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JULY 4TH FUN AT THE FALLS

Our team enjoyed a picnic lunch at the falls, celebrated Mike's birthday and ended the day with fireworks.

May and June have been very busy months. We held two trainings (see photos by clicking [here](#) and then clicking on the Bole Kairos Training gallery and the Akosomobo Jonathan Training gallery).

The Grahams planted a new church in Billisikura. It is going great composed mostly of the unreached Chokossi people group.

We began construction on additional recording studios at Ghana Institute of Linguistics, Literacy and Bible Translation (GILLBT). [See photo.](#)

We also picked up three Team Expansion interns just in time to attend the Kairos Training we taught in Bole. They have been helpful in multiple ways: such as helping plant gardens, teaching health lessons, playing with the children, participating in prayer walks in Billisikura, the village next to our house, copying micros sd chips containing Bible tools to be used in cell phones, and helping with many

things around the Permaculture Center like watering and feeding our goats, sheep and rabbits. They also got to shop at the Buipe market every Monday and took turns cooking the meals and doing the dishes. We also enjoyed playing different card games together at night before going to bed. More than half of their time is already up and we will miss them greatly when they leave.

It was exciting after church yesterday last Sunday to learn that four ladies wanted to be baptized. We all gathered at our house and baptized them in our pond. In addition Isaac just called and told me that last week Moses also had four baptisms - two from the Gonja tribe and two from the Dagomba tribe. Great things are happening. P.T.L.!

Thank you so much for your partnership.

Terry



July 6th Baptisms

Two Dagati ladies and two Gonja ladies were [baptized](#) following church. P.T.L.! For more photos click on link and then click on the July 5th Baptisms gallery.

Whew!!

It seems like a whirlwind since the beginning of May. We completed thirteen weeks of simple church planting in Walewale with some Mamprusi leaders, then headed right into a week of Jonathan training at Akosombo, 12 hours south with twenty- six leaders from all over Ghana. Then I traveled back to the south (only I flew this time :) to meet our three Team Expansion Pathways interns -Tim, Sara & Caleb. After a week of orientation we traveled with them to Bole, 3 hours west, for a Kairos course with a group of 39. It was a great week of learning together and the interns' first introduction to Ghanaian food. Since then they and the Grahams have been working hard. They are up at 6am to work for a couple of hours at the Permaculture Training Center, then a quick breakfast and off to work on the training gardens. After lunch is language learning with Hezekiah and then afternoon Bible story and health lesson visits in Bilisikura. They are also helping with the small provisions store we opened this month where we've starting selling our honey and dried mushrooms.

In everything, God has been so faithful. We seek God in everything, asking Him to give us His wisdom for this journey. As part of the journey with our interns, we are working through a devotional by David Nasser called "A Call To Die." In it we are reminded that we are called to die to ourselves, take up the instrument of our death and follow Him along the path of radical obedience. He isn't demanding it, just offering it up. We have a choice. Do we allow our selfish ambitions to rise above other people; our behaviors to get what we want when we want it; our caring only for our own interests; or our desire to put our needs before others drive our walk with Christ? This is the stuff of the "hungry wolf" that consumes anything and everything it can eat. To deny ourselves is just to not feed it.

God is teaching us much! Thank you for being on this journey with us. We are nothing without you and we thank God every day for each of you and your partnership in the Gospel bringing the light of salvation to the unreached of Ghana, West Africa. Thank you!

Amy



Doug,

"Pray for the Stressors in Your Favorite Missionary's Life"

FROM THE
PRESIDENT

It's inevitable: Every job carries with it some stress. Cross-cultural sojourners have to deal with crises (natural disasters, wars, accidents, and political instabilities), occupation hazards (workload, travel, and government "red tape"), physical factors (including nutrition, climate, illnesses, aging, environment) and a whole lot more. Exactly what your favorite cross-cultural worker does with all this stress is anyone's guess. Some stuff it below the surface (unhealthy), while others, unfortunately, take it out on their families. Sometimes, it seems that few learn to deal with it effectively. These are the realities, at times, of the Good News Proclaimers' job. Would you join me today in praying that God will bring help, hope, rest, and resolution to the stresses your favorite Team Expansion worker faces? And let's don't forget to thank Him for the answers to our prayers.

