

# RUFFUPDATE

## GHANA MISSION

### Simplicity - the power of Disciple Making Movements (DMM's) & the stumbling block to western church mindsets.

This sounds like children's church. You can't disciple people with Bible stories. There is so much they will never learn, it is just too simple. Jesus' methods were so simple that illiterate new believers, without access to the New Testament in his context, could turn the world upside down with these simple stories. The things that you read about in the book of Acts happened without access to the written New Testament that you and I have at our disposal today. That's why Jesus told so many stories and parables that we now can read in written form. But disciples were being made long before the written Bible became available to literate believers. People that say it is too simple are actually criticising the master teacher, Jesus Christ. We are simply following Jesus' example and it is working amazingly well! In fact the western church would do well to make things simple so everyone can be involved in the discipleship process, not just those trained in Bible college or those that have attended church for many years.

#### THE BLESS PRAYER - Jonathan Tools cont.

This is a simple, but amazingly powerful tool that we teach in Jonathan Training to use when prayer walking through villages we are entering. Among DMM's, extraordinary prayer is always involved. So we enter simply praying for the village and mapping information we discover about the village like, persons of peace (POP's), fetish ...



### Bless Prayer - continued

...priests, witch doctors, churches, mosques, idol trees, etc.

When we see people we simply tell them we are walking through their village praying for them. Then we ask can we pray for you? Almost always they say, "yes" and we pray for them using the B.L.E.S.S. acronym as our guide. The "B" is for their physical body. The "L" is for their labor (work). The "E" is for the economy of their household and village. The "S" is for social relationships and the second "S" is for spiritual relationships. Almost without exception this prayer really blesses the person. They are so appreciative that

someone came & took the time to pray for them and it opens their heart to hearing the gospel story and then inviting us back with more of their household present. Amazingly simple and at the same time powerful. Many discipleship groups have begun by identifying POP and soon afterwards launching discipleship groups within their household. I have used this on the street in the US with amazing results as well.

Try it. You will be amazed at how well simplicity works. Merry Christmas!

Terry



**GANYO BABY NAMING CEREMONY:** On Sunday, November 27th, the son of Austin & Amanda Ganyo, fellow missionaries in Tamale, Ghana was named as Harrison Norman Ganyo. Welcome Harrison!



**MEMORIAL CELEBRATION:** On Saturday, December 3rd we remembered & celebrated the life of our late team mate, Michael James Squires at the ECG church in Buipe, Ghana. Rev Francis Zacharia brought the message.



**JONATHAN TRAINING:** We've been training 13 men & women in the Tamale area in Disciple Making Movements for the last 4 Saturdays. It's a great group! God is working in them mightily.

## THE NUMBERS - NOV '16

|        |                        |              |
|--------|------------------------|--------------|
| ACT #  | BALANCE OCT 2016       | US\$3,363.66 |
|        | NOVEMBER DONATIONS     | US\$4,730.00 |
| 250    | TRAINING NAT'LS        | US\$197.21   |
| 300    | CHR ED: PRINTED MAT'LS | US\$557.69   |
| 435-7  | PERM CTR               | US\$139.74   |
| 435-10 | RECORDING PROJECT      | US\$884.62   |
| 450    | COMPASSION             | US\$280.00   |
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| 600    | OFFICE SUPPLIES        | US\$3.08     |
| 661    | INTERNET               | US\$294.87   |
| 800    | TRAVEL FUEL            | US\$229.49   |
| 806    | VEHICLE MAINTENANCE    | US\$628.85   |
| 820    | TRAVEL TOLLS           | US\$4.62     |
| 850    | SHIPPING               | US\$23.08    |
| 930    | MISSION HOUSE          | US\$398.46   |
|        | NOVEMBER EXPENSES      | US\$4,226.31 |
|        | BALANCE NOVEMBER 2016  | US\$3,890.41 |

## PRAYER

*"You faithfully answer our prayers with awesome deeds, O God our Savior. You are the hope of everyone on earth, even those who sail on distant seas."* Psalm 65:5

Recently I was listening to the Change the World School of Prayer series and heard this quote, "I am better or worse as I pray more or less. It works for me with mathematical precision." E. Stanley Jones, Methodist Missionary. This shocked and resonated with me on a deep level. I realized this to be true in my life and it has changed the frequency & way I pray. Recently there have been many desert times in my spiritual walk. This new awareness has caused a recommitment to a regular sabbath and more concentrated daily prayer. God is faithful and is always waiting on us. We find ourselves weak and faltering and then realize that He has been waiting for us to come to Him to be refilled and refreshed. Oh, how faithful a God we serve.

Thank you for standing with us in the deserts and on the mountain tops. God bless you!

*Amy*



### MEET PASTOR JAMES & WIFE ASANA

James & Asana are passionate disciple-makers. They have been working with us starting first with Training Rural Trainers disciple-making and now in Jonathan principles for the last two years. They live in Tamale and were recruited & trained by colleagues & friends, Derek & Felecia Amoo-sakyi. He has built a network of 26 groups, 249 people and 147 baptisms. Just this past month he has brought 8 other leaders to a Jonathan Training we have been hosting at the GILLBT VMS studios. Each week they are learning new DMM tools and practicing them. We will begin to meet with this group of leaders on a monthly basis for encouragement and updates. Pray with us that God will continue to use these servants of God to advance God's Kingdom in the northern region of Ghana.





# PRAYER



## Praise God for....

1. . . . the birth of our saviour that we celebrate this time of the year. Merry Christmas!
2. ...the wonderful memorial service for Mike
3. ...our God being totally in charge even when it doesn't look like it at times
4. ...the Odles embracing continuation of Mike's ministry
5. ...our health after both our short stays in the hospital
6. ...DMM's & leaders continued work
7. ... studio tech's ongoing Kusaal, Kasem & Gonja OT recordings
8. ...Moses' restoration coming to completion. Isaac and I will continue our weekly accountability meetings
9. ...the Graham family will return in less than a month
10. ...all the bible recordings at the studio in Tamale
11. ...the Jonathan training of 13 trainees in Tamale

## Request God for....

1. ...translation & video recording of Ghana deaf NT
2. ...family and friends as they grieve Mike's death
3. ...wrap up of Mike's things & returning rental to landlord
4. ...health & safety for DMM Leaders: Isaac/Osman, Alhassan/Musa, Joshua/Sammy, Djallo, James, & Moses as they take the Gospel
5. ...Grahams wrapping up homestay & preparations for return to Ghana
6. ...health & safety for the studio team, Moses, Hezekiah & Michael
7. ...health & safety for the Perm Ctr workers: Sehadu, Simon, Lazarus, Konlan, Christy, Gloria, Yahaya
8. ...the rescheduling of the Kairos courses cancelled
9. ...for profit studio projects
10. ...Odles as they carry on Mike's legacy and expand their ministry in Ghana.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



The workers in our organization are, for the most part, a humble bunch. They don't want to be put on pedestals. They're thrilled to be helping people, spreading the Good News of a baby that changes everything. Many live near-normal lives in cities — in high-rise apartments, while others, granted, live in extremely rustic settings. Either way, there's one time of year that my heart goes out to them. At Christmas, when they face the fact that they are thousands of miles from home, life can, well, stink. They love serving. They hate being away from their loved ones. This Christmas, would you remember and pray for your favorite Team Expansion worker... and would you ask God to give them a solid Skype call home on Christmas day??? Thanks for your partnership in the Good News of Jesus Christ, and thanks for making our work possible.

*Doug*

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