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# Aja Harvest Work Report

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## Work Activities

### Week 1 – July 1 - 8

- Work and Working Fund Reports.
- Maturation meeting with Ainahoue. I taught a lesson on the Greatest Commandment.
- Worship with Eglime. I taught a lesson out of 1 John 3 on loving God and loving each other.
- Evangelistic meeting with Fanahenhoue. I helped the Aja evangelists teach a lesson on God's power to save and rescue His people using the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den. This was the first evangelistic meeting held in this village. The contact came through the Ainahoue congregation.
- Banking in Cotonou.
- Evangelistic meeting with Kindji. I helped teach the lesson "While we were still sinners Christ died for us."
- One baptism day with Dodohoue congregation. Six baptisms total. This was the beginning of the Dodohoue congregation.
- Interviewed Joseph and Josephine in the village for use in Aja presentation.
- One team meeting (business).
- Maturation lesson with Ainahoue. I taught a lesson on prayer.

### Week 2 – July 9 - 15

- Worshipped with Djoumahoue congregation. Six churches were represented. I taught a lesson out of 1 John on loving God and loving each other.
- Evangelistic meeting with Fanhenhoue. I helped teach a lesson on God's power and desire to save us from evil using the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.
- Trip to Cotonou to pick up our plane tickets and buy groceries to host the Interns.
- Attempted to visit one of the Christian's wives in the hospital in Lokossa. When we arrived we learned that they had taken her to Cotonou. Prayed with and encouraged the Christians from her village.
- Evangelistic meeting with Kindji. I taught a lesson on repentance and baptism.
- Two team meetings (6 month evaluation and business).
- Furlough preparations.
- Visited with the Christians from Eglime. We prayed that God would protect a young child from one of the voodoo gods. They said that the voodoo god was trying to possess her but they didn't want that to happen. They honored me with a huge feast. I ate so much I thought I would bust.
- Guided Matias (an evangelist from Ainahoue) through a lesson book for children that Cyndi had prepared.
- Greeted numerous visitors who wanted to say goodbye.
- 45000 kilometer revisions on vehicle.
- Maturation meeting at Ainahoue was canceled. After I arrived they informed me that it would be inappropriate to meet out of respect for the mourning family.

### Week 3 – July 16 - 22

- Worshipped with Dodohoue congregation. This was their inaugural Sunday. I taught a lesson out of 1 John on loving God and loving each other.
- Packed and drove to Cotonou.
- Three days travel from Cotonou to Birmingham.
- Worked on Aja Harvest Conference preparations.
- Prayer breakfast with Homewood Men's Bible Study group.
- Traveled to San Angelo.
- Aja Prayer Warrior correspondence.
- Worked on Team's Leadership Training Proposal.

### Week 4 – July 23 - 31

- Worked on Team's Hunger Relief proposal.
- Updated Aja Prayer Warriors listserv and did some misc. logistic tasks for teammates.
- Continued work on Team's Leadership Training Proposal.
- Aja Prayer Warrior correspondence.
- Spent one morning with the ministers from Southgate Church of Christ.
- Christine taught a class on missions to a young women's class at Southgate.
- Working Fund Report.
- Setup an Aja Harvest Presentation with Park Avenue Church of Christ.
- Advised members of the Sukuma team on their upcoming Sponsoring congregation retreat.
- Several team dynamic discussions with mentors.
- Spent one day with the Baileys discussing their future plans with the Aja work.

## Furlough Schedule

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| ■ July 17 – 19                | Travel to Birmingham from Benin.                     |
| ■ July 19 – 21                | Birmingham.  |
| ■ July 21 – August 4          | San Angelo, Texas.                                   |
| ■ August 4 – 7                | Birmingham.  |
| ■ August 7 – 23               | Memphis, Tenn. and Bastrop, Louisiana.               |
| ■ August 23 – Baby's arrival  | Birmingham. The baby is due Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup> . |
| ■ Baby's arrival – October 13 | Memphis, Tenn.                                       |
| ■ October 13 – 16             | Birmingham. Aja Harvest Conference.                  |
| ■ October 16 – 31             | Memphis, Tenn.                                       |
| ■ November 1 – 26             | San Angelo, Hondo, Del Rio, and Abilene, Texas.      |
| ■ November 26 – 30            | Bastrop, Louisiana.                                  |
| ■ December 1 – 4              | Birmingham.  |
| ■ December 4 – 6              | Return to Benin.                                     |

## Furlough Goals

- Share the excitement of God's work among the Aja with families, families' congregations, Homewood Church, Prayer Warriors, and African Mission Fellowships at both Harding and Abilene Christian universities.
- Renew relationships with Homewood Missions Committee, Homewood Church and Prayer Warriors.
- Audit Church Growth graduate course at Harding Graduate School of Religion.
- Plan and facilitate Aja Harvest Conference in October.
- Revamp [www.ajaharvest.com](http://www.ajaharvest.com) web site.
- Refresh and regenerate ourselves spiritually, emotionally, and physically.
- I would like to complete/edit the second rough draft on each of these passages before we return to Benin.
  - Gen. 4:1-16 Cain and Able
  - Gen. 6:5-9:17 Noah's Ark
  - Gen 11:1-9 Tower of Babel
  - Gen 11:27-12:9 Leaving Haran
  - Gen 18:1-19:29 Abraham's three visitors
  - Judges 2:6-22 Disobedience and defeat
  - Judges 13:1-25 Birth of Samson
  - Judges 16:4-31 Samson and Delilah
  - Ruth 1-4
  - I Sam. 3:1-4:1 Lord calls Samuel
  - I Sam. 16:1-13 Samuel anoints David
  - I Sam. 17:1-58 David and Goliath
  - I Sam. 23:1-7 Last words of David
  - I Sam 25 David, Nabal and Abigail.
  - II Sam 2:1-7 David Anointed king over Judah
  - II Sam 5:1-10 David becomes king over Israel
  - II Sam 11 David and Bathsheba
  - II Sam 12:1-25 Nathan rebukes David
  - I Kings 2:1-4 David's charge to Solomon
  - I Kings 3:1-28 Solomon asks for wisdom
  - I Kings 10:1-13 Queen of Sheba visits Solomon
  - I Kings 17:1-6 Elijah fed by ravens
  - I Kings 17:7-24 widow at Zarephath.
  - I Kings 19:1-21 Elijah flees to Horeb
  - II Kings 2:1-12 Elijah taken up to heaven
  - II Kings 4:1-37 The widows oil
  - II Kings 5:1-17 Naoman Healed of Leprosy
  - II Kings 22-23 The book of the law
  - Daniel 1:1-21
  - Jonah 1-4
  - Luke 1-24