Thanks and have a great month!

FACES OF MAY-JUNE



JONATHAN TRAINING - AKOSOMBO



2015 INTERNS
CALEB, SARAH & TIM



KAIROS - BOLE

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PRAYER

PRAISE GOD FOR...	REQUEST GOD FOR...
...We've had a couple of good rains!	...Mike's connections and training in seven villages
...Tuesday's followup training at Walewale-many new groups	...Grahams' vehicle repair & Ruff's to last
...construction continues (walls up) on new GILLBT studio	...Amy's & Tim's (intern) malaria & Moses Sampani's healing
...Moses Sampani is healing well from motorbike accident	...Mamprusi leaders & groups formed
...Chris LaBoube is back from the States working at GILLBT	...Continued rains, saving of farms, income & food security
...Successful Jonathan Training in Akosombo & Kairos in Bole.	...safety in construction of studio at GILLBT
...3 great interns working hard in Bible stories & health lessons	...Isaac's life threatened by assistant Imam in Alhassan Kura
...Grahams' launched new church in Bilisikura	...Kurawurape church's growth and leaders
...Visitors coming - YEAH! Our 2 children & the Stepps	...safety of Perm Ctr workers (Alossis, Sehadu & Simon)
...Growing talapia in Perm Ctr pond	...Moses Saaka's ministry at GILLBT & church planting
...Awesome teammates and supporters	...more laborers for the harvest

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BY THE NUMBERS-MAY

ACT#	BALANCE FROM APRIL	\$3,149.00
	MAY DONATIONS	\$6,572.00
220	CONFERENCE FEES	\$193.14
300	CHRISTIAN ED: PRINTED MAT'LS	\$410.83
310	CHRISTIAN ED: MEDIA	\$342.86
320	CHRISTIAN ED: HOSPITALITY	\$206.43
330	MEDIA: SD CHIPS	\$46.14
435-7	PERMACULTURE CENTER	\$2,429.09
435-10	RECORDING PROJECT	\$294.29
450	COMPASSION	\$94.29
490	NATIONAL CO-WORKERS	\$1,131.42
600	POSTAGE	\$114.29
661	INTERNET	\$37.14
800	TRAVEL DIESEL	\$574.20
806	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$1,196.00
810	TRAVEL MEALS	\$56.43
820	TRAVEL TOLLS	\$9.83
830	TRAVEL LODGING	\$243.42
	EXPENSES FOR MAY	\$7,379.80
	BALANCE	\$2,341.39
PROJECTS:	\$300 VILLAGE WATER PURIFICATION; \$300 CHICKEN PROJECT	

BY THE NUMBERS-JUNE

ACT#	BALANCE FROM MAY	\$2,341.39
	JUNE DONATIONS	\$2,245.00
300	CHRISTIAN ED: PRINTED MAT'LS	\$365.26
320	CHRISTIAN ED: HOSPITALITY	\$315.53
330	MEDIA: SD CHIPS	\$295.92
435-7	PERMACULTURE CENTER	\$1,320.93
435-10	RECORDING PROJECT	\$372.89
450	COMPASSION	\$198.68
480	TRANSLATORS	\$5.26
490	NATIONAL CO-WORKERS	\$872.38
500	POSTAGE	\$1.18
600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$73.16
661	INTERNET	\$131.84
800	TRAVEL DIESEL	\$349.47
820	TRAVEL TOLLS	\$1.05
	EXPENSES FOR JUNE	\$4,303.55
	BALANCE	\$282.84
PROJECTS:	\$300 VILLAGE WATER PURIFICATION; \$300 CHICKEN PROJECT	