
Watchi Harvest Work Report – April 2002

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Work Activities

Week 1 – April 1-6

- Lome errands; shopping, banking, 80000km vehicle maintenance, etc.
- Finished revision of the Gospel of Luke, chapters 18-24 and began formatting it in book form.
- One day language study for both of us plus Eve homework and practice.
- Men's/Women's prayer and business meetings.
- Began preparations for furlough in regards to tickets, scheduling.
- Christine came down with a bad virus so I skipped one evening in the village to take care of the family.
- Christine taught a lesson on nutrition at a weekly women's cluster meeting.
- I went to a church retreat in the village of Agodome. This is a Aja/Watchi village. Jeff taught a lesson on 'Walking by faith' in Eve and they asked me to teach a lesson on 'True Repentance' in Aja. The meeting went on all Saturday and then that evening we had another meeting in the market place where there was preaching, testimonies and singing. We spent the night there and had a huge worship service the next morning.

Week 2 – April 7-13

- I worshipped at the big church gathering in Agodome. I gave a brief lesson on the Lord's Supper and it's meaning.
- Devotional and Birthday Party at the Koonces.
- Two days language study plus Eve homework and practice.
- Office work: web page (several days), email, and prayer warrior correspondence. I had a computer crisis this week, my UPS burned up. Better that than my computer.
- Christine took Jana to Lome to help her with final preparations for her transition back to the States.
- Men's/Women's prayer and business meetings.
- Christine taught a lesson on proper nutrition at the weekly ladies cluster meeting.

Week 3 – April 14-20

- Worshipped with Tabligbo church. I led a prayer for the sick in Eve.
- Christine went to Benin for a couple of days for a lady get-away.
- Two days language study plus Eve homework and practice.
- Office work: web page, furlough plans, prayerwarriors listserv, work fund reports, formatted Gospel of Luke
- Christine was sick again for a couple of days.
- Lome trip to purchase a new UPS for the computer and run other errands.
- Dinner with the Hollands in our home.
- Men's/Women's prayer and business meetings.
- Attended a prayer meeting at the Tabligbo church.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Sendome. I helped Felicien teach a lesson on 'Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.' We had a good meeting with the 6 regulars plus visitors.

Week 4 – April 21-30

- Worshipped with Koleve church. I taught a lesson in Eve from the team's study book on the Gospel of John: 'Jesus, the Word made flesh.' There weren't a more than 15 people there, but those who came had the "Joy of Lord" written all over their faces.
- Office work: web page, email, etc.
- Lot's of activities with Jana helping her prepare to move back to the States: Farewell devo, farewell luncheon, packing and organizing her things, video editing for her sponsoring church, errands in Lome, etc.
- Men's/Women's prayer and business meetings.
- Felicien tried to hold an evangelistic meeting in Sendome, but the village had another gathering.
- Christine taught her nutrition lesson in the village.

- Worship with Vogan church, then took Jana to Lome for her sendoff to the States. Studied Eve in Lome with Emile.

Comments

The preaching point in the village of Sendome continues to go well. I also had a good overnight meeting in the village of Agodome. Lots of people came to the meeting to hear God's Word for the first time and I was able to begin building some good relationships with several of the Watchi leaders and evangelists of that region. It was also a big help to my Eve comprehension. On that note, our Eve studies continue to progress. Our language teacher had to have a week off due to previous business he had to do in Lome so we only got three weeks of study in this month. Please continue to pray for our increase proficiency in Eve, our relationship building with the Watchi leaders and evangelists and open doors for future ministry in the area up north where the team has asked me to focus.

Christine continues to teach her lesson on good nutrition each Saturday at the women's weekly cluster meetings. There are five clusters so they rotate every week to a new cluster. This has been good for her Eve and also for her relationship building with the Watchi women.

Christine and the boys have had some sickness this month. Christine with several stomach virus' and Stephen with malaria. The day we took Stephen to the hospital for his malaria test, he got better before we went to pick up the results, so we forgot about the pick them up. It wasn't until Jeff had to go down to the lab to pick up his results that we found out that he had had malaria. Praise God for his quick recovery. Yesterday Matthew tested positive for malaria and has been sick with a high fever for two days. Please ask the Lord to bless our health so that we may have more energy to serve Him.

Thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement. We need and love to hear encouraging words from you as our spiritual supporters. May the Lord bless all of you in your service to Him.

For the King,

Murphy, Christine, Stephen and Matthew