

RuffUpdate

“It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known. . .” Romans 15:20

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Water Update

The bore hole on the Permaculture site is currently producing 125 gallons a day of clean drinking water which we will use primarily for human and animal consumption. Due to the Buipe bore hole recently developing problems, water no longer flows to our house from Buipe. Praise the Lord the bore hole at the car wash in town is producing good water so I haul water from there each week for the watering of the plants we are growing through the dry season. We also have plans to dig the retention pond deeper so we will be able to water plants and animals from the pond during the dry season. Also I am working with the city of Buipe to see what they can do to solve their water problems. Many things we need you to continue to pray about.

Electric Update

Everything looked like electricity was soon to come, even the chief told the kids at the High School across the road from us that we would have electricity by the second week of December, but then the bush fires started and 12 electric poles burned down. So now we don't when electricity will come. Please continue to pray.

Christmas Permaculture Center Workers



Our Permaculture workers really appreciated the presents we gave them especially the chickens. We enjoyed a great time of sharing.

Christmas with Team.

This was the first year since being in Ghana that we celebrated Christmas with the team that God has been assembling. It was a great evening of food, fellowship, exchanging gifts and watching a Christmas movie together.

Time with Family

The day after Christmas we left for Ouagadougou, (Ouaga for short) Burkina Faso to pick up our daughter, Sara and Tim, our son-in-law. They brought us many supplies and gifts from the US and we enjoyed just hanging with them for a week before dropping them off in Ouaga to fly home.

November/December Ministry Update

First Kairos in Buipe (click [here](#) 11/18/14 Buipe Kairos gallery for photos)

Finished Two Training Rural Trainers Training (TRT) We are now meeting once a month for followup and accountability.

Isaac began teaching TRT with several who attended the first Buipe Kairos.

114 Baptisms since beginning TRT training in July. Praise God!

We wish you a very Happy New Year and thank you so much for making it possible for us to be here.

Terry

Pathways in Ghana

"Because of God's tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace."

Luke 1:78-79

IN CHRIST ALONE

"Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him." Job 13:15

Well, certainly, I cannot compare my struggles to Job's, but these last couple of months have brought struggles of various kinds. Four, apparently, "dry" boreholes, a van overhauled, brakes, universal joints and I can't remember what else on the truck, a believer returning to his witchcraft ways, another returning to alcohol...all brought us to our knees in seeking the face of God. It was hard to comprehend why God would not allow the village next to us to have water, especially after we found out that ju-ju (witchcraft) was done to PREVENT water from flowing, which is beyond our comprehension! Nevertheless, we stand on sheer faith that our God is good, all the time, no matter what it seems like otherwise, knowing and trusting in Him, being reminded He is still on the throne and we do not see the entirety of His eternal plan this side of Heaven. And then...

...He showed us 22 Kairos graduates excited about the unfinished task, a borehole that, over time, is expected to produce an abundance of water and possibly another, a sweet time of worship with other missionaries, our first holiday celebration with teammates, more discipleship groups, more baptisms and so many more blessings! Faith building is not easy, but how sweet when He reveals His work. Are all the questions answered? No! Will there be more times of faith building? Yes! But, praise be to God our creator and sustainer. We *do* know in deeper ways that the God we serve is good ALL the time! Thank you for holding us up in prayer. None of this would be possible without you standing in the gap with and for us.

Amy

Here's some shots from the last couple of months...



We now have 5 sheep with 4 pregnant females. Here is Emily (pink nose) & Jesse (black nose). We also have Coco, Chocolate and a ram by the name of Amadu.

I have been enjoying my Sabbath days with the LORD at the back of the property. One day a beautiful moth just came and stayed with me.



