



# AFRICAN MISSION FUND

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## TOGO MISSION REPORT , OCTOBER 2018

### Len's Lens on Togo:

The news from Togo is rather a mixed bag, sort of like the election results here in the US. On the positive side, our brothers and sisters are working hard to spread the gospel message, with baptisms and new church plants continuing to mark the growth of the kingdom in Togo. Churches are growing, and we continue to encourage the evangelists to develop leaders in the congregations who can serve as elders, deacons, and teachers. We also encourage them to engage the whole church in sharing the gospel with friends, neighbors, co-workers and strangers, along the same lines as we read about in Acts. Just as in the first century, the Lord will give the increase.

One other area of growth and development involves the young people. I do not think that "youth ministers" are found in Togo at present, but some of the evangelists are beginning to recognize that involving the youth, and helping them develop skills in song leading and preaching and teaching will be necessary to prepare the next generation for leadership roles in the future. Brother Akalo Komlan reports that some churches are moving in this direction, and photos have come back of such youth activities.

The more negative aspect continues to be the political situation in Togo with elections set for December. As in many countries these are times when political issues affect attitudes and create concerns for safety and unknown consequences. While our prayer is for peace, that God's word may be spread quickly and thoroughly throughout the nation, I fear that unrest may be the order of the day for a while. Please continue in your prayers for the safety of our preachers and evangelists,

and also for all Christians in the nation, that they may worship and evangelize freely.

An additional bit of negative news comes from Brother Akalo, who reports that thieves have taken many things from his home, including Bibles and materials used for teaching at BVBI and for his church class. They also stole the church record book for the Boloumodji church, and items used for personal evangelism. He indicated that the thieves broke into his home while they were sleeping in the home, so it appears that thieves are becoming bolder. Last month I reported that thieves broke into the home of another evangelist while he and his family were at worship services.

As we come to the time of year when budgets for congregations are being prepared, encourage your leaders – elders and deacons – to continue supporting this mission effort. African Mission Fund is producing wonderful results at minimal costs. If your church is looking for a mission effort to support, I would be delighted to visit with the leadership to share our story. My email is [len.feuerhelm@oc.edu](mailto:len.feuerhelm@oc.edu) and my best phone number is (405)425-5408, which is my office phone on campus. If I am not at my desk, you may leave a message and I will return the call quickly. Also, information about the Togo mission work may be found on the website of the Wilshire Church of Christ <http://www.wilshirechurch.org>.

Again, thanks for your continuing support, both with prayers and with financial support. May God bless each of you, in the blessed name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Brother Len

**Bro. Komi Attah** sends greeting from the church in Nyogbo-Agbetiko. Bro. Attah traveled with students from the Bear Valley Bible Institute, to Aventionou and Agou-Gare, where they distributed bible literature.



Bro. Attah also reports the baptism of Koffi Hodanou. Please pray for his growth in Christ.



**Jean Baptiste Sokpe** sends greetings and thanks for the support of the Pagala church. He reports that the congregation celebrated the baptisms of Yakotsi Abalo and Adonko Yao in September. Please pray for their growth in Christ.

**Bro. Bernard Agbodza** sends greetings from the church in Numetukodzi. He reports because of the rain, construction of the new church building in Kpalime has slowed. He says they are doing their best to have the building finished before the new year. They also continue with house to house evangelism in the Nongo section of Kpalime.

**Bro Richard Dossouvi** sends greetings and blessings from the Aneho congregation. He reports

door to door evangelism efforts in Djeta successfully reclaimed several former members. They were discovered living in dire conditions. (see photo) Bro. Dossouvi also attended the groundbreaking of the Theological Studies Center of the Church of Christ in Togo, which will be in Atakpame. (see photo) The Aneho church started a literacy project in September for the women of the congregation.



**Bro. Komlan Akalo** sends greetings from Tsevie-Boloumodji. Bro. Akalo's report from August describes the evangelism campaign held at Gbtatope and Yobome. He reports that 900 people attended including the village chief. The preacher's committee organized a youth seminar that was held in Tsevie. Bro. Akalo asks that we pray for interested radio listeners who face opposition from family.

**Bro. Joseph Tonou** sends greetings and blessings from the congregation in Kpeme. He reports one baptism in September. The women of the Kpeme congregation hosted the women's conference for the churches of the Lakes Region in September.

**The brothers of the Tokoin Committee** report activities for the churches in Tokoin, Zanguera Djagbie. Tokoin participated in public evangelism



and door to door teaching in Djagbie, which resulted in one baptism. They also celebrated the dedication of a newborn. Zanguera reports their attendance is stable and includes visitors that worship with them regularly. They also ask prayers for one of their members, sister Felicite, who is ill. Bros. Jude and Yao are working to find ways to grow the mission at Tove. The Tokoin church is supported by our brethren in Cooksville, Illinois, and plans to appoint elders in 2019.

**Bro. Joseph Assiki** sends greetings from Tsive, and reports that he has planted a church in that location. They are currently renting space and have built a small shed for worship. He is requesting a total of \$6000 to purchase land to build a church facility.

**Bro. Bienvenue Pougla** sends greetings from the congregation in Kouve. He reports that flooding has caused the cancellation of services in Lalekpe and Somevi. The congregation at Kouve had four visitors who are now attending on a regular basis.

**Bro. Atsu Martin** expressed thanks and gratitude for the supporter's interest in the Lord's work in Assahoun.

**Bro. Cephas Nyementa** sends greetings from the Atakpame congregation, and reported the government in Kpalime asked responses as to "What contribution do denominations and religious leaders make?" Responses were received from various religious entities, and the church of Christ response was chosen for addressing the following topics: "The duty of the Christian toward his nation" and "should a Christian go to vote?" The topic is to be addressed for the entire month on the four radio stations in Kpalime. He also reports that there were two baptisms in September and included photos of several more baptisms in October. (see photos) He also reports that a new congregation was planted in Atakpame by evangelist Jean-Marc and one of the students, Koffi Saboutey. Bro. Cephas also submitted many more photos of activities in his area and these photos will be shown on the website <http://www.wilshirechurch.org>

#### ATTENDANCE

Agoe Nyogbo – 55	Numetukodzi – 60	Aneho – 38
Pagala – 52	Tsevie – 73	Kpeme – 43
Amenope – 58	Assahoun – 40	





*A few of many, many baptisms in various locations...*







# OTHER PHOTOS OF INTEREST

## DISTRIBUTION OF TRACTS IN AVENTONOU







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## PERSONAL WORK





## RADIO MARIA DISCUSSION BROADCAST



## STUDENTS WITH "CHARIOT"

