



Community Transformation in the Squires Newsletter June 2013

Bobby and Mandy Graham arrive in Ghana on August 13!

My Team Expansion teammates Bobby and Mandy Graham and their three children Mikayla, Emma and Nicholas are scheduled to arrive in Ghana on August 13.

Training church leaders in Ghana: Praise God that the Ruff

Head Facilitator training for Kairos, in Kumasi, a large city in southern Ghana, went very well. (Kairos is an introduction or shortened version of the Perspectives on the Worldwide Christian Movement course.) Pray for the Ruffs as they plan for being Head Facilitators for the Kairos training with Ghana Institute of Linguistics, Literacy and Bible Translation (GILLBT) project managers and staff and hopefully various leaders they know in the Buipe area. Pray for the ability to offer training to key GILLBT project managers for the various people groups in Ghana. Praise God that the Communication Bridges to Oral Cultures at the Ruff

house in Buipe also went very well. Seventeen people from four different ethnic groups were represented and they were all excited to learn of this approach to church planting. It simplifies church in a village setting and some pastors that attended even used what they learned during their church service and have already reported how much they and their people like the story telling and discussion time. Pray for those who just attended the Communication Bridges to Oral Cultures training as they return to their villages and begin implementing what they learned. We pray that many new villages among the people groups that attended will soon be able to have a church. Praise God that the digitizing of GILLBT cassette recordings from different ethnic groups continues as well as the recording of story sets in languages from unreached people groups. The Ruffs are excited about the planning and further development of partnerships in getting these oral tools into the hands of trained leaders working among oral groups.

I have spent years encouraging Mother Tongue or local language literacy so people can read the Bible in their own language. However, in addition we also need to provide people who might not be used to or able to read, called oral cultures, ways to hear the Gospel message and share it with others. This is what I studied at the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics, GIAL, in order to help our training efforts listed above. As the community development coordinator I will help design, plan, organize, supervise and evaluate the development of an extension program based on changing attitudes and behavior by education and training, and the follow up of the resulting activities. I will design an extension program tailored to the needs of each area, train the extension personnel and compile lessons for them to teach. I will assist the church planting team to integrate participatory methods and other community development principles into workshops and training programs, and. encourage impact, local ownership and sustainability in church planting programs. I will train and follow up the work of the church workers and volunteers, and strengthen their leadership and extension skills, particularly in community development methodology, so that: 1) They have generally improved their extension skills, are stronger as community organizers, and are able to treat a wider range of problems. 2) They are stronger in capacity building, especially in terms of how to choose leaders and how to hold meetings where everyone participates. 3) They are trained in how to strengthen the committees in the villages, teaching people how to work together to accomplish goals and objectives and to solve problems. This training has led to previous co-workers becoming the president and secretary of the national church, and the church becoming an independent, self-governing partner church.



Kairos training of trainers from all over Ghana, with Terry and Amy Ruff.



Communication Bridges small group discussion to retell the Bible lesson and discuss it, with Amy Ruff.



Mike training church leaders in discipleship methods.

Praise & Prayer:

- Praise God my teammates Bobby and Mandy Graham and family are scheduled to arrive in Ghana on August 13.
 Please pray for Bobby, Mandy and family as they say their õgoodbyesö and move to Ghana. Pray for them in their travels, getting their truck out of port in Accra and getting settled in Buipe.
- Pray for us as we plan and strategize for the future. Key Ghanaians must be identified, recruited and trained to help record, train, plant churches, etc. Also key partnerships like Good News Productions, and sponsoring churches for the recordings and addition to the recording studios at GILLBT so we can also do some video recordings.
- Praise God for the three menøs retreats and the family camp I attended recently. I got to know some people better and met many new people.

Serving God Where We Are

While Supporting Those Who Serve God Elsewhere. My service is an example of how we are all called to obey Godøs Great Commandment to love Him and our fellow people. God created each of us to serve Him, despite obstacles, thus we are only fulfilling the purpose for which we were created. Are we quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger? How often do we encourage those around us? How often do we encourage our spouses, children, parents, other relatives, friends, neighbors, coworkers, others we know?



May 2013 Finances

Balance 5/1/2013	8,247.87
May receipts	2,318.00
May expenses	1,647.00
Balance 5/31/2013	8,918.72
Churches:	973.00
Individuals	1,345.00

Expenses Detail:

100 Salary	500.00
150 Housing allowance	500.00
630 Equipment	647.00

A more detailed financial report is available upon request

From Team Expansion's President

Dear Friend of the Great Commission,

Team Expansion people are passionate. In fact, we've identified 7 Great Passions that we all hold dear:

1) God - He's our reason. 2) Prayer - In fact, our org started in a prayer meeting in 1978. 3) People - God loved people enough to send his Son for them. 4) Effective Communication - We're all about heart language, relationships, and truth. 5) Making Disciples - This is the focus of the Great Commission. 6) Creative, strategic perseverance until the results are achieved - Taking the Good News globally is hard work. But we don't quit. 7) Growth - God seems so set on redeeming people from every tribe, caste and kindred. And he doesn't want just a few. Read Revelation. He wants thousands. These 7 passions ignite our hearts and our service. Thank you for undergirding the global work of Team Expansion.

Doug Lucas, President, Team Expansion



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Thank You

Thank you for being my prayer and financial partners. 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. Thanks to the churches. individuals and businesses for partnering with our effort financially.

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