

GHANA - TOGO MISSION

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CBSNews

Persecuted but not defeated



David Potcholo at Baptism

David Potcholo used to be in the denomination- **International Mission of Christ for Salvation of Souls**. David has for months been teaching his congregation about the New Testament Church, even before his baptism. Just after his baptism, the persecution started. He was asked to hand over the keys to the apartment the denomination rented for him including any items in his possession. In spite of all these happenings, David is resolved never to go back to denominationalism. The few converts he has are worshiping with him under palm branches in a village near Kpalime.

David was compelled by his former church to refund CFA 90.00 used to pay his rent. David in the course of his work, has established five congregations which he was 'pastoring' before enrolling at CBS. Now he is worried about the future of these congregations still under his

care. I told him during my discussion with him that, CBS does not have the funds to adopt all these congregations. Brethren, what can we do to encourage him. Should we convert all these congregations to become Churches of Christ or leave them to continue as denominations? David informed me that he has decided to encourage all the preachers working with him to enroll at CBS in September 2015. David is married with three children.



Tsame church of Christ meets here

The Tsame congregation needs CFA 15.00 a month or CFA 180.00 a year to rent this land on which this structure stands.

Beme Church of Christ



This is the newly completed shed for the Beme Church of Christ. Kpakpabea the preacher is seen here teaching the Sunday morning bible class.



Section of Brethren worshipping at Beme.

Baptisms in the month of May



Lekiah- Nyiveme CoC David- CBS student



Addition to Zomayi COC/ Addition Nyiveme CoC



Additions to Hanyigba congregation



Congregations that Benefited from funds for Sheds

- 1 Hanyigba
- 2 Beme
- 3 Kpadape
- 4 Atakpame
- 5 Yorkele

Note: There are still several congregations that lack place of worship. Some are currently meeting in member's living room, which discourages visitors.

Due to the economy and the exchange rate of the dollar against the CFA a shed will cost \$600.00. You may contact me if you want to build one shed.

Adopted Congregations

- 1 Hanyigba Church of Christ
- 2 Zomayi Church of Christ
- 3 Kpadape Church of Christ

Two families have adopted three congregations in the Kpalime area. The congregations are listed above. Each adopted congregation is supported with a \$100.00 each month. You can also join in this effort to assist other young and struggling congregations in the Kpalime area.

Mini Gospel Chariot for Togo



The Gospel Chariot for Togo is almost ready for use. It has both sitting and cargo compartments. All the items needed for effective outreach have been purchased. The Chariot will be 'outdoored' with a three day campaign in Kpalime from the 24th of July-26th. The program will end with a worship service during which prayers of thanksgiving would be offered and the vehicle dedicated to God. Brethren have been invited from Lome and the Kpalime area to grace the occasion. The churches in Togo are grateful for this great tool for evangelism.



Above, students and preachers look on as David (in green T shirt) an electronic technician demonstrates how to use the equipments. He spent two days teaching all of us how to set up for an outreach program.

SAD NEWS- Twins discontinue studies at CBS.

Two of our students at CBS Sampson and Samuel were advised to discontinue their studies at CBS due to their frequent excuses to absent themselves from classes to meet their former church leaders. Sampson and Samuel (twins) were missionaries in a denomination supported to plant churches in villages. They had apparently signed a contract in which they had made some commitments binding on them. The owners of the church they used to work for are determined to prosecute them should they decide not to come back. They were also to refund all monies spent on them. Since we did not want to be involved in any litigation, we had to let them go. Our decision was informed by our experience with David Wama when CBS had to solicit help from Gabriel Oaks for his release from prison over a similar issue.

GHANA-TOGO MISSION

Dear Brother Gley,
Believing in your efforts in Ghana and Togo, I/we propose as the Lord enables, to donate generously to support this worthy cause. Enclosed you will find \$.....

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MARS HILL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



Mars Hill continues to progress as a new school in the district but we need funds for infrastructure development. The school plans to purchase a four acre land for the future home of Mars Hill. This would become necessary because the school currently operates on church property. As I have always said “ the school is a tool for evangelism”,since all the kids in the school are potential members of the Lord’s church including their parents. Please come and be part of this great idea and worthy cause.

