
Watchi Harvest Fields Work Report ~ January-March 2006

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Work Activities

Week 1 – January 1-7

- Worshipped with Kptonou. I taught a lesson on Jesus coming like a thief in the night!
- Sedome Meeting. Finished a lesson on the “Holy Spirit”
- Kpeve/Didokpo meeting. We finished a lesson on “Loving New Christians” and began a study on beginning house churches.
- Men’s/Women’s Prayer/Business Meetings
- Kptonou meeting. Also finished the study on the “Holy Spirit”

Week 2 – January 8-14

- Adangbe cluster worship to celebrate the New Year!
- Sedome meeting. Began a study on “Following the Lord Jesus” and how to mature new believers.
- Meeting with Didokpo/Kpeve and continued the study on house churches.
- Men’s/Women’s Prayer/Business Meetings
- Kptonou meeting. I began a study on “Following the Lord Jesus” and how to mature new Christians in their faith.

Week 3 – January 15-21

- Worship with Batoe/Sedome as they celebrated the new year. They had a “Thanksgiving Offering” and gave 39,000 fcfa (around \$80) which is 40x their normal offering. I taught a lesson from Romans on overcoming evil with good!
- Met with Sedome leaders and studied a lesson on “Loving New Christians” and began a study on planting house churches.
- Didokpo/Kpeve meetings. We did the “testing” booklet to complete Level 1 of Train and Multiple.
- Men’s/Women’s Prayer/Business Meetings
- Kptonou Meeting. I taught a lesson on “Loving New Christians”
- Christine had a Batoe meeting. She taught a lesson on the Baptism of Jesus.
- Office Work: Tabligbo Times

Week 4 – January 22-28

- Stephen was sick so Christine stayed home with the boys. I worshipped with Batoe and taught a lesson on our bodies being the temple of the Holy Spirit and our responsibility to take care of that Temple!
- Adoption paper work...
- Lome Day Errands: Shopping, banking, adopting mailing.
- Met with Sedome/Batoe leaders and finished a lesson on planting house churches.
- Traveled to Tsiko Hospital in Kpalime (about three hours away) for medical exams.

Week 5 – January 29 - February 4

- Stephen was still sick so I stayed home with him and Christine went to worship @ Kptonou.
- Office work: Tabligbo Times
- Celebrated Chinese New Year with the Parkers
- Lome Day Shopping/Errands
- Men’s/Women’s Prayer/Business Meetings
- Adoption paper work...
- Prepared for Randy Barlow’s visit. He flew down from Germany and stayed with us for a few days and did our Home Study for our adoption.

Week 6 – February 5-11

- Worshipped with Tabligbo Church
- Spent one evening in Lome taking Randy Barlow back to the airport and celebrating the completion of our Home Study.
- Meeting with Sedome. I finished a study on “Loving New Christians” and introduced a new Bible Reading Schedule. I’m encouraging all of the leaders to read through the entire New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs in one year.
- Meeting with Didokpo/Kpeve. I worked with them to account for all of the lessons that we had completed over the last 18 months and handed out the 2nd Level of Train & Multiple books.
- Men’s/Women’s Prayer/Business Meetings
- Kptonou Meeting. I finished the study on planting house churches.

Week 7 – February 12-18

- Worshipped with Batoe Christians. I taught a lesson on “Everything is permissible, but not everything is beneficial”
- Lome Day Errands
- Watchi Men’s Meeting (1 ½ days with the leaders, 2 ½ days with all of the watchi men). I taught a segment on the using the Study Activity Guide.

Week 8 – February 19-25

- Worshipped with the Sedome Christians. I taught a lesson on the need for more workers in the harvest fields and for shepherds to take care of God’s flock. “Pray to the Lord of the Harvest...”
- Met with Sedome/Batoe leaders and studied “Worshipping the Lord in Song”. We also had a very good conversation about marriage and the men’s meeting the previous week.
- Met with Kpeve elders and studied a lesson on “Leading God’s Flock”
- Men’s/Women’s Prayer/Business Meetings
- Met with Kptonou leaders and studied a lesson on “Worshipping the Lord in Song”.

Week 9 – February 26-March 4

- Worshipped with the Didokpo Christians. I taught a lesson on Isaiah on “Opening our eyes so that we can see God”.
- Met with Sedome leaders and studied a lesson on “Worshipping the Almighty God”.
- Met with Kpeve elders and continued our study on “Leading God’s Flock”
- Went to Benin for 3 days to get 1 year visas

Week 10 – March 5-11

- Worshipped with the Batoe Christians. I taught a lesson on “This kind can only come out through fasting and prayer” and “All things are possible for those who believe”.
- Met with Sedome leaders and continued teaching a lesson on “Worshipping the Almighty God”
- Met with Didokpo leaders and taught a lesson on “Intercession”
- Men’s/Women’s Prayer/Business Meetings
- Father/Son trip to Pendjari Game Park. It was a GREAT trip! Left on Friday and returned on Monday.

Week 11 – March 12-18

- Sunday in the game park on the Father/Son camping trip.
- Met with Didokpo leaders and continued teaching a lesson on “Overcoming the Darkness”. This has been a great, but difficult study to work through.
- Lome trip to pick up a DHL package and get some car repairs done.
- Men’s/Women’s Prayer/Business Meetings
- Met with Batoe/Sedome leaders. Komlavi, one of the Batoe leaders has been gone for three weeks and no one knew where he was.
- Met with Kptonou leaders and studied a lesson on “Worshipping the Almighty”
- Christine and I fasted and prayed this day for a new church plant in the Sedome area.

Week 12 – March 19-25

- We had a team “Going Away” party for the Hollands and Parkers where we gave them our going away presents and celebrated our previous years together.
- Lome errand day for vehicle repairs (brakes)
- Office work: Tabligbo Times, email, etc.
- Met with Batoe/Sedome leaders and studied a lesson on “Reaching the Nations” I tried to have a meeting with the Sedome finance committee but not all of the committee members showed up. I brought Nledzi back to Tabligbo for medical tests to determine what’s making him sick. I also brought Antoinette back to Tabligbo to try and find her husband who’s been missing for three weeks. After she found him they came to my house and we spent time talking about why he took off. He was severely in debt and the people who loaned him the money were threatening to put him in jail. So, he was trying to earn money to pay off the debts. I gave him the money he needed to wipe out his debt to give him a clean slate to start over. We also talked a long time about the bondage of debt and better money management principles.
- Met with Kpeve elders and finished a study on “Leadership in the Church”.
- My meeting with Didokpo was rained out so I went and visited Enyona, a young woman who had a terrible tropical ulcer on her leg. We prayed for her healing and I made sure she had enough medicine to keep the healing process going.
- Men’s/Women’s Prayer/Business Meetings
- China Adoption paperwork...
- Met with Kptonou leaders and finished a study on “Worshipping the Lord Almighty”
- Christine and I fasted and prayed about a new church plant in the Sedome area.
- Christine had a ladies meeting in the village of Batoe.

Week 13 – March 26-31

- Worshipped with Sedome Christians. I taught a lesson from Psalm 24: “Seeking God’s Face”. After worship I met with the finance committee to sort out some of their money management issues.
- Ghana trip to submit USCIS application to bring an orphan into the United States and for a team retreat in Accra.