



Koku & Akpene



Reaching the Unreached - Making Disciples - Planting Biblical Churches



Lome June 15th, 2022

Greetings to all,

Grace and Peace to you!

It is a great privilege to serve our Lord and King by proclaiming the Saving Gospel of Jesus in Togo (West Africa). God is working in the heart of people in Misahome and Dzagble. Akpene and I (Koku) sincerely wanted to thank you for your partnership. Together we can make a difference. Together, we could change the world to bring honor and glory to God. We have Good News from God to the world. Good News that brings salvation, joy, and hope. Why then do we not want to share God's Good News with people? Someone said that "Good news is good news when it gets there on time." Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. Go ye therefore, and teach all

nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (John 14:15; Matthew 28:18-20 [KJV]). Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I often tell my wife that God called us to return to Togo for one and only one purpose - to be a light and Salt, to make known His glorious name as God the Creator of heaven and the earth.

Because "they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things" (Romans 1:21-23 [KJV]). That is the context in which we are serving in Togo. We, God's people, must proclaim the wonderful name of Jesus. We must invest in God's work for His only glory (Romans 10:14-17). Paul, the unprecedented missionary, wrote to the Church in Rome, "We are God's fellow workers." God called us to be a partner with Him in His plan to save the lost world. Yes, we greatly appreciate your effort in advancing the kingdom of God around the world, but God needs more workers and more commitment from His people. "How will they preach unless they are sent"? (Romans 10:15 [NASB]).

In our previous letters, we shared our ministries' needs project 2021 with you for prayers and donations.

A couple of weeks ago, we received an email from our mission agency's Executive Director, Pastor Stephen Simpson, about these two projects. He said;

"...Lord willing, we will provide \$25,000 to help complete the two church land/construction projects you are working on". Praise God! God is good!

We are sincerely grateful to God for our brothers and sisters from this church for their sacrificial and cheerful giving. As Paul wrote to the Philippians Church, the exact words we would like to address to you; "I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen." (Philippians 4:18-20 [ESV]).

That has been said; we have come up with a new balance.

Misahome - **\$18000** was needed for the church building. Currently, it is fully provided

Dzagble - \$24000 needed for the property. **\$21187** was donated. **\$2813** still needed.

We praise God for your love for God and His work to save the lost sheep.



MOTHERS' DAY- MAY 29TH IN MISAHOME

Challenging our culture mindset from Genesis 1:26-27 concerning woman in African society. God created Adam and Eve equal in essence. "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

WOMEN PERFORMING THEIR SPECIAL SONGS

"The woman is the belt that holds the man's pants" (African Proverb).

We see how important is a woman for her husband? So, "Husbands, love your own wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her" (Ephesians 5:25 [NKJV]). Yes, I do love my wife, Akpene. She loves taking care of children in the church.

Please, pray for women in the church. Too many needs: widows, divorced living with children without parents. Within two weeks, we lost two women (Dofe and Ameyo) who attend our church. Both had health issues. Dofe, 35 years old, left 7 years old boy behind. Pray for both families for comfort.



CHILDREN AFTER THE SERVICE ON MOTHER'S DAY

Mom sharing foods and drink to their children.

An Indian proverb says; "If you teach a man, you teach a person. If you teach a woman, you teach a whole family" Wow!

Ministry Challenges

God moves people's hearts to faith in Christ in both churches. But as we already mentioned in our previous letters, we have significant challenges that we are dealing with in the village-Misahome: workers and leadership are the major challenges because of the lower education level. We did not find by now any believer who is spiritually and intellectually qualified to take over the leadership (Titus 1:5-9). We need a worker, a true believer who devoted his life to Christ to serve Him. A believer who can read and understand by himself. Currently, we have nobody at that level in the church of Misahome. Please, be patient with us regarding the ministry in that village and pray with us for God's calling for His work.



MATTHEW 28:18-20

Pastor Kavi and brother Yves performing a new believer's baptism -Dzagble.

We will be having VBS **on June 28-30**. Brothers and sisters will come from Lome to help. Please pray for this great opportunity to share the Good news of Jesus with children in Misahome. We are praying that three hundred fifty (350) children attend our VBS. So, pray for God's grace upon this special event.



CHURCH BUILDING IN MISAHOME

The first step requires making bricks. We need cements and sand to make bricks. We sincerely appreciate your investments in this ministry.



HELPING OUR CHILDREN TO IMPROVE THEIR READING SKILL.

Alex attend our church in the village. He is in 6th grade, but can't read a 1st grade book. So, we decided to help him and others.



MAY 15, 2022- AKPENE'S BIRTHDAY

A special day celebration at Chilliloco restaurant -Lome Airport.

Thank you all for your birthday wishes and cards!

Prayer Requests

- Pray with us for God's calling for the leadership in Misahome.
- Pray for the believers in Misahome to be fully committed to God and grow in their relationship With Him. Alcohol is the major cause for men's spiritual growth in the church (addiction). It is part of their daily life. Please pray for Koffi, Kokou, Andrew, Kokou, Kossi and Ignace.
- Pray also for the construction work - the church building and eventually Sunday school classes for children
- Pray for the chieftaincy issue in Misahome.
- Pray for ministry opportunities. Lome will be our new target on 2023. Please pray for God's direction and provision..
- Pray for missionaries and missions work in Togo and other parts of the world.
- Pray for Faith Baptist Mission for God's blessings upon their vision and ministries.
- Pray for the laborers (Luke 10:2).
- Pray for the war in Ukraine.
- Pray for the evil doers- Putin- that God touches his heart to stop killing innocent people.

Dear partners, thank you for your faithful and sacrificial investments for the sake of the Gospel. People can hear the Gospel of Jesus in Misahome, because of your support and prayers. Thank you for choosing to be part of our missions teamwork. The Lord bless you richly!

"My beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the **Lord**, knowing that your toil is not in vain **in the Lord**" (1Corinthians 15:58).

We pray for you and your family often.

We love,
We share,
We serve

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