Joint Service at Alikpoji



A joint service was organized by the fourteen congregations in and around the Kpalime area. This lectureship is an annual event which brings brethren together to discuss issues confronting

the church. The theme for this year’s lectures was “The Christian in the community”. There were 184 in attendance at this service. There was a fellowship meal after the service. Such meetings are used to encourage these new congregations.

Meeting with Church Leaders



During my recent visit to Kpalime, I had the opportunity to meet the area preachers to deliberate on issues affecting our outreach efforts. I also used the occasion to tell them about the Gospel Chariot, and how it will be used to serve our outreach needs in the region. We all agreed to organize an outreach program in Kpalime this July.

End of year Exam at CBS



All too soon, this batch of students are writing their final exams to bring the first year to a close. I was informed by the instructors that the students are doing well and are taking their lessons very seriously. I am greatly impressed by their courage to give up denominationalism and embraced the simple New Testament Christianity. Most of them have been persecuted but are resolved to continue as members of the Lord’s church. I know it has not been easy to make this decision but they did. Let us do all we can to encourage them.

Meeting with CBS students



On my recent visit to CBS in Kpalime, I had the opportunity to address the student body before they left on vacation. The key issue centered on where they will be working upon their graduation and how they will support themselves. I used the occasion to inform them that we have planned to give them some training in animal rearing and other income generating ventures.

The students expressed their thanks and appreciation to the teachers and Gabriel Oaks church for their support of the school.

Gospel Chariot Completes Volta Evangelism Tour



The Volta evangelism tour started on the 17th January from Prampram and ended in Kpasa in the Northern Volta. The team is made up of two drivers and two WBS workers whose core business is to enroll new students, conduct bible studies and follow up on students who have completed their lessons but need further studies. The Gospel chariot team spent three days in each town preaching, teaching and encouraging the Christians in the churches. Each night there is a film show on the life of Christ or Passion of the Christ followed by preaching to invite those who may be interested in baptism. Brethren we visited were required provide lodging and two meals a day. They were also to provide personnel to assist the Chariot team in organizing the daily activities. The mornings started with breakfast and then visit to the high schools in town and thereafter mount a canopy in a strategic location for the distribution of tracts provided by **Mission Printing**, enrolment of new wbs students and bible study. The evening programs started at about 4:30 pm when all the equipment are arranged and tested to make sure everything is working well. At exactly 7:00 pm, the film show starts in preparation for the preaching. The crowd is often given the opportunity to ask questions and the program comes to a close by 10:00 pm. It has been a fruitful exercise in spite of the many challenges the team was confronted with. We thank all those who support this mission with finances and prayers.

Facts and figures:

Congregations visited-	33
Baptisms-	138
Names enrolled	8,445
Tracts distributed	30,000 plus

World Radio programs

Report by: Sem Akumia

The current lesson on "Religious Authority" has attracted questions from more listeners. One of such listener, a church leader invited me to his home where we had a very lengthy discussion on the organizational structure of the church. He seems to be convinced but because he fears the loss of his job as a pastor in his denominational church, he continues to give excuses anytime we are scheduled to meet for further studies .Let us continue to pray for Pastor Daniel.

Kpalime, Togo



Cephas at Radio Plannet FM. 98.5

The World Radio presenter in Kpalime Togo is Cephas(principal of CBS). The program is aired each Sunday evening from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The theme for June was " Faith that saves" The program in Kpalime is impacting the Kloto region so much that the denominational pastors are beginning to ask " what must I do to be saved" this has resulted in a recent seminar organized for forty one (41) denominational church leaders and pastors.

During the month of June the radio program had (seven) 7 prospects who are currently studying with the church, and some have even visited. There were also (five) 5 phone calls. After each preaching session, listeners are given the opportunity to call into the program with questions and comments. We wish to thank our sponsors.

Anfoega Church of Christ dedicate's new Church building.



The Anfoega Church of Christ is less than ten years old but is an example of what a group of committed brethren can achieve if they put their mind to it.

I was part of team of preachers who were invited to participate in a lectureship organized by the church under the theme" The one another experience." I was assigned to speak on the topic "together" found in Acts 2:44" And all that believed were together..."and during the Bible class on Sunday, I spoke on the topic "encourage one another". Other speakers spoke on the following topics: comfort one another, love one another, honor one another and pray for one another.

The new building in the picture was dedicated just before the bible class. At the end of the service, the Lord added four (4) souls to the

Anfoega church of Christ. There were about two hundred present to grace the occasion.



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