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Foreign Mission Activities

Burkina Faso Mission Report

On Thursday, October 14, Brother G.K. Ajayi, the secretary to the forward mission team which went to Burkina Faso last month delivered a mission report to the entire mission group at the WECA Headquarters.

Objectives

The objective of the mission was to facilitate the effective start-up of the Apostolic Faith work in Burkina Faso. The specific objectives include the followings:

- Encouragement and consolation of a traumatized Church
- Upgrading of leadership operations and performance
- Effective start-up of worship and mission activities
- Improvement of the worship environment
- Revival and evangelistic crusade
- Rallying of community support for the Church
- Collection of necessary statistical information for strategic action plan,

Persecutions

From the report, it was gathered that the leader of the work in Burkina Faso, Brother Flavien Tapsoba was formerly the President of another church. After he came in contact with the Apostolic Faith and got his Christian experiences, he tried to make the members of his church to embrace the Bible doctrines as taught by the Apostolic Faith. After over ten years of prayers in this regard without any appreciable change for the better, he had no choice but to leave with a band of truth-loving people to begin the Apostolic Faith Church on ground zero. The people in his former church did all they could to frustrate the people that followed him, forcefully dispossessing them of their accommodation, motorcycles, bicycles, donkeys, farm implements and salaried jobs which that church had given them.

Needs

From the words of Brother Tapsoba, there was urgent need for church buildings and vehicles. Many of the churches worship under trees and in sheds (the visits of the mission team to Kondrin and other Church locations confirmed Brother Fla-

vien's statements).

The District Superintendent held several meetings with the leadership to encourage them. He told them that Worship and Mission are the core of Apostolic Faith work and so Worship and Mission performance in Burkina Faso must improve.

There are three mission fields in Burkina Faso —Metropolitan mission in the heart of Ouagadougou, Sub-urban mission, and Rural mission

The Burkina Faso Church was weak in all three areas and only has marginal presence in the sub-urban and urban missions. This is due mainly to inadequate resources.

The sub-urban mission must be strengthened to develop the capacity for the metropolitan and upgrade rural mission activities and this necessitates having a befitting church with an environment decent enough to attract urban people and dignitaries

The development of a sub-urban church building will be by the partnership of WECA HQ and the Burkina Faso Church

Services and Outreaches

Services were held in Ouagadougou where many were blessed. There were meetings with ministers, workers and Sunday school teachers where the principles of the gospel were expounded. Mission outreach meetings were held in 8 branches which were widely scattered around

the country (see table below)

Location	Date & Time of Visit	Attendance (excluding team)	Place of Worship
1. Kondrin-75 km from Ouagadougou	September 27, 11:25 a.m.	47	A shed
2. Zigla 100 km from Ouagadougou	September 27, 3.08pm	62	Under a Tree
3. Pasbtenga 85km from Ouagadougou	September 27, 3.08pm	40	Under a very poor shed
4. Tengtenga 100 km from Ouagadougou	September 27, 7.15pm	138	Good church building that can sit 300
5. Kataga 85 km from Ouagadougou	September 27, 10.20 pm	6	Poor shed
6. Koussana 151 km from Ouagadougou	September 28, 6.05pm	67	Good church building strategic location for outreach to Mali
7. Yake 163 km from Ouagadougou	September 28, 11.55pm	34	Good church building
8. Tambogo 60 km from Ouagadougou	September 28, 3.45am	41	Good and fairly big church building

At the end of the visit, the following strategic action response were decided:

October – December 2010:

- Sending of workers (minister/Sunday school teacher/experienced chorister) from Lagos/Cotonou to stay for three months for upgrading of worship and mission activities (Sunday school teaching, preaching, music, prayer meet-

ings, and evangelism

- Purchase of and gift of music instruments
- Construction of a modest headquarters church building in collaboration with Burkina Faso Church
- Digging of a well in Kondrin
- Preparation and legal perfection of Church land documents in Kondrin
- Follow-up and conclusion of land procurement in Zigla

January – March 2011:

- Construction of church building in Zigla and Pasbtenga in collaboration with Burkina Faso Church
- Bringing ministers, teachers and choristers trained in Burkina Faso to Lagos for perfection of their skills
- Partnership of WECA HQ and Benin in active participation in preparation for, and execution of, Burkina Faso camp-meeting
- Using camp-meeting as training ground for Burkina Faso leadership and workers
- Staging of musical concert during the camp-meeting
- Purchase of vehicle early enough for camp-meeting use

April – June 2011:

- Construction of church building in Kondrin in collaboration with Burkina Faso Church

Home Mission Activities

Oyo District

On Saturday October 2, the District Superintendent and some brethren went to Oyo District for the weekend. Activities carried out during the visit are:

- A joint Sunday school teachers conference for the district at the Oke-Ado headquarters on Saturday
- Visit to Boluwaji, Olorunsogo, Akinfenwa and Idi-Ape, Oke-Bola, Odo-Ona Elewe, Omi-Adio and Apata branches on Saturday and Monday.
- Meeting with the leadership to discuss the strengthening and upgrading of its operations
- Joint district worship meetings on Sunday morning and evening

Lagos North

The DS visited Oke-Aro, the Lagos North headquarters on Sunday, October 24. In the evening of that day, a new branch church was commissioned by him at Akute, Lagos North District. The new branch had been a Bible Study Centre for some years. A week revival meetings followed the commissioning. The pastor of the new church is Brother Isaac Daodu.

Ikot Enwang Region

A Forward Mission team went to Ikot Enwang Region on Wednesday, October 13, 2010. The DS joined the team on Friday 15th October and returned on Monday 18th October, 2010. The itinerary is shown

DATE	ACTIVITY
Fri, Oct 15	Revival Service at Calabar
Sat, Oct 16	Regional Combined Sunday School Conference at Ikot Enwang
Sun, Oct 17	Devotional service at Ikot Enwang
Sun, Oct 17	Evening Service at Uyo

During the visit, the Managements and leadership structure for the region and its constituents Districts were constituted.