

July 2001

Aja Harvest Work Report

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Work Activities

Week 1 – July 1-7

- Survey/Research trip to Natintangu, northern Benin. We surveyed several tribal groups including the Wama and Emballimey. We conducted interviews with nationals, missionaries and S.I.L. workers in each ethnic group. The interns will write up a final report of the survey trip this fall.
- Maturation meeting rained out at Kindji.
- Office work: Teammate and internship finances. Took Vaughn's car to Cotonou for their return trip.

Week 2 – July 8-14

- Five day trip to Togo and Ghana for Internship disorientation.
- Evangelistic lesson in the village of Ekpoji. I gave a lesson on Jesus-the resurrection and the life from the Gospel of John.
- Office work: teammate finances, Aja Prayer Warriors newsletter, email, etc.

Week 3 – July 15-21

- Worshipped with Kindji church. I taught a lesson on Jesus-the resurrection and the life from the Gospel of John.
- Cotonou trip to pick up Christine's parents, Milton and Judy Langston.
- Maturation meeting in the village of Kindji. Milton and I taught a lesson on Jesus - the light, word and perfect image of God. During the meeting a man came to us from Bokonouhoue asking us to come and teach God's Word in his village.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Ekpoji. Milton and I taught a lesson on Jesus - the light, word and perfect image of God.

Week 4 – July 22-28

- Worshipped with Kadahoué congregation. I taught a lesson on the Word becoming flesh and helped Milton teach a lesson on Jesus-the light, word and perfect image of God.
- Tried to meet with Koundou from Eglime to talk about a new preaching point. I was trying to find out if the village of Kilihoue had returned to his house to let him know if they wanted us to come to their village to teach God's Word. Nobody was home.
- Lunch with Gailyn and Becky VanRheenen.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Koffihoué. Milton and I taught the same lesson.
- Visited Joe in prison.
- Christine met with Christian women from Dodohoué, Djoumahou and Kindji. She taught a lesson on Joseph and his two dreams.
- Maturation meeting with Kindji. Milton and I taught a lesson on love and service using Jesus' example of washing His disciples feet from Gospel of John.
- Evangelistic lesson in the village of Ekpoji. I taught a lesson on Jesus healing the blind man. We also visited the village of Sesanhoué, which had requested that we come and

begin teaching God's Word. We witnessed to them about the Power of God and His desire to save them as an intro. They said they would discuss it and let us know next week.

Week 5 – July 22-28

- Worshipped with Hounkemey church. I taught a lesson on Jesus healing the blind man and Milton taught a lesson on Jesus-the light, word and perfect image of God.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Koffihoue. Milton and I taught a lesson on service and love using Jesus' example of washing his disciples feet from the Gospel of John.

The month began with a productive survey trip to northern Benin to look at several tribes and try to determine their receptivity to the Gospel. It was the first time that anyone had surveyed these tribes, so more research is needed.

We also had a great disorientation time with the Interns in Ghana. God really blessed us with a good group this year and we're confident that He will use all that they experienced to impact the Kingdom for years to come.

The visitors didn't stop when the interns left. This month we were so blessed to have Christine's parents come for a two week visit. We had a great time showing them all that God is doing here among the Aja and of course they loved being with the grand kids.

My preaching points continue to move forward with good crowds. It's exciting to see God bringing the pagan people to faith in His Son.

Thank you for your encouragement and prayers for our ministry among the Aja. We love you and ask God's blessings upon you.

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