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SHEFFLER UPDATE - APRIL 2023

GHANA – thirty-five are ready to be baptized

Christian Leadership Training Institute:

Francis Afrifa-Konadu, supervisor for extension classes, and his wife, Georgina, made a **tour from their resident area of Tamale in Northern Ghana to the capital city of Accra** located on the shores of the Atlantic. They visited extension classes and churches along the way. They held **seminars on the tools (strategies) for soul winning** that Francis is developing. Extension students and church leaders attended the seminars. Part of the seminar was doing house-to-house evangelism using the tools they learned.



During the tour 35 were ready to be baptized, however they will have to wait until the rainy season when sufficient water is available. The rains start in late April and early May.

One church planter noted that it was the first time Muslims responded to their house-to-house evangelism. Muslims allowed them to offer prayers in the name of Jesus and some

responded with an *amen*. One church asked them to stay an extra day and teach the members two of the tools they use. Several churches invited them to come back and give more training.

Church Planters:

Two young men, **James and Bismark**, began training at a resident Bible school to prepare them for church planting. They will work in the Chamba area when they complete the training. James will replace Kingsley Laryea when Kingsley retires. James has been assisting Kingsley, but he has never had formal training until now. Bismark will be his assistant.

National Easter Convention:

The Convention takes place every two years. It begins on Thursday and goes through the evening of Easter day. There will be preaching, Bible studies, activities for the youth and witnessing in the community. **About two thousand may attend the convention.** The convention will be held at Kintampo where our church planter, Daniel Marley, is establishing a new congregation. **Daniel was recently diagnosed with hepatitis C.** Please pray for him as he hosts this large gathering and struggles with the sickness. Some of you will receive this in time to pray for him before the convention.

NIGERIA AND LIBERIA FACE HARDSHIPS

Failing economy, elections and political failures are giving Christians in Nigeria and Liberia serious challenges. Sunday Obeten in Nigeria is helping Christians endure the stress with messages on the hope, strength and true rest that is found in Jesus. In times like these, we must remember we are the Children of God, **this is not our home, we are only passing through to our eternal inheritance with Jesus Christ our Saviour.** Our true treasures are not stored on this earth.

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We thank God that extension classes are continuing well in the Abidjan metropolitan area. **There are four classes and three teachers with a total of 25 students.** Two classes are in the Twi language for Ghanaian immigrants. There is a class in English and one in French. The students are from other countries who migrated to Abidjan for employment. One student, a lady, has used the things she learned to witness to others. Her witness is recruiting new students for the class. Pray for the health of Roujee Morris. He is finding it difficult to walk and communicate. Pray for Juliet who works with a Ghanaian leader to manage the classes.

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PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. Thank God for the successful seminars on soul winning**
- 2. Praise God for the 35 who are ready to be baptized.**
- 3. Ask God to send the seasonal rains soon so the 35 can be baptized soon.**
- 4. Pray for Daniel Marley as he hosts the National Easter Convention at Kintampo. Pray that he will recover from the hepatitis C.**
- 5. Ask God to give safe travels and good health to those who attend the National Easter Convention.**
- 6. Ask God to give peace and faithfulness to Christians in Nigeria and Liberia as they face economic and political problems.**
- 7. Pray for the health of Roujee Morris and for his wife Juliet as she manages the extension classes.**