

May 2000

Aja Harvest Work Report

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Work Activities

Week 1 – May 1 - 6

- Three days language study.
- Three team meetings (2 orthography, 1 business)
- Maturation lesson with Hunba congregation. I taught a lesson on the fruits of the Spirit. We also discussed/planned their evangelistic meeting in the village of Dodohoue.
- Aja Prayer Warrior Newsletter
- Maturation lesson with Ainahoue congregation. We taught a lesson on "Jealous God."
- Benin Visa errands, banking, etc. in Cotonou.
- Worked on OT story books.
- Friday and Saturday Christine went to the Benin-wide Missionary Women's Retreat.

Week 2 – May 7 - 13

- Worship with Ainahoue. The national evangelists did most of the teaching. I talked briefly about giving to the Lord.
- Five days of language study.
- Maturation lesson with Hunba congregation. I taught a lesson on "You reap what you sow" and spent some good time in prayer with them.
- Three team meetings (Devotional, prayer, and business)
- Continued work on OT Story Book.
- A few furlough arrangements.
- Visited/Prayed/Disciplined Christians from Eglime. We talked a lot about growing in our faith.
- Arranged for Sarah Bailey's bonding experience with the village of Dadahoue. Visited/prayed for one of our evangelist's mother who recently had a bad motorcycle accident.
- Maturation lesson with Ainahoue congregation. We taught a lesson on faith in the midst of difficult circumstances. I spent several hours taking a baby to the hospital. They said she was anemic and would get better. I found out the next week that the baby died the day after I took her to the hospital. She probably died of dehydration. It was very sad to say the least.

Week 3 – May 14 - 20

- Two days of language study.
- Picked up Sarah Bailey (ACU intern) from the airport.
- Cotonou errands: banking, visas work report, vehicle revisions, prayer warrior correspondence.
- One team meeting (business).
- Maturation meeting with Ainahoue congregation. We talked again about faith in the midst of difficult circumstances. I visited/comforted/prayed for the couple who's baby had died the previous week.

Week 4 – May 21 - 27

- Worship with Ainahoue. Talked about sharing our faith with others.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Dodohoue. We taught a lesson on the Creation and Fall of Man. The Hunba evangelists didn't do a great job, but they're learning.
- Newsletter.
- Took Sarah to Dadahoue for her bonding.
- Began a new preaching point in the village of Kindji. We taught the first lesson on Daniel in the Lion's Den.
- Furlough plans.
- 3 ½ sick days.

Week 5 – May 28 - 31

- ½ sick day.
- One day of language study.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Dodohoue. We taught a lesson on sin. This was a very poor meeting. I was still feeling sick and didn't do very well. The turnout was also very poor.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Kindji. We taught a lesson on Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. This meeting went well. There's lots of excitement in this village. We prayed for Mattias (one of the new Christians from Ainahoue who was very ill).
- Celebrated Stephen's 2nd birthday.

Culture Studies completed

- Child-rearing and coming of age.
- Wild animals and hunting.
- Fish and fishing.
- Wood and fire.

Level I Language Assignments Completed

- Purpose, condition and reason.
- Probability and obligation.