

**MARCH 2015**

**GHANA WEST  
AFRICA:**

# RUFFUPDATE

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## MAMPRUSI TRAINING RURAL TRAINERS @ WALEWALE

**Learning how to plant simple churches by modeling how to do it, then assisting them to do it, then watching them do it before leaving them to do it.**

Prior to going to Burkina Faso to help with the Jonathan training we met with a group of pastors and church leaders at Walewale to talk about the **Training Rural Trainers (TRT)** training. After they decided they wanted the training we left them with copies of the Creation to Christ flip charts pictured to the right along with audio recordings of the TRT story set that they can play on their phones. To learn more about the Bible stories used in the TRT click on <http://ruffupdate.com/Vision.html> and then click on Training Rural Trainers (TRT) link.

A bulk of the training is helping participants learn how to lead a 3/3 Simple Church Group. To learn more about what that means click on <http://ruffupdate.com/Vision.html> and then click on either the 3/3 Simple Church Groups oral or literate link.

The first third of the group time is called "Looking Back" and is spent worshipping, praying for one another, accountability about

who they shared God's story with during the week and reviewing last week's story. The second third of the group time is spent listening to a Bible story and discussing it together. The third third of the group time is spent sharing what they feel God wants them to obey from the story and who they will be sharing God's story with in the coming week and who they will train the new lesson they have just learned.

Several have received the C2C well, several have expressed a desire to become a follower of Christ. One group had four young men who were baptized after the lesson on baptism. Our pray is there will be several reproducing simple church groups that will continue to meet following the training. Would you pray with us? We will keep you posted as to further results of the training as we hear of them.

We can't thank you enough for making it possible for us to train others to plant simple churches. May God be glorified!

Terry



**Creation To Christ (C2C)**

Learning how to share God's story with your others.

## God Answers Prayers!

...But there is a little more to it.

We have been praying for electricity for three years. This week, God said "Yes!" We can't tell you what a difference that makes, even when there is a shut-off of power, we have a back up generator now, not the sole source of power. *Patience.*

We have been praying for more national workers to train in simple church planting. We have thirty in Walewale that we're finishing up with and a group of leaders in the south to train in Jonathan next month! *God's Timing.*

We have been praying for new church plants and for the Kolowurape church to catch the vision. Through the work of the Grahams, a new church will be formed in Bilisikura and

another leader capturing the vision to share the stories. *Transformation.*

Our dream of a new studio at GILLBT has begun this week with clearing the land after two years planning. *Moving Ahead in Faith.*

I've been reading I Peter the last couple of weeks. The theme that keeps surfacing to me is, suffering is just as much a part of our walk with Christ as blessings. The promise I have is... *"If with heart and soul you're doing good, do you think you can be stopped? Even if you suffer for it, you're still better off. Don't give the opposition a second thought. Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ, your Master."* I Peter 3:13-14 *There is suffering along the way.*

Thank you for standing with us so faithfully!

Amy



Take Part in a  
Global PrayerCast on April 17

FROM THE  
PRESIDENT

On April 17, you can unite with a world of believers for praise, peace and purpose. Through the magic of the internet, you and your team, Bible study, or church can stand shoulder-to-shoulder with groups of believers struggling for peace around the planet. The time will be 8pm Louisville and the date is Friday, April 17. There's no charge to participate. And we'll be emphasizing peace as we work our way through the outline from a long-standing program by the name, "sweet hour of prayer. If you'd like to participate, just go to <http://www.GlobalPrayerCast.com> and we'll see if there's a prayer slot left for you. God bless your month!

Doug

## FACES OF MARCH



Walewale Group  
Sharing the Stories



Sabbath Rest



Kolowurape Ladies  
with new story books

## Accountability

Our Ghana Mission is held accountable by these organizations:

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# PRAYER

PRAISE GOD FOR...	REQUEST GOD FOR...
...great sabbath week rest in Accra	...Jonathan Training May 10-15
...TRT in Walewale w/4 baptisms	...water to flow at Bilisikura
...new GILLBT studio started	...water to flow at Perm Ctr
...Chris LaBoube's return to GILLBT	...truck to continue to be road worthy
...Perm Ctr protection from fires	...Mike's Community Development work
...ELECTRICITY at PERM CTR!!!!	...Moses Saaka life & ministry
...ELECTRICITY at PERM CTR!!!! (oh, I said that)	...last 3 weeks of TRT in Walewale
...Perm Ctr animals doing well	...Gonja, Dagomba, Mamprusi know Christ
...Snakes killed that are eating eggs	...3 interns for June/July
...Teammates - Grahams & Mike	...summer visitors
... Moses Sampani's 14 church plants	...more laborers for the harvest

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

## 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"

# BY THE NUMBERS-MARCH

	BALANCE FROM FEBRUARY	\$8,479.55
	MARCH DONATIONS	\$5,383.00
220	CHRISTIAN ED: CONFERENCE	\$38.69
300	CHRISTIAN ED: TRAINING MAT'LS	\$24.09
330	CHRISTIAN ED: MISC	\$58.39
410	MEDIA: SD CHIPS	\$186.13
435-7	PERMACULTURE CENTER	\$2,714.60
450	COMPASSION	\$21.90
490	NATIONAL CO-WORKERS	\$1,375.91
500	POSTAGE	\$1.61
600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$49.09
661	INTERNET	\$105.84
800	TRAVEL DIESEL	\$471.78
806	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$200.73
820	TRAVEL TOLLS	\$8.03
830	TRAVEL LODGING	\$69.34
840	LEGAL FEES	\$385.51
930	MISSION HOUSE	\$1,262.77
	EXPENSES FOR MARCH	\$6,974.41
	BALANCE	\$6,888.14
PROJECTS:	\$300 VILLAGE WATER PURIFICATION; \$300 CHICKEN PROJECT	