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THANK YOU PARTNERS FOR OUR NEW TRUCK!

I can't tell you how nice it is to go the first month without truck repairs. I can stop at a traffic light and leave the air-conditioner running and it works beautifully. Little things are what puts a smile on our faces.

We wish all our partners a Happy New Years and pray your holiday celebrations were enjoyable. Our team had a great time celebrating Christmas together.

We have had several meetings lately trying to finalize some team documents as well as work on our 2016 team goals. It is always tedious work but it feels so good to look back to review the previous years goals and see all that God has accomplished.

This is a challenging time of the year because of the Harmattan. The Harmattan is caused by the wind blowing over the Sahara Desert causing sand to get caught up in the atmosphere over West Africa. This year it has been much heavier than usual. The flights for the last month from Accra to Tamale have been canceled do to the low visibility caused by the Harmattan. As a result there are many more respiratory problems and dry hands and feet. It is common for you feet to get so dry that they crack. So needless to say we are going through quite a bit of lotion.

Isaac and Moses did their first Jonathan training for leaders in their networks of discipleship groups. We are so excited that we did none of the training and from what we heard they did a great job.

We are working on Jonathan Training the last week in January and Amy, Isaac and Derek will traveling to Burkina Faso next month to launch Kairos. They are all a part of the new nations coordination team for Burkina Faso. Their goal is that all Kairos training in Burkina Faso will be led by Burkinabae by the end of the 2016.

Still working on the water situation which this dry season is proving to be much more of a challenge. Thank you all for your generosity which makes it possible to be here making a difference for Christ. We love you and pray God blesses you richly in the coming year.

Terry

REFLECTING

It's only been four weeks since we left the USA but it seems like much longer. We had such a wonderful time with you all. We were able to attend ICOM in Virginia and be a part of a Disciple-making workshop. We were greatly encouraged at the Team Expansion Team Leader Summit by the training we received from Jerry Trousdale of CityTeam, John King and David Parrish. We were challenged in taking our Disciple-Making Movement to the next level. The missions focused weekend at Northside was a highlight in connecting with old friends and meeting new ones. The "Ruff Night" truck fundraiser was so much fun and we now have a new 2015 Nissan Hardbody truck as a result of the generosity of so many people who worked hard to pull off a great night. We were able to tell stories of God's work to a group at Northside on a rainy Monday night and at Terry's home church in Iowa, have our whole family at Sherwood Oaks for a Sunday and share in a mission luncheon, travel to see my Mom in Ohio and then Terry's mom in Iowa and finish our time celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas all in one day with our kids in Illinois. And even beyond that, this has been a year of exciting steps forward. After three years we now have electricity. After seven years there is the beginnings of a Disciple-Making Movement and there are strong national leaders who are training other leaders in the DNA of multiplication movements. We have awesome team-mates who love the Lord and who do whatever it takes to advance the Kingdom. God has been so good! So have you! We are grateful for your awesome partnership! Thank you! We can't wait to see what God is going to do in 2016.

Amy



FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Promise of Hope

To many, our current times are filled with hopelessness. Africans are flooding up through Sicily to all parts of Europe. Syrians are fleeing war. (Learn more at www.JordanRefugee.com.) Meanwhile, jets have gone down, shots have been fired, and many say the world is spinning out of control. Yet one thing is certain: God still offers the Promise of Hope to a hopeless generation. Psalm 147:11 reads, "the Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love." This Christmas season, the baby born in Bethlehem still offers hope to the helpless through His church and partner orgs like Team Expansion, and through you, his hands and feet for your world. Join us in banding together like never before to be the answer, the Promise of Hope to an otherwise hopeless generation. Thank you for help in bringing hope today!

Doug

BY THE NUMBERS-OCT/NOV 2015

ACT#	BALANCE FROM AUGUST	\$588.65
	OCT/NOV DONATIONS	\$34,677.85
	NCC BIG GIVE: STUDIO EQUIPMENT	\$10,000.00
200	BOOKS/PERIODICALS	\$35.95
240	EQUIPPING NAT'L MISSIONARIES	\$500.00
310	CHRISTIAN ED: MEDIA	\$858.02
320	CHRISTIAN ED: HOSPITALITY	\$46.96
435-7	PERMACULTURE CENTER	\$3,454.39
435-10	RECORDING PROJECT	\$1,709.81
450	COMPASSION	\$212.71
490	NATIONAL CO-WORKERS	\$3,479.01
500	POSTAGE	\$170.01
600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$13.07
661	INTERNET	\$367.47
730	HOME STAY PROMOTION	\$651.69
800	TRAVEL DIESEL	\$679.99
806	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$323.20
810	TRAVEL MEALS	\$1,571.43
820	TRAVEL TOLLS	\$6.24
830	TRAVEL LODGING	\$428.26
840	LEGAL FEES	\$81.49
900	EQUIPMENT	\$219.99
920	BANKING FEES	\$33.15
	EXPENSES FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER	\$14,842.86
	BALANCE	\$30,423.64
PROJECTS	\$300 VILLAGE WATER PURIFICATION; \$300 CHICKEN PROJECT	THE TRUCK PURCHASE WILL SHOW NEXT MONTH

PRAYER

PRAISE GOD FOR...	REQUEST GOD FOR...
...321 baptized new disciples to date in 2015	...newly baptized believers to become multiplying disciples
...Diallo who will be traveling to Burkina for training	...Diallo, new Fulani believer's training in Burkina Faso
...safe travel to & from USA, great ICOM, Summit & visits with family & friends	...construction completion of new GILLBT studio
..."Ruff Night" Truck Fundraiser that raised \$30,000	...protection from robberies
...Graham family taking such great care of perm ctr while we were gone	...family of Disciple Maker Daniel who died in motorcycle accident
...studio construction progress	...construction of bungalows in Buipe & Tamale
...community development projects by Grahams & Mike	...Moses Saaka's recording projects
...GILLBT intern Rachel's completion of scripture app in Adele	...newly jonathan trained leaders to implement new tools
...the beginnings of a Disciple Making Movement (DMM)	...plans to come together for 2016 Kairos & Jonathan Courses
...safety & securing pemr ctr from robberies	...Final support raising for new teammates the Odle Family
...national led DMM training	...for water at Bilisikura & Perm Ctr
...new internet solution	...team planning meetings for 2016

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