



Bridge to Nations

Training indigenous leaders to disciple their nations

Mid-Year Ministry Report & Plans

We are always grateful to Jesus, our Lord and Savior, for your prayers and support. They keep us going in spite of life challenges and the hardships of missions. We hope you are doing well and might be wondering what has happened to us. We apologize for being in late in sending out an update. Boniface has been back in the USA and the three of us are rejoicing to be together again. Five months is a long period, so we are catching up on life, praying and reorganizing our lives in light of God's plans and direction for future. Here is a summary of Boniface's mission trip:

BTN Trainings:

<u>Togo</u> – did training on how to evangelize Muslims for 30 CITS (Christ is the Same) youth.

Benin – all trainings took place with good results, which we reported in January.

<u>Ghana</u> – did training for CITS 15 key church leaders in the greater Accra region on evangelism and discipleship using Mobile Ministry and the SD cards. Praying they will share this with their churches.

Cameroon trip was cancelled because of visa problems.

Benin training for <u>Adja</u> speaking churches on Togo-Benin border was cancelled due to death of one of the key church leaders. In the meantime, Boniface trained Benjamin (an Adja man in Lome) with the intent that he will train others in Lome. Boniface will partner with them on the next training and with the Jesus film coordinator in Benin.

Trainings with the <u>Bible Society in northern Togo</u> (Kara & Sokode) did not happen due to disunity between denominations.

There is still a training pending with one of the main <u>Assemblies of God</u> churches in Lome.

This is the first time that several of the events did not happen for one reason or another, but the relationships are still there and this is potential to do these trainings on a future trip. We had hoped by now to have a person on the ground trained to lead trainings in our place, but we are still seeking and trusting God to provide the right people. Boniface also worked on establishing a Bridge to Nations' Office in Togo to serve for Mission and Leadership Training Center (MLTC). While he found an office, we are still working towards having the official authorization. We need to be officially recognized as a registered organization to have a functioning training center there. For now we can come in under our US organization.

Teaching at universities: Boniface taught at two universities: one state (University of Lome at the Faculty of

Economic Sciences and Management) and the other private (Advanced School of Administration and Management). There were a total of 80 students seeking a master's degree in various domains from human resources to leadership and organizational management. Some students volunteered with our ministry.

Radio: Boniface started his weekly radio program *HistoAfrique* on the *Gospel Radio*, *Jesus Loves You*. Many listeners have testified about how helpful the show is to them for biblical accuracy and how to embrace the Bible as a personal note from God. This is something we have long prayed for. People have started to call in to the radio in response to Boniface's program. He was also invited to speak about traditional leadership and the Bible six times on three radio stations, mainly the national radio (English and French Program), and he had one TV appearance.



Chiefs: As a result of the radio programs, some of the chiefs are being exposed to the idea that God is the one who appoints chiefs and leaders and gives them their authority. Their understanding of this concept is growing and we are challenging to them to yield their kingdoms and chieftancies to God and to forsake traditions and rituals. Future projects include writing a charter on traditional succession and to present to 150 chiefs in the Ghana/Togo border region.

Our church in Adeho (Boniface's mom's village) is growing. Two years ago it started with 40-50 people – now there are 70 children and 20 adults. One voodoo lady recently accepted Christ and is attending church. There are 40 young people who are ready to be baptized. We are planning to build cement columns and roof a shelter with sheet metal in partnership with the church members. (This project will cost around \$1000.)

We have learned from the past year that it will take more time to develop and establish the ministry in Togo and West Africa, but we are not discouraged. This can be done during our mission trips. During the past few years, the resulting separations have been a challenge for our family life. For the next couple of years, we have decided to remain based in the US, in order to protect and strengthen our family, marriage, and be fully available for Crepine.

This decision has given Sarah the opportunity to consider and accept an exciting ministry opportunity at **Faith Comes By Hearing in Albuquerque, NM**. Faith Comes By Hearing is the organization who records audio versions of the Bible and we have partnered with them for the past 10 years. A month ago they invited her to become the **Render Project Coordinator**. The job is coordinating recording projects of portions of scripture for languages that have <u>no written translation</u> of the Bible. A native language speaker reads the text in another language they know, translates it in their head, and then records. This is oral translation and is done in partnership with a bible translation consultant (like SIL/Wycliffe and Pioneer Bible Translators). This is on the cutting edge in missions and will help the church bring the Bible to the remaining people groups who have not heard the gospel. Our house in Georgia will close on June 2nd and we will be relocating to New Mexico. You are welcome to come and visit! <u>Our new address is at the bottom of the page</u>.

During the past two years, expenses for mission trips and trainings have become a burden because our current level of support is insufficient to meet both our family and ministry needs. Sarah's new position with FCBH is paid and this will provide for some of our family's needs. Your donations to World Outreach will continue be used to meet the rest of our family's needs and the BTN ministry and project expenses, such as building the church in Adeho.

Please pray for:

- 1. For the various people impacted by the BTN ministry in Togo, Ghana and Benin to take the training and use it and for personal growth & maturity in Christ in their lives; that God would raise up trainers.
- 2. Our move to New Mexico and Sarah as she starts her new job June 12th at Faith Comes By Hearing.
- 3. Connection, communication and healing in some areas of our family life and marriage.
- 4. Crepine as she works doing childcare at <u>Cru's Chicago Summer Project from May 28th-July7th</u>. She will be with our dear friends Dave & Courtnee White.

Love and Blessings, Boniface & Sarah

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