



October 2013

**Ministry News:** Praise God that the Ruff’s weekly meetings with local evangelists Moses, Seidu, and Elijah bring reports of new villages where the Gospel is being preached. It has also given them the opportunity to teach and cast the vision for church planting movements. Praise God that there are regularly 50+ children coming to hear Pastor Seidu teach God’s story on Sundays in Kurawura Kura. Pray for the Grahams to get all their furniture completed, and settled in and adjusted in culture, school, and ministry. Pray for the Ruffs during their time in the US during November and December, for the continuing work of creating story sets, “for profit” projects to sustain Ghanaian salaries and the distribution of oral tools. Pray that they will be able to raise funds to improve the GILLBT studio so it will be able to produce many oral Bible tools to be use in church planting, evangelism and discipleship.

**2013 Global Mission Consultation**

Four hundred and fifty delegates from many nations around the globe convened in Accra for the 2013 Global Mission Consultation. Speakers came from Nigeria, Japan, Egypt, and many others to challenge the participants to face head on the unfinished task of reaching the unreached, and for the nations of Africa to lead the way. In response over 150 unengaged unreached peoples were adopted by the attendees.

**Choosing Leaders in Rural Africa**

As we expand our ministry in Ghana a priority will be to help select church leaders. Choosing a leader has the greatest impact on the new church. Read the details on my blog post: <http://mikesquires.blogspot.com/leaders>.

**Timeline for arriving in Ghana**

I hope to arrive in Ghana in March 2014, only five months from now. For that to happen I must have pledges for 100% of my \$4,000 monthly support for my ministry and personal expenses before I will be permitted to leave for my missionary post. I need 50 more prayer partners and 25 more financial partners before returning to Africa. I am currently at 60% of my monthly budget. In addition there are start up expenses to pay rent for the house (paid in advance in Ghana), moving expenses, and to buy a vehicle. I have to pay \$3,000 advance rent for my house. Contributions can be sent to: Team Expansion c/o Mike Squires, 38451 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536-6030. Please contact me if you would like more information. **Online donations to:** <http://web.teamexpansion.org/#/give-online> Donors can set up a bill pay with their bank and then the check is mailed directly to the forwarding agent.



Children in Ghana. We now have Pastor Seidu teaching God’s story to children in Kurawura Kura.

## Praise & Prayer:

- **Praise God** for the International Missions Conference the Ruffs attended in Accra, where over 150 unengaged Unreached People Groups were adopted and will now have access to the Gospel.
- **Praise God** Bobby and Mandy got their truck and barrels out of the Tema port and to their house in Buiepe. They have passed two months in Buiepe and are having furniture made.
- **Praise God** for Moses, a Christian Gonja man the Ruffs has begun training to work at GILLBT recording and making oral tools for national Christians.

### Serving God Where We Are While Supporting Those Who Serve God Elsewhere.

God created each of us to serve Him, the Great Commandment and the Great Commission, to love Him and our fellow people, despite obstacles. Our evangelism and servant efforts elsewhere are only a partnership extension of what each of us is called by God to do in our own community, where we are. Transformational development focuses on reconciliation of broken relationships with God, self, others and creation. Teaching transformational development in a community leads to community transformation. *To live a life of significance and purpose, enlist in a great cause, one that helps people rather than harms them. If you want to matter, be involved in a cause that matters, be a catalyst for positive change.*



### September 2013 Finances

Balance 9/1/2013	6,690.79
September receipts	3,691.00
September expenses	2,833.93
<b>Balance 9/30/2013</b>	<b>7,547.86</b>
Churches	1,346.00
Individuals	2,345.00
<b>Expenses Detail:</b>	
100 Salary	1,200.00
130 Social Security	1,133.93
150 Housing allowance	500.00

### From Team Expansion's President

Dear Global Partner,  
I was recently scanning a web page with translations of the phrase, "thank you," into some 465 languages. I recognized several versions and smiled as I remembered them. I guess it turns out that, regardless of where one originates, there's always a way to show gratitude for "mercy" showed from one partner to another. If we had space this month, we'd list all 465 words, but maybe you'd start to get the idea after the first few lines -- that we're EXTREMELY grateful for your partnership in our shared global purpose. We want to share with others what God has shared with us: mercy, which is, in fact, very close to the French word for Thanks, which is also a great way to end this note to you! We appreciate you and your partnership!



Doug Lucas, President, Team Expansion

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## Thank You

Partnering with every successful ministry is a strong team of believers who are praying faithfully, investing financially, and supporting physically. Thank you for being my prayer and financial partners in advancing God's Kingdom in Africa. I couldn't do it without you, and feel privileged to be on the same team with you, honoring God by helping people improve their lives both spiritually and physically. It's your faithful support in prayer and financial gifts that allow me to use the gifts that God has given me to serve in Africa. Together, we can bring the good news to the people of Ghana. Your financial contribution is tax-deductible.

## Contact Us

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