

April 2001

Aja Harvest Work Report

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Work Activities

Week 1 – April 1-7

- 2 1/2 sick days.
- Lesson preparation and planning.
- One day language study.
- Tried to have evangelistic meeting at Dogbo-at-home. Meeting canceled due to rain. Met with the three "leaders" for several hours answering their questions.
- March working fund, work reports. Prayer Warrior and team newsletter articles.
- Christine spent one day at the farm with some Dadahoue Christian women. Came home very sick.
- Cotonou business: banking, shopping, doctor visit.

Week 2 – April 8-14

- Worship at Ainahoue. Around 100 people came representing 10 different congregations. I taught a lesson from 1st John on Faith in God.
- Christine made a one-day trip to Cotonou for Matthew's vaccine.
- Three days language study.
- Made arrangements to begin teaching in the village of Koffihoue. I had a very good mentoring/discipling time with Mattias and Ferdinard.
- Tried to have an evangelistic meeting with Dogbo-at-home. Nobody showed up because of a scheduling misunderstanding. Very frustrating. They knew that I was coming, they just forgot. Hearing God's Word doesn't seem to be very important to them.
- Three meetings (business, prayer, evangelists training)
- Christine made arrangements to begin meeting with Christian women from Dodohoue, Ainahoue and Kindji on a weekly basis.
- Maturation meeting with Kindji church. I taught a lesson on the Lord's Supper. I dropped off Felicien at a village on the way. 14 people came to his meeting. He is the first evangelist that I've worked with to go somewhere completely on his own. We're both excited to see God working in this way to proclaim His message.

Week 3 – April 15-21

- Worship with Kindji church. I taught a lesson on the resurrection. Not the best of meetings. A "power hungry" Christian from another congregation was there and took over the meeting.
- Three days language study.
- Tried to have an evangelistic meeting at Dogbo-at-home. No one came. So I canceled the preaching point. There are other villages who want to hear. This was very difficult for me, but necessary.
- Met with Jacque about a possible new preaching point. He said he knew of two villages who want to hear God's Word.

- Attended a baby dedication in the village of Keletume. This was significant because the mother of the child used to be a vojushi (wife of a god). But she repented and has dedicated her life and now her child to the Lord.
- Evangelistic meeting at Koffihoue canceled due to rain.
- Christine met with Christian women from Dodohoue, Ainahoue and Kindji. She taught a lesson on the seven days of creation.
- Stephen was very sick for three days with vomiting, diarrhea and fever.

Week 4 – April 22-28

- Worship with Kaiteme church. I taught a lesson on the flood. God is going to demand an accounting from every person for the life he's given them.
- Met with people from the village of Ekpoji and made arrangements to begin teaching in their village. They told us to come back Friday.
- Two days language study.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Koffihoue. We taught a lesson on "God before Creation."
- Christine met with Christian women from Dodohoue, Ainahoue and Kindji. She taught a lesson on Adam and Eve.
- Two meetings (business and prayer)
- Worked on Aja Prayer Warrior newsletter and updated mailing addresses.
- Evangelistic lesson in the village of Ekpoji. I taught a lesson on "God before Creation."
- Maturation lesson with the Kindji church. I taught a lesson on "church" money and answered one person's question on "Why do people die?"

Week 5 – April 29-30

- Worshipped with the Chuvu church. It rained hard, but we kept right on singing. I taught a lesson on the greatest commandment.
- Cotonou business: Benin visas, Residence card renewals, Intl Vehicle paper work.

I had to cancel another preaching point this month. In the nine attempts I made to teach in the village of Dogbo-atome, I was only able to have three meetings. There just wasn't any interest in God's Word. This was very hard for me. On the other hand, I started teaching in two new villages this month. Both seem to show a lot of interest in God's Word. Obviously, this was very encouraging.

Ainahoue sponsored an "area-wide" worship service this month. The first in this area in over a year. It was great to see so many Christians come together. Everyone left encouraged and uplifted.

Felicien, an evangelist from Azove and my old night guard, began teaching in the village of Hougeme. I drop him off on my way to Koffihoue on Wednesdays. I'm really excited that he's doing this without my help. If the Kingdom is to really advance here it will be because the Aja take it upon themselves to proclaim the message to their nation. God is answering our prayers to raise up Aja evangelists.

Stephen came down with the same sickness he had a few months ago. It lasted about five days. When he's sick like that, it's really difficult for us. The Lord gave us strength though and he came through. Thank you for your prayers and support for our ministry among the Aja. The Gospel is being proclaimed and people are coming to the Lord.