

May 2001

Aja Harvest Work Report

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Work Activities

Week 1 – May 1-5

- Cotonou business - Residence Card Applications, Benin Visas, International Vehicle Papers.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Koffihoue. We taught a lesson on Creation, Adam and Eve and how sin entered into the world.
- Continued editing Gospel of John
- Tried to have a maturation meeting with the Kindji church. Meeting canceled because of farm work.
- Lesson preparation.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Ekpoji. We taught a lesson on Creation, Adam and Eve and how sin entered into the world.

Week 2 – May 6-12

- Area-wide meeting at Dodohoue. Christians representing eight churches present (around 100 total). I taught a lesson on Noah and the flood. God will ask for an accounting of our lives. It was a great meeting.
- Harding intern arrangements, planning, and scheduling.
- Four days language study. Continued editing Gospel of John.
- Evangelistic meeting in village of Koffihoue. We taught a lesson on Noah and the Flood.
- Christine held a meeting with Christian women from Dodohoue, Ainahoue, and Kindji. She taught a lesson on Adam and Eve and how sin entered the garden.
- Two meetings (prayer and business)
- Dropped off Felicien in the village of Houngemey on my way to Kindji meeting. I taught a maturation lesson on "Jealous God."
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Ekpoji. Again, I taught a lesson on Noah and the Flood.

Week 3 – May 13-19

- Worshipped with new Azove congregation. I taught a lesson from John 3, "Jesus came to destroy the devil's work."
- Two days language study. Continued editing Gospel of John. Also made some corrections on 1 & 2 Peter translations. Printed 100 1&2 Peter books.
- Had a big party celebrating Stephen's 3rd birthday (Obviously not a work activity but still significant).
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Koffihoue. We taught a lesson on Elijah and the Prophets of Bail. Dropped off Felicien in the village of Houngemey for his evangelistic meeting.
- We took Matthew to the doctor in Cotonou. He had a temperature of 104 that we couldn't get to go down along with diarrhea.
- 1 Peter "short course" preparation.

- Overnight meeting with church leaders from ten churches in the village of Hunba. Jim and I did the first of two "short courses" on 1 Peter.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Ekpoji. We taught a lesson on Elijah and the Prophets of Bail. God wants his children to worship Him only.

Week 4 – May 20-26

- Worship with Kaiteme church. I taught a lesson using John 1. Jesus came in the flesh and was full of grace and truth. We need to be Christians who exhibit both grace and truth in our lives.
- Intern preparation and planning with Tabligbo team members.
- Two days language study.
- Two full days editing Gospel of John.
- Aja Prayer Warriors correspondence and mailing list updating.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Koffihoue. I taught a lesson using John 1 and 3 introducing Jesus and the new birth. Dropped off Felicien at Houngemey. He taught a lesson on "What shall we do to be saved?" After his meeting, several said they wanted to be baptized.
- Christine held a meeting with Christian women from Dodohoue, Ainahoue, and Kindji. She taught a lesson on Noah and the flood.
- Entertained several Christian visitors.
- Tried to have a maturation meeting with the Kindji congregation. The meeting was canceled because of a death in the family.

Week 5 – May 27-31

- Worshipped with the Eglime congregation. Great meeting and good attendance (50+). I taught a lesson from John 1. Jesus was full of grace and truth.
- Cotonou business - Banking, shopping for interns, Ghana visa paperwork and pictures, vehicle maintenance.
- Edited 1,2,3 John & worked on monthly reports.
- Prepared calendar for interns.
- Two days in Lome picking up Harding interns. Intern Orientation in Lome

God blessed us with another good month of ministry among the Aja. My preaching points in Koffihoue and Ekpoji continue to go well with good attendance and the people are coming to faith. Felicien, an evangelist that I drop off in the village of Houngemey every week, continues to do well. He's the first evangelist that I've worked with who has begun and continued a preaching point entirely on his own. There are several who are coming to faith and we expect a church to begin in that village in June.

Our family is doing well. Stephen turned three this month. Wow, time has really flown by. He is getting to be such a big boy. We're so thankful for all of the joy He has brought into our lives.

The Harding interns arrived at the very end of the month full of excitement and enthusiasm. They're a breath of fresh air for us and we're thoroughly enjoying our time with them. Christine and I are hosting three girls and Jim is hosting one guy from Harding for the summer.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. God continues to bless the growth of His Kingdom among the Aja.