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# Aja Harvest Work Report

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## Work Activities

### Week 1 – February 1-3

- One day language study.
- Christine visited/encouraged Christian women from the village of Eglime.
- Two meetings (prayer and business)
- Maturation meeting with Dodohoue church. I taught a lesson on Eph. 6 and prayer.
- Spent time in lesson preparation.
- Worked on newsletters, work reports, Aja Prayer Warrior correspondence and Bible translation.

### Week 2 – February 4-10

- Worshipped with Eglime. I taught a lesson on Eph.4 and 6. Spent several hours with Koundou, the main leader from Eglime, talking about leadership issues.
- Vehicle Errands: Paid taxes, updated vehicle inspection, renewed vehicle insurance, 50000km maintenance and misc. repairs.
- Cotonou errands: Banking, paper work for the sale of Greg's vehicle, Residence card renewals and errands (blood tests, etc.).

### Week 3 – February 11-17

- Met with Dadahoue Christians and attended a funeral with them. The father of one of the Christians had recently died.
- Two days language study.
- Maturation meeting with Kindji. I taught a lesson the Greatest Commandments.
- Discipling meeting with Mattias and Michelle (a guy's name in Benin), members of the Ainahoue congregation. I walked them through 1 Peter 4-5 and we discussed the suffering that they're experiencing because of their decision to become Christians.

### Week 4 – February 18-24

- Worshipped with Keletume congregation. I taught a lesson loving our enemies and those who persecute us using Mark 12, 1 John and 1 Peter 4.
- Two days language study.
- Evangelistic meeting with new preaching point, Dogbo-ahome. We, the Aja evangelists and I, taught a lesson on Daniel in the Lion's Den. I used the story to talk about jealousy and sorcery and God's will for those who put their faith and trust in Him.
- Continued working on translation of Luke.
- Three meetings (devo, prayer, and business)
- Christine visited/encouraged Christian women from the village of Kindji.

- Attended the funeral of our language teacher's niece. She was 3 1/2 years old and died un-expectantly. They're not really sure what happened. They said she had a fever for three days and then died.
- Evangelistic meeting with Daeyeahoue. We taught a lesson on Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. I used this story to talk about the fact that worshipping God is more important than death. S, M, and A were ready to die before they would worship anything other than God.

## Week 5 – February 25-28

- Worshipped with Hunba congregation. I taught a lesson out of 1 Peter on suffering as a Christian. We also talked about finding strength from God in every circumstance. After worship we walked to a new village, Koffihoue. They also want to hear God's Word. We will begin teaching there towards the end of March, after the elections.
- Continued work on Luke translation.
- Greeted numerous visitors!
- We tried to hold an evangelistic meeting in Dogbo-ahome, but they asked us to wait one more week because they had planned to have a political rally in their village that evening.
- Prayed for several Christians suffering from illness.
- End of the month reports.

I began two new preaching points this month and made arrangements to begin a third in March. One of the places that I had planned to go fell through (Fanahenhoue). They weren't really interested in hearing God's Word. So we continued our prayers for God to show us other villages where there are receptive hearts that will receive His Word with joy and He showed them to us: Daiyeahoue and Koffihoue. Maturation meetings continue to go well with the Kindji congregation. They are so excited about their new found faith. This past Sunday they dedicated two newborn babies to the Lord.

I am continually encouraged by the spiritual growth in the existing churches through their desire to proclaim God's Word to their own people and by the numerous requests we have for someone to come and teach God's Word in their village. It is hard though to find villages like Fanahenhoue, where the people are just so pleased with their gods that they don't want to hear the Word of the One True God.

Stephen was really sick this month with a G.I. infection and malaria. After a few days in the hospital and several days recovering at home he's back to normal now. We're so thankful for God's healing. Matthew continues to be a joy and delight everywhere we go.

Christine continues to encourage Christian women through prayer one day each week. This has really helped improve her Aja as well as strengthen Christian women. She continues to study Aja two days each week.

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement. The Lord continues to bless our ministry among the Aja.

Until next month, may the Lord bless and keep you. The Crowsons