



July 2015

My computer power cord died on June 25 so I was unable to use the computer for 6 1/2 weeks until I received a replacement power cord from the US on August 9. During that time I worked on translating lessons from French as I used in Togo into English for use in Ghana. This newsletter is delayed also due to my continuing problems with Internet connections.

On July 4 I celebrated my birthday with my missionary teammates the Ruffs and Grahams at Fuller Falls, SW of Buipe.

I attended the Africa Missions Convention, "Africa: From Mission Field to Mission Force," July 8-10 at the University of Ghana in Accra. There were about 100 attendees from Ghana and Nigeria, as well as representatives from Uganda, Togo, the Central African Republic, and the US. It was quite encouraging to hear how Africans are evangelizing their fellow Africans. While there I discussed with one of the speakers, Doctor of Missiology Mark Harris, with whom I worked in Togo, as well as our mutual friend Pastor Palgrave of the J-Life Youth Ministry.

Janipe (Jan-i-pay) farmers planted soybeans to improve soil fertility but were hampered by lack of rain as we had 23 consecutive days without significant rainfall. They have started meeting together twice a month to discuss village problems.

Togo church leader Lari visited 18-21 July to resume working with me, Dindiok and Lamboni as part of our extension team. He was my housemate for four years in Kara, Togo while studying English at the University of Kara. He is the church secretary and community development coordinator, and a member of Wycliffe Togo.

Jared and Anna Odle and their six children are raising support to move to Buipe next year with another mission agency to partner with us Team Expansion missionaries. They will work in microfinance, giving out small loans to allow people to start businesses.

**My contact information: Smartphone number is 233-54-347-7770. Mailing address is PO Box 245ER, Tamale, Ghana, West Africa.** In addition to my monthly expenses there are start up expenses to pay, and money needed to buy a vehicle. Contributions can be sent to: Team Expansion c/o Mike Squires, 38451 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536-6030. **Online donations: [www.teamexpansion.org/give](http://www.teamexpansion.org/give)** Donors can set up a bill pay with their bank and then the check is mailed directly to the forwarding agent.



The Africa Missions Convention in Accra, Ghana July 8-10.



The new borehole and tank in Tuguyapalsi provides clean drinking water for 300 people.



23 Lito women were trained in how to make soap out of local resources.



Women in Lito participating in the Village Savings and Loan Association.

## Praise & Prayer

**Praise God** for the Africa Missions Convention: Africa Mission Field to Mission Force.

**Praise God** that Tuguyapalsi now has a borehole to provide clean drinking water!

**Praise God** for the soap-making training in Lito and Nwanpe.

**Praise God** that three members of my Togo extension team have joined our Ghana team.

**Pray** for steady rains through October to ensure a good harvest, especially as the Janipe farmers were delayed in planting their soybeans.

**Pray** for the soap-making training scheduled for Tuguyapalsi for late September.

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

God created each of us to love and serve Him and our fellow people as agents of change and transformation, the Great Commandment and the Great Commission, 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; and teaching transformational development in a community leads to community transformation.



### **June 2015 Finances**

Balance 6/1/2015	16,974.25
June receipts	2,993.00
June expenses	5,382.68
<b>Balance 6/30/2015</b>	<b>14,584.57</b>
Churches	1,638.00
Individuals	1,355.00
Field cash—starting balance	878.87
Field Cash—transfer in	3,500.00
Field Cash—expenses	3,437.77

#### **Expenses Detail:**

100 Salary	1,000.00
110 Medical Insurance	216.80
150 Housing Allowance	1,219.41
250 Training	1,074.83
740 Home Office Mission Share	100.00
800 Transportation	316.40
920 Bank Fees—wire	46.00
Field Cash 6/30/2015	941.10

### **From Team Expansion's President**

Dear Partners in the Gospel,

#### **Making Progress in Reaching Unreached People Groups and Cities**

Have you ever wondered whether or not we're making progress in finishing the task? In July 2012, we made a "Wall of Unreached Peoples" to inspire churches to pray for and 'adopt' unreached people groups (UPG's) around the world. Our Wall of Unreached Peoples encompassed nearly 7,000 UPG's (according to data from JoshuaProject.net). But we're about to reprint the Wall for this year's ICOM convention because now the total is closer to 6,500! That's a drop of nearly 10%! Granted, there are multiple reasons why the list is dropping, but either way, the task is getting easier. Want to learn more about how to help your favorite Team Expansion worker reach even more groups, thereby reducing the list even more? Just visit [www.U4theU.com/page](http://www.U4theU.com/page). Until there are no more unreached. Thanks for your partnership and thanks for helping your favorite Team Expansion worker!

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.

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