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SHEFFLER UPDATE - July 2020

Dear friends and supporters,

Pandemic Challenges:

Once again, we thank God for his grace and strength during this Covid-19 pandemic. **We thank our supporters for their faithful contributions during these economically challenging times.** We thank God the African leaders are finding ways to continue the Lord's work under the restrictions in place for their health.

Normally, at this time, I am making plans to travel for the annual **board meeting of Christian Leadership Training Institute.** Board members from Nigeria, Liberia, Ivory Coast and the USA travel to Ghana in September every year for the meeting. This year we are **setting up a ZOOM internet connection for the meeting.** We will miss the fellowship and encouragement enjoyed before, during and after the meeting. However this is the best choice. Borders of some African countries including Ghana are still closed. Board members may not be able to travel in or out when September arrives. Also, we want to do our part to slow the spread of the virus.

GHANA

The response to our request for funds for sewing machines to help girls in poverty avoid unwanted marriage has been wonderful. Ten machines have been paid for. Kingsley Laryea only requested five. The funds for ten have been transferred. I hope to have feedback for you on the project by the end of September.



The re-recording of Konkomba TEE lessons into MP3 format is progressing well. It took Daniel Marley, a Konkomba church planter, three weeks away from his home to complete six TEE courses. He will soon return to the Institute office to continue the work.

Emmanuel Boafo and Daniel Marley working on MP3 lessons.

Emmanuel Boafo has converted seven TEE courses in the Twi language from audio tapes to MP3 format.

NIGERIA

Worship service at the Calabar Church is back to normal. Special events that were put on hold because of the pandemic are now taking place including a wedding that was originally scheduled for May. A week of encouragement for men has been completed. The annual women's seminar is scheduled for August 9-10 and the Youth Camp for August 26-29.



The Youth of the Ekori area are on an evangelistic tour to encourage the zeal and commitment of the youth in their seven churches.

Sunday Obeten is raising funds for a borehole well to provide safe drinking water for the community. The cost

will be between five and six thousand dollars.

Sadly, Omini Bassey, a young preacher, died of cancer after several surgical operations on his neck. Many of you prayed for him and some sent financial help for the medical costs. Pray for Agnes Oko as she battles breast cancer.

PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUESTS:

- 1. Thank God for funds for ten sewing machines to help poor young girls avoid unwanted marriage.**
- 2. Thank God for the progress in preparing TEE lessons in MP3 format for church leaders who cannot read English.**
- 3. Thank God for internet services that enable us to conduct business, worship and hold events that we otherwise could not during this pandemic.**
- 4. Thank God that the Lord's work is getting back to normal in Nigeria.**
- 5. Pray for Agnes Oko as she battles breast cancer.**
- 6. Continue to pray for wisdom for our political and spiritual leaders during this pandemic.**
- 7. Pray that this pandemic will cause many to think seriously about their eternal future.**