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## TOGO MISSION REPORT , MAY 2018

### Len's Lens on Togo:

Dear Friends and Mission Supporters

As I write this, it is Sunday. One of the songs in worship this morning was *The Gospel is for All*, written by Brother John McCaleb. Brother McCaleb penned the words, "where sin has gone must go His grace, the gospel is for all." If you've ever sung this song, have you wondered what inspired Brother McCaleb to write this? He was a missionary in Japan in the early 1900s, and the house that he built in Tokyo still stands, and is a museum to him today. I have been to that house twice, and I still don't know much about the man, except that he understood the Great Commission, to "go into all the world and make disciples." And just as I don't personally know many of you, I know that you, like Brother McCaleb, are fulfilling the Great Commission by enabling the spread of the Kingdom of Heaven in the West African nation of Togo.

I mentioned last month that there are now 85 (or possibly more) churches in Togo, and the number continues to grow. In the Kloto region, near Kpalime, the brethren are able to employ a "Gospel Chariot," a red minivan that can be taken into the surrounding villages for evangelism. Consequently, there is significant growth of the church in this area, and coupled with the Bible Training Center, there is a convergence of trained preachers and new churches that continues to allow the growth of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Brother Willie Gley wrote in a recent newsletter about a women's conference in the Kpalime area, attended by 170 ladies. The kingdom grows by the involvement of all its members, not just the men, and I think this conference shows a maturing of churches. Rest assured that this meeting was to build the spiritual strength of our sisters in Christ, with topics concerning marriage such as "Marriage is Precious" and "Why conflicts occur in marriage"

were presented for discussion. Brother Gley also reported an area-wide worship hosted by the Hanyigba congregation near Kpalime in early March that saw some 255 worshippers.

Growth is also occurring in other parts of Togo. To the north, around Kara and Blitta, there is a renewed effort to build up the church. For example, a recent evangelistic effort in Blitta resulted in 25 baptisms, and the evangelists in this northern area meet together to plan for the growth of the church in this area. Because this region of Togo neighbors Burkina Faso, which is primarily Muslim, there is a stronger Muslim presence here as compared to the southern region around Lome. So this is an area where growth can be more difficult, but still our brothers persist and God gives the increase.

As you pray for these brothers and sisters of ours, please pray for peace. The political situation shows little sign of resolution, and could potentially plunge the nation into violence. Please pray that our brothers and sisters will be able to view themselves as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven first, and then as citizens of a nation (good advice for us as well). In so doing, they will be able to prioritize the teaching of the Gospel, placing that far above the mundane issues of politics. May all of our efforts bring praise to the Father above.

*Brother Len*

**Bro. Richard Dossouvi**, of the Anejo congregation reports that they have planted a new congregation in the village of Anfoin. They hope to begin evangelizing there three days a week. He states that when the congregation has fifty members, Bro. Jerome Amoussou, will take over as minister. Bro. Dossouvi reports that there are also plans to start a new work near Lome in the near future.

**Bro. Koffi Kponkanou** sends greetings and blessings from the Djeta congregation. He reports that the church continues with evangelism efforts in Djeta. Many members left when their former minister moved to another location. They will launch a month long, evangelism outreach to bring people to Christ and to bring former members back to the faith.

**Bro. Kokou Adjaho** sends greetings from the church at Tsevie. He sends thanks and appreciation for the continued support of the work there. He also thanks bro. Len Feuerhelm for supplying funds for a solar panel, to provide electricity to his home. Bro. Adjaho also asks that we pray for one of their members, bro. Noah, who recently lost his father.

**Bro. Atsu Martin** sends greetings from the Assahoun Congregation. He reports that they have recently completed renovations of their church building (**see photo**). He also reports that he and area ministers, continue to meet monthly to discuss the growth and development of the church in the Assahoun district.

**Bro. Komlan Akalo** sends greetings from the church at Boloumodji. He reports the baptism of Bro. Joseph Finou (**see photo**), and asks that we pray for him and his family. Bro. Akalo and area ministers met at the Bear Valley institute in Kpalime, to discuss establishing a board of directors for the school. They felt that a board would help to insure fiscal and administrative oversight at the school. It would also assure that the director adheres to the academic standards of the school.

**Bro. Komlan Akalo** reports that the church leaders at Boloumodji have decided to establish a congregation at Dalave in 2018. Bro Akalo asks that we pray that the Boloumodji congregation will be able to financially support the new work. He reports that two members dedicated their baby boy to the Lord on April 20 (**see photo**). He asks that we pray for the family and the baby's growth in the Lord. Bro. Akalo also thanks bro. Len Feuerhelm for arranging funds for the radio program that they recently launched (**see photo**).

**Bro Komi Attah** sends greetings from the church at Nyogbo-Agbetiko. He reports that he and several ministers from the area met with missionary Willie Gley to discuss the new school term. He reports that he and the ministers of the area also

attended the preachers meeting in Big Klotto. (**see photo**).

**Bro. Richard Dossouvi** reports that the campaign to evangelize the village of Djeta, will employ 5 additional preachers, who'll be responsible for door to door and public evangelism. Bro. Dossouvi reports that they will need help with the expenses associated with the campaign; including food, fuel and sound equipment.

**Bro. Bernard Agbodza** sends greetings from the church at Numetukodzi. He reports that the congregation continues with evangelism and house to house teaching. He states that he is currently working with several prospects who have started visiting the church and are interested in baptism.

**Bro. Bienvenue Pougla** sends blessings from the churches at Kouve, Lalekpe and Somevi. He reports that the Kouve and Somevi congregations had two baptisms in April. The Lalekpe church hosted Somevi for the Easter festival for three nights of prayer and evangelism.

**Bro. Rodrigue Kuma** sends greetings from the Amenope church. He reports that many are sick within his congregation including his wife and son. He asks that we pray for all of them.

## ATTENDANCE

Kouve - 87  
Somevi - 55  
Lalekpe - 78  
Boulomodji - 79  
Djeta - 11  
Tsevie - 64  
Assahoun - 43  
Numetukodzi - 54  
Nyogbo –Agbetiko - 72  
Amenope - 59  
Anejo - 40



**The church of Christ at Anejo.**



**Completed renovations for the Assahoun church.**



**Edem and Abia Midodji of the Boloumodji Congregation, dedicating their baby to the Lord.**



**Baptism of Bro. Joseph Finou, on the right, at the Bloubodji congregation.**



**The radio ministry broadcast from Afrom Boloumodji was funded with our April checks.**



**Students at the Bear Valley Bible Institute in Kpalime taking a test in the French language.**



**Photos of a meeting of brothers at Kara, in the northern part of Togo.**



**Preachers' meeting in Big Kloto in the northern region of Togo.**