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# Watchi Harvest Fields Work Report – March/April 2003

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## Work Activities

### Week 1 – March 1-8

- Language study.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Batoe. "Jesus: the Word made flesh." Good crowd 30+ adults.
- One sick day.
- Office work: watchiharvest.com updates; work reports; Harvest Prayer Warrior e-newsletter.
- Maturation meeting with the Todzi church. We continued our lessons from the book of John: "Faith without seeing."
- Men's/Women's prayer and business meetings.
- Maturation meeting with the Sendome church. I taught a lesson on "God: victorious over sorcery"
- Lome trip for errands/shopping.
- Christine went to the weekly ladies cluster meeting.
- I left on Saturday for the "men's getaway" with the Kara team.

### Week 2 – March 16-22

- Three days @ the "Men's getaway" with the Kara team.
- Tried to have a maturation meeting with the Sendome church but couldn't due to rain.
- Lome trip for errands/shopping/banking.
- Christine went to the weekly ladies cluster meeting.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Batoe. We taught a lesson on Jesus: the life and resurrection.

### Week 3 – March 23-29

- Ghana trip for rest and renewal and vehicle maintenance.
- Christine went to the weekly ladies cluster meeting but it was canceled due to a death in the village.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Batoe. We taught a lesson on Jesus' death, burial and resurrection.

### Week 4 – March 30 - April 5

- Worship with Todzi church. I taught a lesson from Matthew 6 and 7 "Trusting God in everything."
- Evangelistic meeting in Lakoto. The Kpeve Christians are doing the majority of the teaching. I go for moral/spiritual support, to help teach the lessons and for language learning. The lesson was from Mark 5 "Jesus power over evil spirits."
- Tried to have a maturation meeting with the Todzi church, but only a few showed up. So we had a good, long discussion about living faithfully before God.
- Men's/Women's prayer and business meetings.
- Maturation meeting with Sendome. I taught a lesson from 1 John on "Walking in the light."
- Christine went to the weekly women's cluster meeting.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Batoe. We taught a lesson on the "New Birth."

### Week 5 – April 6-12

- Worship with Sendome church. I taught a lesson on coming out of darkness into light and that we are now strangers and aliens in this world.
- Evangelistic meeting in the Lakoto region. We retaught the lesson from Mark 5, "Jesus' power over evil spirits."
- Language study.
- Visited the village of Kedenyohoue to try and set up a new preaching point there. Met with a few village leaders and made a plan to return the following week when more people could be there.
- Maturation meeting with the Todzi church. I taught a lesson on prayer and the Lord's Supper.
- Tried to have a maturation meeting with the Sendome church but when I arrived in the village I found out that one of the Christian's sons had died that day. I greeted the family and prayed with Christians there for her.

- Watched the kids while Christine went with the other ladies on the team for their own "getaway" in Lome.
- Christine went to the weekly ladies cluster meeting.
- Tried to have an evangelistic meeting in the village of Batoe but heavy rains came and I didn't go.

#### Week 6 – April 13-19

- Christine worshipped with the Ahepe church. I stayed home with Matthew who was sick.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Lakoto. We taught a lesson on Jesus's power over death using the story of Lazarus.
- Had a visit from a Christian from Benin for three days. I spent a day and a half with him talking about spiritual issues and disciplines. He came because he said he was discouraged and needed some uplifting. I'm glad that he felt welcome enough in my home to come.
- Lesson preparation and office work.
- Spent some good prayer time with Mattias from Benin and Denni from the Sendome church. Both had some "burdens" that we needed to place in the Lord's hands.
- Returned to Kedenyohoue and met again with village leaders. They decided to begin the meetings the next week.
- Maturation meeting with the Todzi church. Began teaching lessons from our church maturation book. Today's lesson was on the first church in Jerusalem, their practice of prayer, fellowship, breaking of bread and learning at the feet of the apostles.
- Men's/Women's prayer and business meetings.
- Again, I wasn't able to have a meeting with the Sendome church due to the funeral. Funerals last a long time here, sometimes up to 30 days! I took the opportunity though to spend some good time with Denni, the leader there. We talked a lot about working out faith in our lives.
- Christine went to Kpalime (2 1/2 hours north) to visit Frank in the hospital.
- Christine went to the weekly women's cluster meeting.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Batoe. It rained so hard that the road became too muddy to get through. So I went as far as I could and then parked the car on the side of the road and we took off on foot. About half way there the heavens opened up and it <poured>. We were completely soaked when we arrived at Batoe. We waited for a hour or so for the rains to stop and then a crowd gathered so we taught a lesson from Romans 6, our death, burial, and resurrection with Christ in baptism.

#### Week 7 – April 20-26

- Worshipped with Agodome church for Easter Sunday. The Todzi and Sendome churches were also there so we had around 120 people! It was a great celebration of Christ's resurrection. I taught a special lesson on the resurrection and what it means for those of us who believe!
- Spent a day taking Jenna up to Kpalime to pick up Frank from the hospital. It turns out that he had kidney stones. Spent one morning looking into their flight options for returning to the States for treatment.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Kedenyohoue. I taught a lesson on the Creation and Fall of man.
- Maturation meeting in the village of Todzi. We continued our discussion on the Lord's Supper and prayer.
- Men's/Women's prayer and business meetings.
- Office work: web site updates; church growth stats; WAMR tasks (West African Missionary Retreat), email.
- Maturation meeting with Sendome church. We had a lesson from John 21, Jesus' discussion with Peter.
- Took Frank to Accra, Ghana on Saturday morning so he could catch a flight to the States for medical treatment.

#### Week 8 – April 27-30

- Returned from Accra, Ghana on Sunday.
- Visited Sendome Christians and tried to encourage a man who was baptised last year but has since turned back to the world.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Kedenyohoue. We taught a lesson on the flood, salvation and judgement.
- Maturation meeting with the Todzi church. I taught a lesson on the greatest commandments.
- Office work: working fund reports, etc.

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

For the King,

Murphy, Christine, Stephen and Matthew