



January 2016

During January we taught “Changes in the Environment: Why and How to Protect the Environment to Have Enough Food, Water and Wood.” During our lesson in Nwanpe three trucks loaded up over 100 sacks of charcoal to sell in Buipe, right next to where we were teaching about deforestation. We had women trained to make and sell shea butter and soap so they wouldn’t need to sell so much firewood and charcoal. We will help each village with tree nurseries so they can replace the trees they are cutting down. Our choice of lessons is based on the needs identified by the people, helping them understand the causes of their problems. We help them develop an action plan to deal with the causes, and train them in each step. I thank you for your generosity in supporting these development activities! The more resources we receive the more of these activities we can organize.

Last year’s rains were insufficient, causing a bad harvest. Now the women of Tuguyapalsi are making shea butter and soap every day to buy food for their families. When we planned this income generating activity for the women we didn’t realize how crucial it would quickly become!

In January we continued planning the steps involved in disciple making movements, and the role community development plays. In March or April we will be joined by Jered and Anna Odle and their six children; then there will be 16 Americans in Buipe, Ghana. The cool, dry Harmattan winds are still blowing from the Sahara Desert hundreds of miles north of us, the air is still full of dust with poor visibility. Despite being on the Black Volta River Buipe has problems with clean drinking water shortages for its 8,000 inhabitants; two new boreholes were drilled but Buipe lacks the money to install pumps, so the next months will be challenging until after the rainy season starts in March.

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 Donors can set up a bill pay with their bank and then the check is mailed directly to the forwarding agent.



1) Women in Tuguyapalsi make shea butter and soap each day to buy food for their families after a poor harvest. Teaching “Changes in the Environment: Why and How to Protect the Environment to Have Enough Food, Water and Wood” 2) Mike and Abu teaching in Tuguyapalsi. 3) Dindiok and John teaching in Lito. 4) Stacks of sacks of charcoal for sale in Nwanpe, next to where we were teaching against deforestation.

Praise & Prayer

Praise God for the 321 people baptized and disciplined during 2015! Pray that they disciple others and develop into a disciple making movement.

Praise God for what the people learned from the lesson "Changes in the Environment." Pray they will start protecting the environment.

Pray that our future teammates the Odles will quickly finish raising their support and move to Buipe.

Pray for the water situation in Buipe as there are still two more months until rainy season.

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.



December 2015 Finances

Balance 12/1/2015	7,013.94
December receipts	4,523.00
December expenses	6,441.32
Balance 12/31/2015	5,095.62
Churches	1,973.00
Individuals	2,550.00
Field cash—starting balance	763.35
Field Cash—transfer in	5,000.00
Field Cash—expenses	4,427.82

Expenses Detail:

100 Salary	2,000.00
110 Medical Insurance	249.32
150 Housing Allowance	506.56
160 Utilities	59.32
250 Training	1,706.56
740 Home Office Mission Share	100.00
800 Transportation	155.38
Field Cash 12/31/2015	1,335.53

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

Please send financial support to:

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From Team Expansion's President

Dear Partners in the Gospel,

Making a Difference for the Kingdom

At the end of the day, we all long to make a difference in the Kingdom. The good news is, it's working. At the end of 2014, as measured by five very exacting criteria, we were operating full-tilt among 25 unreached people groups. Now, just one year later, measuring the same criteria, we're working among 77. Until last year, as an org, we had been averaging around 900 baptisms/year. But last year God allowed us to baptize 1,387. In similar manner, until last year, we had been starting around 70 new churches per year, but last year we launched near double that number (130). Combined attendance at churches we and our partners have launched has been rising, but last year it peaked at 17,446 attenders. Someone must be praying. Is it you? Thanks to your help, prayers and partnership, God is at work through your favorite Team Expansion missionaries!

Doug Lucas, President, Team Expansion

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