

Independent Gospel Missions

The Connection Update

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"The Wodome's News"

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Dear faithful prayer partners and financial supporters,

We trust everything is going well for you. As we enter the last quarter of 2012, we would like to share with you what we have been doing during the last three months.

Family news:

Our family went through some emotional hardship as Elisabeth's mother suddenly passed away on July 24. She was buried on August 11, 2012. Even though her sudden death came as we were finalizing our preparations for VBS, Elisabeth taught all the Bible lessons during our VBS at Atiegou. With the funeral arrangements and ongoing preparation and as Koffi assisted Elisabeth, he was diagnosed with malaria. His treatment was effective. Samuel also had malaria and stomach aches due to food infection. Elisabeth was the last in the family to suffer from malaria. We took turns getting sick, but praise the Lord we are all doing better now.

Samuel will be 10 years old on October 25th. He did not have summer holidays as he is in a year-round program. One more month and he will be done with third grade. So this is the time for us to order 4th grade materials. We need your assistance to finance this purchase. Joshua is a junior now at Pensacola Christian College and started the fall semester a month ago. Some of our friends tried to contact Joshua on campus but couldn't. I would like to let you know that Joshua's first name is actually also Koffi; his middle name is Joshua. So if you look for him on campus, you must ask for Koffi, not Joshua. We're sorry for the confusion it produced.

We are planning to come back to the states in July 2013 in order to raise some funds for a project and some additional support to assist the ministry. We will stay until Joshua graduates in June, 2014.

Ministry News:

VBS went well at Eglise Baptiste Biblique Salem of Atiegou. The theme was "Take the Plunge." We 'plunged' into obedience, worship, courage, faith and service with Jesus. Thanks to Trinity Baptist Church of Lakeland, FL, who donated to us their complete set of 2007 VBS materials. So far the material has been used in two churches and at one preaching point. We are also thankful to the Laraways and the folks at LSBC for the puppets. Children's attendance grew from 95 to 215. The VBS program at Atiegou was followed by a movie night, during which Koffi preached the Gospel and 4 people trusted Christ. We have posted many pictures on our Facebook page. During the VBS week, 35 children and 15 adolescents trusted Christ as Lord and Savior. We have distributed to all the school-aged children (70) some school supplies to help their parents with schooling this year.



In our last newsletter, we mentioned to you that as our ministry grows, so does our team. We are now involved with a second ministry at Sogbosito, a suburb of Lomé. This ministry is growing with 10 children and 15 adults who attend regularly. The church hangar is on a rental property. We have started to make a hangar for this church but need to put cement on the floor and complete the shelter. Some additional benches and plastic chairs are also needed. We have baptized 3 adults and dedicated a baby. On Saturday, September 30, Elisabeth told the children the Creation story from Genesis, and Koffi preached from Psalms 27:1-6.



Dear supporters, we would like to draw your attention to one of the pressing needs for the church at Atiegou. We have been prayerfully looking for land to rent in order to move out of the school building, as this is a necessary condition for our growth. We thank LSBC for the gift they have given toward that need. As we were looking for land to rent this week, Koffi came across a piece of property that is for sale. The total land is 600 square meters, and the cost of the land is 12.500.000 Fcfa, which is about \$25,000 US. This land is on sale on a first-come first-serve basis. The land is not too far from the school where we are meeting at this moment, and we believe that buying this land would be beneficial for our 14-month old church. Dear supporters, we have first sought the Lord in prayer and now we want to tell God's people and wait for the Lord. If we purchase this land, the title will be made in the name of IGM Togo; the land will belong to the mission and not to us at all. This is part of the partnership agreement to which we agreed. So we cry out for help. Would you prayerfully consider helping us purchase this land? We do not know how long the land will be available, but we trust the Lord to do a miracle in providing land for the church in Atiegou. In our previous newsletter we were praying for \$15,000 for a 300 m² piece of land. Now we believe that the best deal would be to purchase the 600 m² one. If 20 churches would give about \$2000, we will meet our goal. And if you have any questions, please contact the IGM office at 585.334.9048. Maybe your church, Sunday school class or local business could take this on as a project. All monetary donations are tax deductible and can be mailed to the Wodome Land Purchase account in care of IGM. Credit card donations can also be made on the IGM website: www.igmonline.org - please specify Wodome, Koffi - Capital Improvement, project: Wodome Land Purchase (15508-3-1).

We have made a DVD that summarizes our first year of ministry. We will be sending the DVD out shortly. If you would like a copy, please send us your mailing address as soon as possible. Our internet connection does not allow sending it via e-mail.

Praises:

- Praise God for recoveries from malaria
- Praise God for safety
- Praise God for our growing ministries

Prayer requests:

- Please pray for the Lord's guidance in our lives and ministry.
- Please pray for good health and protection for the family.
- Please pray for growth in the church.
- Please pray for our ministry needs:
 - Land for church
 - For the Sogbosito church: Benches and/or plastic chairs, (\$300) sound system (\$500)
 - Two motorcycles for our co-laborers (\$1000 each)

Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

In his unconditional love,

Koffi & Elisabeth

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*"Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee
the desires of thine heart" Ps. 37:4*

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