, irrespective of whether they are literate or not. People are taught how to apply scripture stories and discover transformational truths from these stories and commit to what they will obey and who they will share their story (testimony) and God's story (gospel) with the next week. The following week they are held accountable as to whether they obeyed what they said they would obey from the previous week's story and whether they shared their story and God's story with the people they said they would. The

training also helps attendees to identify "persons of peace" as Jesus taught his disciples in Luke 10 and Matthew 10, through which to plant simple churches (discipleship groups). The importance of household evangelism is also stressed where they are encouraged to identify family, neighbors, co-workers & classmates to share their story and God's story with. The training also emphasizes the importance of a clear vision as to why it is so important to make disciples and doing it in a way that rapidly multiplies, disciples making disciples that make disciples, churches planting churches that plant churches resulting in accomplishing the great commission in our life time. We are making disciples from the following tribes. The numbers under each tribe represents people from each of those tribes that have been baptized this year. Moses just told me of 16 more baptisms but I am waiting to see what tribes they are from before adding them to the report. P.T.L.!

Terry



**Moses on the left.**

Moses baptizing one of seven who were baptized last Sunday from the church that meets in Alhassan Kura. YTD we have seen a total of 140 baptisms who are being disciplined in groups from the tribes to your left.

**Mamprusi Bimoba Chokossi Gonja Konkomba Dagomba Dagati Ewe Bono Sissala**

25      1      6      39      5      27      12      4      19      2

## GOD IS FAITHFUL!

*"Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name."* Psalm 86:11

Every day seems to be a school day with lessons to be learned where some are more difficult to understand, to grasp than others. For instance...It is the rainy season. Rain is expected on a regular basis. The pond has fish that need rain to keep it full to be able to grow and be healthy. The farmers have crops planted that need rain to water the ground and provide the moisture for the seeds to grow. Boreholes and wells need rain to keep filled to sustain the needs of drinking, cooking and bathing. BUT, the rains haven't come steadily. The question immediately comes, "Why?" but the lesson to learn is "God is faithful!" He is a loving father and knows the needs of His children. He is just! He brings the rain on the just and the unjust. He withholds the rain on the just and the unjust. *"Teach me your ways that I may rely on your faithfulness. Give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name!"* I cannot answer the question about the lack of rain, but I can answer that my God is faithful in every way! In the midst of each daily difficulty, when plan B or C or D or... is in play, He is working. Daily people are learning about His great love. Daily people are sharing that with others. Daily people are accepting Him as their LORD. Daily people are being baptized into His name. Daily He is advancing His kingdom.

So we can say, *"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."* II Corinthians 4:16-18

Thank you for walking this path with us so faithfully.  
Amy



### FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### Making Progress in Reaching Unreached People Groups and Cities

Have you ever wondered whether or not we're making progress in finishing the task? In July 2012, we made a "Wall of Unreached Peoples" to inspire churches to pray for and 'adopt' unreached people groups (UPG's) around the world. Our Wall of Unreached Peoples encompassed nearly 7,000 UPG's (according to data from JoshuaProject.net). But we're about to reprint the Wall for this year's ICOM convention because now the total is closer to 6,500! That's a drop of nearly 10%! Granted, there are multiple reasons why the list is dropping, but either way, the task is getting easier. Want to learn more about how to help your favorite Team Expansion worker reach even more groups, thereby reducing the list even more? Just visit [www.U4theU.com/pace](http://www.U4theU.com/pace). Until there are no more unreached. Thanks for your partnership and thanks for helping your favorite Team Expansion worker!

Doug

## BY THE NUMBERS-JULY

	BALANCE FROM JUNE	\$282.84
	JULY DONATIONS	\$4,925.00
	PERSONAL DONATION	\$820.40
310	CHRISTIAN ED: MEDIA	\$15.71
410	EVANGELISM: AUDIO VISUAL	\$37.14
435-7	PERMACULTURE CENTER	\$1,513.33
435-10	RECORDING PROJECT	\$581.54
450	COMPASSION	\$120.00
480	TRANSLATOR	\$11.43
490	NATIONAL CO-WORKERS	\$835.71
500	POSTAGE	\$2.51
600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$134.29
661	INTERNET	\$156.86
800	TRAVEL DIESEL	\$325.71
806	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$117.43
810	TRAVEL MEALS	\$8.57
820	TRAVEL TOLLS	\$5.71
830	TRAVEL LODGING	\$17.14
840	LEGAL FEES	\$1,240.57
930	MISSION HOUSE	\$85.71
	EXPENSES FOR JULY	\$5,209.49
	BALANCE	\$818.88
PROJECTS:	\$300 VILLAGE WATER PURIFICATION: \$300 CHICKEN PROJECT	

PRAISE GOD FOR...	REQUEST GOD FOR...
...His faithfulness even though the rains have stopped for nearly three weeks now in the middle of the rainy season.	...the exchange rate to stabilize
...156 baptisms to date in 2015 who are in simple discipleship groups	...the newly baptized believers who are being rejected by their family members for turning from Islam
...construction of new audio and video studio at GILLBT	... completion of GILLBT VMS studio and bungalow
...the great finish and celebration with interns	... disciples who are evangelizing and forming simple churches that make disciples
...the interns have returned safely to the US	...their reentry challenges. Pray that they will keep the vision of blessing God first and foremost, not just God blessing them.
...the wonderful report of Bole Kairos participants and willingness to move forward with Jonathan Training	...Isaac and family protection from attacks of assistant Imam
...our children are coming, Sara and Jonathan's visit from USA	...safety coming and going to Burkina Faso airport and a great time just being together.
...the tilapia are doing well in the pond	...please pray for rain for the pond and local farms.
...fresh dill, mushrooms, cilantro, sweet basil, spinach, etc.	...Moses Saaka's work in studio to produce oral tools
...Isaac's protection from attack in Alhassan Kura	...arrival and work of GILLBT VMS intern, Rachel Fehring
...for the partners who have made all of this possible.	...simple churches will explode into a church planting movement

For details see <http://www.ruffupdate.com/Prayer.html>

## Financial Gifts

All gifts are tax deductible. Please make payable & mail to:

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### ONLINE GIFTS:

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## Accountability

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