22 Kairos Course graduates on fire for the unfinished task!

PRAYER

*“Ask the LORD of the Harvest therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.”
Matthew 9:38*

PRAISES - We thank God for...	REQUESTS-Pray with us for...
...Mike’s getting settled in & already working in two villages	...the implementation of what the participants learned at Kairos & the next course January 5th - 9th at the Perm Ctr
...Kathy’s safe arrival back in the USA and the wonderful blessing she was to our team	...Caleb, the young man Isaac is mentoring from Niger
...Bobby’s work with the Chokossi who live in the village next to the Perm Ctr	...water at Bilisikura’s last drilled well to test clear and to flow freely
...Moses’ church planting in four villages is reaping much fruit every week	...preparation for Jonathan training in Burkina Faso in February
...the success of the Kairos course of 22 graduates	...a Church Planting Movement among the Gonja, Dagomba & Mamprusi
...completion of the TRT in Buipe & Tamale and all the groups these participants are training	...Gonja men & women to mentor
...Moses’ work in the GILLBT studio recording the TRT stories and memory verses	...Kathy’s re-entry to USA and next steps in her mission quest
...the protection of the Perm Ctr from the bush fires around us	...Moses Saaka’s family, funds & additional staff to help him
...for Wahab’s work on the vehicles, that both are up & running again	...colleague, Chris LaBoube’s furlough and upcoming marriage

Please see website for detailed prayer updates:

<http://www.ruffupdate.com/Prayer.html>

From Team Expansion’s President



Dear Fellow-Worker,

Before they depart for service, all Team Expansion team members receive extensive training for their respective roles. In one of those training sessions, we talk at length about the sovereignty of God. We’ve memorized Romans 8:28, have we embraced it?

Ephesians 1:11 tells us that God is at work in every little detail of our lives, causing everything to come

into conformity with His will. For this reason, we can truly give thanks in all circumstances, because whatever happens to us, it will be God’s will for us (I Thess 5:18). In fact, each night, God intervenes in history to create opportunities for each of us to do good work (Eph 2:10). This is powerful for missionaries in dangerous places - and just as powerful for you. Thank you for the help and encouragement you give your favorite Team Expansion missionary as he/she changes the world. This Christmas season, join us in praying that God will work mightily not only through Team Expansion, but also through the entire church worldwide.

Doug Lucas
President, Team Expansion

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”

Accountability

Our Ghana Mission is held accountable by these organizations:

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812-945-8704

Compelled by His love...

	BALANCE FROM OCTOBER 2014	\$7,126.19
	NOVEMBER DONATIONS	\$5,060.42
	BILISIKURA WATER PROJECT	\$2,600.00
300	CHR ED - PRINTED MAT'L	\$256.67
310	CHR ED - AUDIO VISUAL	\$394.80
320	CHR ED - HOSPITALITY	\$1,553.19
435-1	WATER PROJECTS	\$3,333.33
435-7	PERMACULTURE TRAINING CTR	\$1,361.00
450	COMPASSION	\$236.67
480	TRANSLATION	\$16.67
490	NATIONAL CO-WORKERS	\$1,170.00
600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$19.33
661	INTERNET	\$100.00
800	TRAVEL DIESEL	\$384.17
806	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$793.33
810	TRAVEL MEALS	\$131.67
820	TRAVEL TOLLS	\$5.33
860	AIRFARE	\$250.00
930	MISSION HOUSE	\$201.67
	EXPENSES FOR NOVEMBER	\$10,207.82
	*BALANCE	\$4,578.79
* DESIGNATED PROJECTS: \$300 VILLAGE WATER PURIFICATION; \$300 CHICKEN PROJECT		

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ACCOUNT #	BALANCE FROM NOVEMBER 2014	\$4,578.79
	DECEMBER DONATIONS	\$4,468.00
	VISITING TEAM MEMBER	\$2,500.00
310	CHRISTIAN ED MEDIA	\$204.98
320	HOSPITALITY	\$352.54
330	EVANGELISM: AUDIO/VISUAL	\$13.66
435-1	WATER PROJECTS	\$3,809.11
435-7	PERMACULTURE CENTER	\$1,105.50
450	COMPASSION	\$490.92
490	NATIONAL CO-WORKERS	\$1,308.43
600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$414.90
661	INTERNET	\$75.15
800	TRAVEL DIESEL	\$306.39
806	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$298.93
810	TRAVEL MEALS	\$150.42
820	TRAVEL TOLLS	\$69.69
830	TRAVEL LODGING	\$58.42
910	MISC LEGAL FEES IN COUNTRY	\$44.41
930	MISSION HOUSE	\$125.34
	EXPENSES FOR DECEMBER	\$8,828.79
	*BALANCE	\$2,718.00
* DESIGNATED PROJECTS: \$300 VILLAGE WATER PURIFICATION; \$300 CHICKEN PROJECT		