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SPECIAL TOGO '26 REPORT



God's Blessings in Togo

I love West Africa. I love the hunger and humility of West African pastors. I love the spirited singing of hymns and the joyful hearts of the people in village churches. I love seeing God provide amazing safety during all the wild and crazy driving. I love observing God greatly bless the preaching, the soulwinning, the teaching, and the question-and-answer sessions.

I and others had anticipated Togo '26 for many months. A good number of churches and individuals gave so graciously to make the trip possible. Though Pastor Neal could not go on this trip, he was the one who made sure it went forward, prayed much, and repeatedly led our home church in pausing to pray for us. Let me say thank you to our churches, friends, and Pastor Neal because God did an amazing work and showed Himself mighty. God's blessing on this trip was so evident that I could only say, "GOD did that!"

The Great Commission Mission Conference in the south lasted several days, and God blessed with an attendance of more than 160 people, including 8 national pastors. All together, I taught or preached twelve different times. Our primary contact in the area, Bro. Goungampo, said the conference was exactly what the people needed and that it was a great help to the pastors. After the teaching session on Saturday morning, the group of more than 100 people went into the streets to witness to those who were out and about. A total of 76 souls were saved that morning, and 79 professions of faith were recorded that weekend at Bread of Life Baptist Church. Praise the Lord!

Four people made up Team Togo '26. Every member of our team had the opportunity to see someone trust Christ on Saturday morning. Though the people speak French, we were able to witness through interpreters. Our team saw five souls saved. Each of us also taught a Sunday school class. We brought some items that had been donated to GCM. First, we delivered a trumpet to a young man in a village church who knew how to play but did not have an instrument. Second, we provided a Gloria Hymn Player, a portable electronic hymn accompanist, to a village church that did not have a keyboard or anyone who could play one. Both gifts were greatly appreciated and immediately used. Although we faced challenges from the heat, long services, and extensive travel over rough roads, the team maintained a great spirit. While we witnessed a couple of vehicle and pedestrian accidents and traveled during peak mosquito season, the entire team returned to America safely and in good health.

The GCMC in northern Togo required an eleven-hour drive to a village church near Dapaong. Because it took one full day to travel there and another full day to return, only one day was available for the conference itself. Once again, God blessed in an amazing way. More than 200 people attended, including 16 pastors. One prominent national pastor told Bro. Goungampo, "Somebody must be praying much for this meeting." He explained that it had rained every day for the previous four days. Had it rained again on the day of the conference, approximately two-thirds of the attendees would not have been able to travel there. God was so good to us in holding back the rain.

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PRAY FOR LABORERS



Teaching being translated into French and local dialect



GCMC well attended from several different village churches



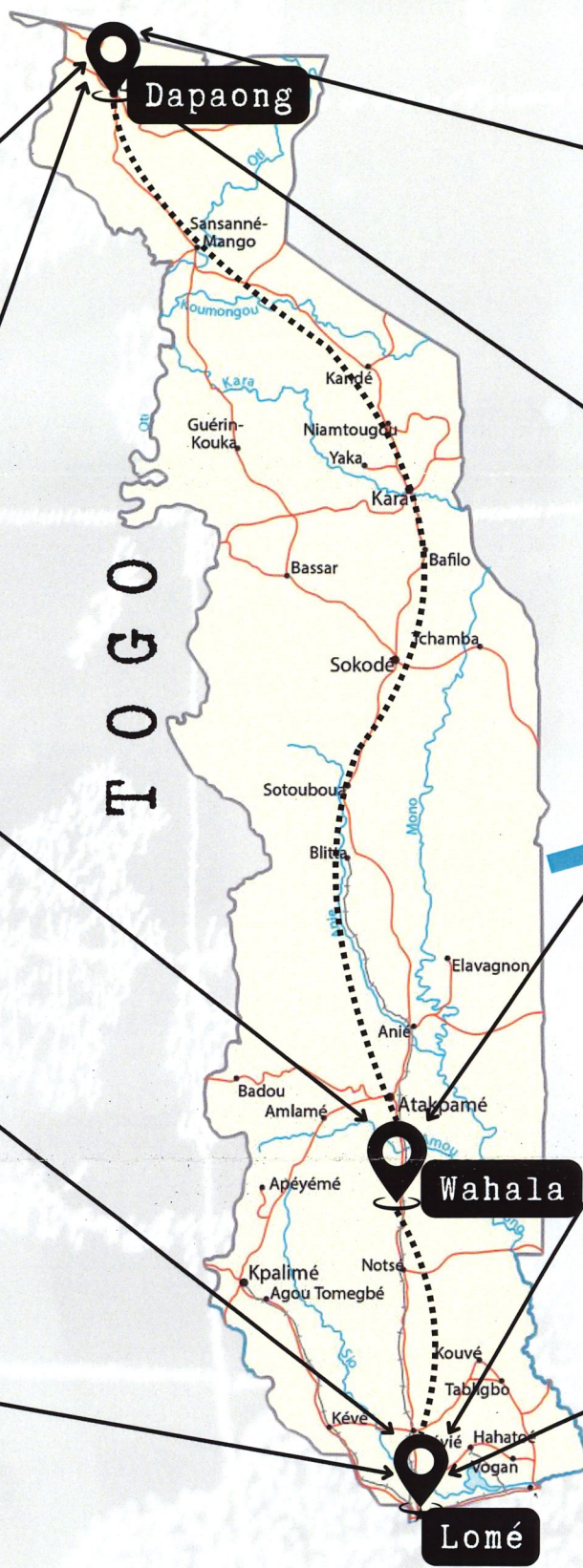
Pastor & Mrs. Agrisaki of Immanuel Baptist Church of Wahala



