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Why a Mission to Ghana? Church Planting Movements are needed in Ghana as some people groups are only 2% Christian. Team Expansion believes that the Church is God's instrument to complete the missionary task. Founded in 1978, Team Expansion advances the work of the body of Christ through a wide variety of *word and deed* ministries by identifying, selecting, training and sending men and women and integrating them into church planting movements. *Word and deed or holistic ministry* is the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all of its fullness and demonstration of Jesus Christ through meeting spiritual, physical, emotional, social or cultural needs, helping people improve their lives both spiritually and physically, in the context of church planting. Church planting is the only means to maintain real change and real hope from generation to generation in this world as nothing lasting happens apart from changing beliefs. Transformation of circumstances without transformation of belief to support changed practice will not endure.

Church Planting Movements

A church planting movement is a Spirit-directed, vision-driven, sustained expansion of Christ's Kingdom among a particular geographic or ethnic people. Our approach is to advance movements of the Gospel through the planting of reproducing, self-supporting, and self-governing churches, which live out a dynamic faith through trained and empowered leadership. It is our desire to disciple and equip nationals so that they are leading their own churches and reaching others in their country for Christ. This involves local people creating laymen-led house churches, which then create other laymen-led house churches and so on, as the early churches did. Missionaries and church leaders train these lay leaders and supervise how these house churches reproduce while clearly representing the Gospel message.

One of the methods we use for church planting is Kairos, which is an introduction or shortened version of the Perspectives on the Worldwide Christian Movement course. The Ruffs plan 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. The Communication Bridges to Oral Cultures is an approach to church planting that simplifies church in a village setting and some pastors that attended have already reported how much they and their people like the story telling and discussion time. These are some of ways we are training Ghanaians how to evangelize their neighbors.



Kairos training for Ghanaian church leaders.



Terry Ruff's class for Kairos training.



Prayer meeting involving the Grahams, who arrived in Ghana on August 13.

Praise & Prayer:

- **Praise God** my teammates Bobby and Mandy Graham and family have been in their house in Buipe for a few weeks and have been experiencing Gonja culture as they settle in.
- **Praise God** for two Gonja men who have made decisions for Christ recently. One was a co-founder of the village and a former fetish priest.
- **Praise God** for the growth of the church that meets in Kurawura Kura. A new children's ministry has begun with over 60 children and over 25 adults.
- **Pray** for the Grahams to get settled in and begin Community Health Evangelism (CHE) training, language learning, and community projects.

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. *Your life is a gift from God to be shared with others, so get involved with what God is doing in your community and the world.*



August 2013 Finances

Balance 8/1/2013 8,825.79

August receipts will be included in the September receipts due to the unavailability of the Forwarding Agent during August

August expenses 2,135.00

Balance 8/31/2013 6,690.79

Expenses Detail:

100 Salary 1,250.00

150 Housing allowance 750.00

650 Office Supplies in US 135.00

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.

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From Team Expansion's President

Dear Fellow Helper,

I serve on several teams. You probably do too. My family, International Services, Team Expansion, the soccer team I coach, the team of elders with whom I serve and the Missions Committee at church. You have a similar list. Many of us underestimate the degree to which we contribute to the teams of which we're a part. For example, check out the video at www.brigada.org/teamwork. (Thanks to my teammate, Al, for pointing me to this video.) Perhaps you never stopped to think that closing the lid on a piano could be a tangible part of the music. Maybe you also underestimate how thankful your favorite Team Expansion worker is for your prayers and your partnership. Perhaps you feel your gift is small. No matter. You're still part of the team, even if all you do is bump the lid of the piano. :-)) May God bless you!!!



Doug Lucas, President, Team Expansion

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