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Len's Lens on Togo:

Dear Friends and Supporters of the African Mission Fund,

I was reading Doyle Kee's recent newsletter, *French World Missions*, and noticed mention of 3 evangelists working in the northern part of Togo. As I checked with our faithful workers in the Lomé area, they gave good reports on the work these three are doing. Brother Jonathan is working at Tanjouare, Brother Nimde Abalo is at Dapaon, and Brother Fidele Bedjelssi is working with the South Kara church. The good news is that the work continues to grow, and you are contributors to that growth.

Other good news comes from Esperance Mensah, who sent photos of a shed being erected on land owned by the church in Blitta, which is rather in the middle of Togo. Also, Akalo Komlan reported that there are about 20 students enrolled at the Bear Valley Bible Institute (BVBI) in Kpalime, many of them from denominations. He indicates that 8 have been converted and baptized so far. It is encouraging to know that the power of the gospel is able to touch these men and lead them to a more perfect understanding of God's will. As I read of these men, I am reminded of the story of Apollos in Acts 18: 24-26.

On the other hand, the school and orphanage at Yobo is struggling, as its principle backer, Brother Ayim, has been transferred from Lomé to another country. We will try to give some support as we can, but I have made no promises. I do believe that the Lord will provide, but sometimes it is not clear how he will do so.

Brother Akalo also mentioned that an organization that has been providing funds for radio time in Amakpape is unable to continue funding this radio program. This is about \$900 for a 6-month contract, and I hope to find some funds to allow this radio work to continue. This photo is of a recent baptism at Amakpape.



I also note with sadness the passing of one of the mission fund's long-time supporters, our Sister Lois Mollet. Sister Mollet lived in the Elk City area, and we offer her family our deepest sympathy.

Finally, sometimes we get a bit behind trying to get the newsletter out to you on a monthly basis. We intend this newsletter to cover the months of January and February, and thus will catch up by doubling up on this one. Many mission efforts report only quarterly, but Brother Walter believed in a monthly report, and we will try to continue reporting to you each month. Please forgive our occasional need to skip a month.

Thanks for all you do. Please continue to pray for the churches in Togo, and also for the leaders of

that nation (1 Tim 2:2) as there is still great political turmoil and unrest. Just as Paul hoped for “quiet times” in the world to allow the unhindered preaching of the gospel, so we need to pray for similar quietude in Togo.

Brother Len

Bro. Atsu Martin sends greetings from the Church of Christ at Lome. Bro. Martin reports that the Kpalime Bible College held its graduation exercises on January 27, 2018. Seven young men received their certificates as evangelists and preachers.

Bro. Kokou Adjaho sends blessings from the congregation at Yobome. He reports that the congregation continues to do well. Bro. Adjaho asks that we pray for a sister at his congregation that recently lost her father.

Bro. Kodjo Adzrakou sends greetings from the Davie-Tekpo congregation. He reports the baptism of sister Akossiwa Assigno, and asks that we pray for her spiritual growth. Bro. Adzrakou has also requested help in purchasing a laptop computer to assist him in his ministry.

Bro. Jean B. Sokpe sends blessings and greetings from the church at Pagula. The Sokpe's happily announce the birth of a baby daughter, whose name is Augustine Sokpe. Please pray for the infants and children of Togo. Because of limited medical care, the country experiences a high infant mortality rate.

Bro. Atsu Martin sends greetings from the church at Assahoun. He reports that the congregation will focus efforts mainly on evangelism for 2018. Bro. Martin states that it is their prayer to elect elders and deacons in 2020.

Bro. Komlan Akalo sends greetings from the congregation at Tsevie. He requests prayer for his wife, who is recovering from minor surgery. He also requests prayer for the Bancolinda family, who dedicated their infant daughter Emmanuela, to Christ in January.

Bro. Komi Ekpe Attah sends greetings from the congregation at Agou. He reports one baptism during January. Bro. Attah also reports that he has received a certificate for completing a course in Agricultural Entrepreneurship.

Bro. Kodjo Kpodenou sends greetings and blessings from the congregation at Agoe. He reports that their congregation is currently seeking a more permanent place to worship. They are requesting assistance with half of the rent when they find a more permanent location.

Bro. Bernard Agbodza sends greetings from the church at Numetukodzi. He sends thanks to Bro. Len Feuerhelm for his letter of encouragement. He reports the church will place more emphasis on evangelism in the new year.

Bro. Rodrigue Kuma sends blessings from the Amenope congregation. He reports that youth attendance has declined, and he is seeking advice on how to reverse the trend. Please pray for their efforts.

Bro. Bienvenue Pougla sends greetings from the congregations at Kouve, Lalekpe and Somevi. He reports two baptisms at Kouve in January. The Lalekpe congregation organized a 7 member house cell, and the Someve church baptized a man and a woman in January.

Bro. Richard Dossouvi sends greetings from the Aneho congregation. He reports that he and Lake area ministers met in January, and have prepared a plan of activities for 2018. Bro. Dossouvi also reports attending the meeting of the National Committee of Evangelists of Togo in Lome.

Bro. Cephas Nyemanta sends greetings from the Church at Kpalime. He reports that the churches in the Kpalime region had 57 baptisms in 2017. They have established 3 new churches, and continue evangelizing the villages through public preaching, and house to house teaching. Please pray for Bro. Cephas as he continues to recuperate from a lengthy illness.

Bro. Koami Agbessi sends greetings from the congregation at Aneve-Hedegan. He reports the congregation participated in the 17th annual Bible Camp at Noepe in December. He also reports that they are preparing to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Church of Christ at Koveto, on April 1, 2018. Bro. Agbessi reports that an area in the city of Vogan has been made available for planting a new congregation.

ATTENDANCE

Kovi – 72	Agou – 67
Boloumodji – 75	Assahoun - 41
Lalekpe – 53	Somevi – 42
Numetukodzi– 59	Agoe – 19
Amenope – 50	Aneho – 37



Radio Program – “Why we believe what we believe.” January programs included: **“God’s power for salvation”** and **“the importance of the faith.”**



Motorcycle with audio device aids in evangelism



Dedication of Emmanuela Bancolinda at Tsevie



January 27th graduation at Bear Valley Bible Institute in Kpalime



Encampment at Aneho



Two of 57 baptisms in 2017 in the Kpalime area.



Nyogbo-Agbetiko congregation – January 14, 2018



Participants of the December encampment at Aneho.



Congregations which endure threats of rain

January 8 was the first day of the academic year for new students at the Bear-Valley Bible Institute.



Baptism by Komlan Akalo



Home studies