

June 2001

Aja Harvest Work Report

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Work Activities

Week 1 – June 1-9

- Four meetings (two men's prayer times, two business)
- Continued Gospel of John Editing
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Koffihoue - Jesus - the way, truth and life. After the meeting I began making arrangements to teach in the village of Latechoue.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Ekpoji - Jesus - the way, truth and life. After the meeting we went to the village of Kilihoue to talk to them about bringing God's Word to their village.
- Worship with Dodohoue church. I taught a lesson from John 1 - Jesus was full of grace and truth. Two baptisms from a new church plant in the village of Hunkemey. One of our Aja evangelists has been preaching in this village for several months. He met this couple at the river and immersed them into Christ.
- Vehicle maintenance.
- Prepared calendar for College interns and facilitated their Internship Orientation.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Koffihoue - Jesus - God's all-powerful Son. Lesson from Mark 5.
- Spent many hours with Christians from Dodohoue congregation after we found out that Joseph was put in prison because a Sorcerer lied about his role in the murders she has committed. She said that he sold her medicine that turned her into a sorcerer and they went and locked him up. I also took a car-load of Christians to visit him in prison.
- Christine met with the women from Dodohoue and Kindji and taught a lesson on Isaac.
- Maturation meeting with Kindji church. I taught a lesson on John 1 - God enabled us to become His children.
- One day Cotonou trip for David and Heather Hicks' baby shower.

Week 2 – June 10-16

- Worship with Kaiteme church. I taught a lesson from John 1 - Jesus came full of Grace and Truth. Afterwards we took the interns to Joseph's house (our language teacher) and had a wonderful meal.
- Completed Gospel of John Editing. Printed 100 copies.
- Two meetings (men's prayer and business)
- Evangelistic lesson in the village of Kilihoue. We taught a lesson, which looked at the wickedness in their culture and the fact that God wants to change that.
- Tried to have evangelistic meeting in the village of Koffihoue. Everyone went to their farms. On the return home we stopped and prayed with Joseph's wife (the Joseph in prison).
- Vehicle maintenance. Flat tire and luggage wrack repair.
- Went to Dadahoue village to arrange "bonding" for one of our interns.
- Christine held a meeting with Christian women from Dodohoue and Kindji and taught a lesson on Jacob and Esau.
- Maturation meeting in the village of Kindji. I taught a lesson on the fruit of the spirit using Galations 5.

- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Ekpoji. I taught a lesson from Mark 5 - Jesus, God's all-powerful Son.

Week 3 – June 17-23

- Worshipped with Keletume congregation. I taught a lesson from John 1 - Jesus came full of Grace and Truth.
- One day trip to Cotonou to take a teammate to the doctor.
- Office work - May work report and lesson preparation.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Koffihoue - Jesus is the resurrection and life from John 11.
- Dropped off Christy, Brian and Abby in different villages for their “bonding” experience.
- Christine had a meeting with Christian women from Dodohoue and Kindji and taught a lesson on Jacob's ladder.
- Two meetings (prayer and business).
- Two meetings rained out. Maturation meeting in Kindji and evangelistic meeting in Ekpoji.

Week 4 – June 24-30

- Worshipped with new Hounkemey congregation. I taught a lesson on Jesus - the resurrection and life from John 11.
- Two days in Cotonou for shopping and errands: Banking and vehicle maintenance.
- Lesson preparations for 1 Peter meeting.
- Spent one morning with Sam Shewmaker, a missionary in residence from Harding University who was traveling through Africa.
- Overnight meeting with leaders from around ten churches. Jim, Joseph and I taught early into the morning on 1 Peter 3-5. Two were baptized from the village where the meeting was hosted.
- Team prayer time.
- Christine's meeting rained out.
- Made preparations for survey trip. Office work - Intern finances and Working Fund Reports.
- Two meetings rained out. Maturation meeting in the village of Kindji and evangelistic meeting in the village of Ekpoji.

The major theme this month was “Interns.” Christine and I hosted three college girls in our home: Abby from Tennessee, Christy from Texas (HU student), and Heidi from Colorado (HU student). We had a great time introducing them to all that God is doing here among the Aja and what missionary life is like. They participated in everything we did from cooking to evangelism and even spent two days out “bonding” in different villages.

Wow, God has really blessed us! Ten years ago this summer I went on my African internship as a young Harding student and now I'm in Africa doing the work that I experienced that summer and introducing new college students to Kingdom business in Africa. It was an exciting 10-year anniversary of involvement and focus on Africa missions! May the Lord bless me with many more.

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