
Watchi Harvest Work Report – May 2002

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Work Activities

Week 1 – May 1-11

- One overnight trip to Benin to update vehicle inspection. Made copies of recently finished translation of Luke. Visited Christians from Kindji, Ainahoue, Dodohoue and Kaiteme churches.
- Men's/women's business and prayer meetings.
- Office work: Completed creation of Tabligbo Times listserv and sent out intro messages. Made deletions/additions to listserv, finished monthly reports, worked on web page, editing/correcting 105 lesson book for maturation of churches.
- 1/2 sick day so I missed language study but Christine studied in my place.
- Christine taught her lesson on nutrition at the women's cluster meeting.
- Celebrated Jeremy's 4th b-day with the team.
- I was still sick on Sunday so Christine worshipped with the Kpeve church with Jessie, the team's schoolteacher.
- Lome trip to run errands.
- Two days language study.
- Christine helped Dela teach a lesson @ the Dagbati cluster women's meeting.

Week 2 – May 12-18

- Worshipped with Adidokpo church. I taught a lesson on "Jesus, the Word made flesh." Hosted kids for bible class.
- No language study this week. Our language teacher came down with malaria and couldn't come.
- Office work: updated team web newsletters and pictures, Tabligbo Times, prayer warrior newsletter,
- Prayer 'survey' drive with Anthony. We took one morning and 'scouted' out the land where we would like to begin focusing our evangelistic efforts. We saw many villages with no apparent Christian witness.
- Men's/Women's prayer meetings. Met Joseph, our old language teacher, at the river to give him a gift for his mother-in-law's funeral.
- Spent one full day with Marty at Project Timothy in the Atitogon cluster. Marty introduced me to the history and present development of Project Timothy. It was a great day! Leaders from several congregations gathered to study the Word, work out their challenges together through prayer and discussion, etc.

Week 3 – May 19-25

- One sick day.
- Lome trips for Maureen's B-day and vehicle maintenance (new shocks and 85000km revisions).
- Office work: Organized and prepared summer intern finances; Tabligbo Times; Web updates
- Men's/Women's business and prayer meetings. Send off party for Jessie.
- No language study. Our language teacher went to Ghana for the week.
- Visited Ahepe and Koleve villages with Marty. Talked about Timothy project and the all-church meeting coming up.
- Christine went to the weekly women's cluster meeting.
- We tried to have an evangelistic meeting @ Sendome but they were having a special 'accounting' meeting. So we went to Kodohoue, a village that had previously asked us to come and teach. We met with the chief and he gave us a day and time when we could begin. He said that he would call the whole village to the meeting. We also visited Christians from the Agodome village.

Week 4 – April 26-31

- Worshipped with Afakomi church. I led a prayer for the sick.
- Three-day trip to Kara with the team.
- Worked on understanding the Eve evangelism lessons with Benois from Agodome. They too had a village that had previously asked us to come. So we went to Toji and greeted both the contact and the chief and made arrangements to begin teaching there on June 12th.

- Men's/Women's business and prayer meetings.
- Began evangelizing in the village of Kodohoue. We taught our intro lesson as well as a lesson on Adam and Eve and the fall of man. When we arrived they were having a 'judgement' at the chief's house. So we waited until they were done and then the chief called everyone to the meeting. There were over 200 people there. It was the largest first meeting I've ever had. There could be several reasons for this. Many were there already for the 'judgement' and just stayed. Many came to hear the white man speak and hear God's Word. No matter what their motive, we had a huge turnout and several hundred were able to hear God's Word for the first time. It was a great meeting!
- Celebrated Stephen's 4th birthday!
- Office work: video editing for presentations.

Comments

This month Felicien pretty much did the preaching point @ Sendome himself without me. From his reports, there will be a good harvest of souls there. I also began another preaching point in the village of Kodohoue and made arrangements to begin teaching in the village of Toji on June 12th. We are in prayer for these villages, that the Lord will convict their hearts so that they will repent and find life in Jesus name.

Language study wise, this was a difficult month. One week our language teacher was sick, one week he went to Ghana and the next week he was sick again. To supplement my language learning I made arrangements with a Christian leader from the Agodome church to begin meeting with him weekly to go over the evangelism lessons. This will help me improve my vocabulary and also improve my conversation skills. This will also be great preparation for the new preaching point in Toji.

We experienced some sickness this month, but we're doing well now. The biggest family event was Stephen's fourth birthday! Wow, he had a fun party with all of his friends.

We also had a great trip to Kara with the Kabiye team. It was very encouraging to be with them.

We also found out this month that Christine's grandfather is not doing well. It doesn't look like he will live much longer so Christine and I are trying to figure out what she needs to do if he dies.

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement. God is indeed working here to advance His Kingdom.

For the King,

Murphy, Christine, Stephen and Matthew