Bro. Adkins preaching to the youth with interpreter Paul Goungampo



Sunday afternoon service with Pastor Agbeli whose great burden is to reach more villages



Local pastors coming for additional teaching from I and II Timothy



Many children with their new friend, Bro. Adkins



Soccer played with a deflated ball and large rocks for a soccer goal



GCMC in the village of Agoe at the Bread of Life Baptist Church



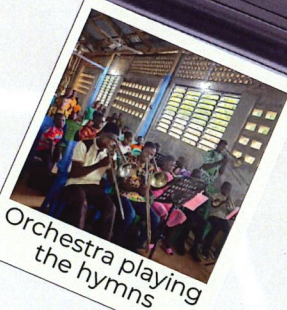
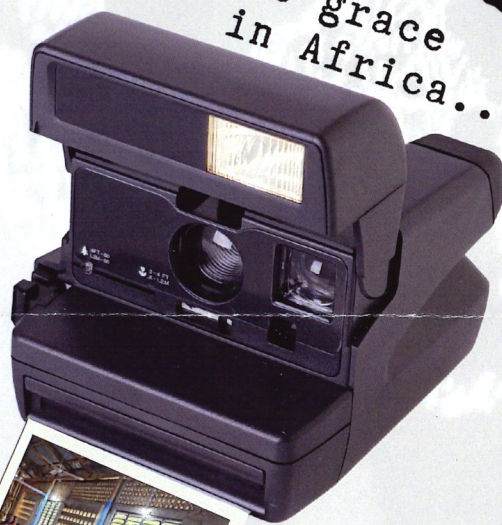
People getting their soulwinning partners before hitting the streets to be a witness

Benin	Burkina Faso	Cape Verde	Ivory Coast	The Gambia	Ghana	Guinea	Guinea-Bissau
							
15.2 million	24.6 million	.5 million	30 million	2.8 million	35.7 million	14.8 million	2.2 million
French	French	Portuguese Creole	French	English	English	French	Portuguese Creole

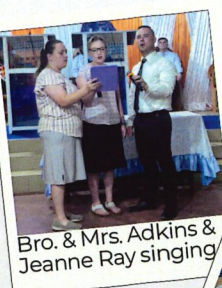
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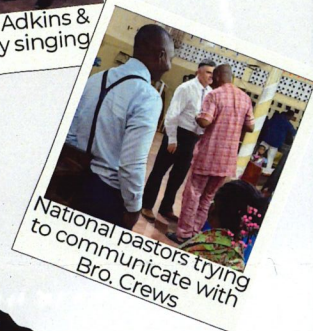
Snapshots of
God's grace
in Africa...



Orchestra playing
the hymns



Bro. & Mrs. Adkins &
Jeanne Ray singing



National pastors trying
to communicate with
Bro. Crews



Great meal from
Mrs. Goungampo



Togo tradition of
pounding the Fufu

Liberia	Mali	Mauritania	Niger	Nigeria	Senegal	Sierra Leone	Togo
							
5.7 million	24.5 million	5.3 million	27.5 million	242 million	18.5 million	8.8 million	9.5 million
Liberian Creole	French/Bambara	Arabic/French	French/Hausa	English/Hausa	French/Wolof	English/Krio	French

DID YOU Know?

I would like to mention a couple things regarding future ministry in West Africa. Here is an important statement:

The opportunity for influence is an opportunity for lasting fruit. One of the great blessings of our time spent in Togo is how eager the people are for us to return. We have their attention, and our influence is very welcome there. Because these pastors know other pastors, our next trip to Togo will have an even broader influence. Several pastors in north-central Togo and southern Benin whom we did not meet on this trip plan to attend our next conference. The significant impact we are making means more soulwinners will be trained, more churches will be planted, and more souls will be saved across West Africa.

It is important to note that French is the primary or official language for 8 of the 16 countries that make up West Africa, including Togo. More than 173 million people live in these 8 countries. In total, there are more than 20 French-speaking countries in Africa. I would like to learn French so I can better serve in West Africa. I am praying that God will provide the funds for an online French-language tutoring program. Depending on the program, the cost ranges from \$1,300 to \$2,100. Knowing French would help me navigate these countries more effectively and would increase the influence and the potential impact on the people of West Africa. Please pray that God will provide for this language program and give me the ability to learn the language well.



God's Blessings in Togo, Continued...

The pastors and the people listened attentively and absorbed the teaching. Many questions were asked about reaching people and loving people. We planned to end by 12:30 p.m. so that those who had traveled long distances could return home before dark. Yet at 2:00 p.m., we were still going, and the people did not want to leave. Bro. Goungampo dismissed the people shortly afterward for a small lunch that had been provided. Then he threw me a curveball. He said that some of the pastors were concerned about fellow pastors possibly leaning toward heretical teaching. He wanted me to address this with all the pastors after their meal. God gave me thoughts on "sound doctrine" and "continue thou" from I and II Timothy. I firmly admonished them to remain true to the Word of God and to the truth they had been taught. The pastors were helped and strengthened. It was a joy to meet with these men who expressed sincere appreciation for the teaching.

Because of this trip, several church plants are closer to becoming a reality. Bible studies are being held in villages where churches are needed. Thousands of dollars will be required to purchase land and construct church buildings, but God is able! Pray that we can help Pastor Agbeli start another church from his church near the border of Togo and Ghana. Also pray that the Lord will provide large donations for church planting efforts and more GCM Accelerators at \$10 month, which will help fund future church plants.

Here is my heart: Though I am very excited and thankful for what God has done, I cannot help but think about what still needs to be done. We are only scratching the surface of what God can do in Togo and throughout West Africa. There is a great need for more teaching, training, and church planting. Please pray that God will enable us to complete deputation quickly, to walk through more open doors, and to see great things accomplished for His glory.

- David Crews, *Director*

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