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# Aja Harvest Work Report

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## Work Activities

### Week 1 – November 1-3

- Errands: Lokossa trip to fix phone bill errors. Cashed Parker check. Email at Pharmacy.
- Office work: Working fund report, work reports for Aug - Oct.
- Christine had a maturation meeting with Christian women from Kindji and Dodohoue. She taught a lesson on the angel foretelling Jesus' birth to Mary.
- Visited Ainahoue Christians and encouraged them. Prayed for Mattias, one of the leaders who is sick.
- Visited and encouraged Avedjin Christians. Made plans with them to visit and encourage a struggling church in a nearby village.
- Visited Kindji Christians and made plans to visit Sendome again and continue setting up the preaching point there. Had a lengthy discussion with the church leader there, Koku, about supporting nationals with foreign money. He felt that I should pay him to be the leader of his church so if he has financial difficulties in the future he won't have to go away to look for work, thus leaving the church without a leader. It was hard to judge whether or not his motives were pure. He is always asking me for money.
- Translated Luke 8 into Aja.
- Tried to have an evangelistic meeting in the village of Ekpoji. Not many showed up. Those that did come, we had a discussion on faith, repentance and moving forward in their faith. They're scared of offending their 'gods.' They also want me to build them a church building.

### Week 2 – November 4-10

- Worshipped with Hounkemey church. I taught a lesson from John 6, 'Jesus, the bread of life.'
- Togo trip. Visited Sendomey and visited village leaders. I took them the church registration papers that they requested. Met with a group of men and answered their questions concerning church leadership, money, buildings, our long-term vision for their village. Had a good, spicy meal.
- Errands: Spent one morning fixing phone bill errors. Took me an hour to find gas, email at pharmacy, etc.
- Christine held a maturation meeting with Christian women from Kindji and Dodohoue. She re-taught the previous week's lesson.
- Started translating Luke 9 into Aja.
- Tried to have evangelistic meeting with Ekpoji. Nobody showed up! We had previously prayed that the Lord would show us what we are to do in this village. They told us that they would repent if I built them a building. I said no and then talked a long time about faith and the power of God and the life that he has to bring. They invited us back. This week we prayed God would make it clear what we should do. When we arrived, nobody was home and they knew we were coming. We took that as God's answer. This is always discouraging to me. We brought the Word of life to them, but they don't believe.

### Week 3 – November 11-17

- All day area-wide worship @ Devi church. Christians from Devi, Dadahoue, Hounkemey, Avedjin, Kindji, Dodohoue and Ainahoue came. I taught a lesson on raising our children up in the Lord. We need to teach them at all times about the Lord. We also had a baby dedication ceremony for Patrice. I led a special prayer for the child asking the Lord to bless her.
- Errands: Banking, visa pictures, took another hour to get gas, photocopies.
- Cotonou Business - Benin visas for Matthew and Stephen
- Christine held a maturation meeting with Christian women from Kindji and Dodohoue. She taught a lesson on the birth of Jesus.
- Continued work on Luke transition. Power outages made this difficult.
- Prayer Warrior correspondence, office work, etc.

### Week 4 – November 18-24

- Area-wide worship at Hounkemey church. 100 plus Christians came.
- Cotonou trip to pick up kids' visas and run other errands.
- Togo trip. Visited Sendome again and met with village leaders. Took them to Tabligbo to meet the 'governor' to get permission to teach God's Word in their region.
- Office work: email, banking, etc.

### Week 5 – November 25-30

- Worship with Dadahoue. I taught a lesson on 'Jesus: Full of Grace and Truth.'
- Translated Luke 9-11.
- Office work: working fund, email, Prayer Warrior correspondence, etc.
- Visited Christians from Hounkemey congregation. Encouraged leaders to be good stewards of the money they had collected from the previous area-wide meeting in order to avoid church problems.
- Visited and encouraged Kaiteme Christians.
- Worked on Maturation lesson books with Joseph.
- The whole family visited, prayed for/with and encouraged Dadahoue Christians. We had a good, spicy meal together.
- Talked with Maurice about the Missions Committee's decision.
- Christian taught a lesson on Lydia, Pricilla, and Dorcas, faithful Christian women to an area-wide ladies meeting.

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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