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Dear Pastor and Brethren,

May 2017

May our warm greetings reach you in our Lord's love. We have another opportunity to give an update on the Lord's work here. In Acts 26: 17, 18, the Lord, speaking to Paul about the Gentiles, said "... *I send thee, to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, an inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me*". What a joy for us to see what the Lord said in this passage happening in the lives of many around here. Aren't you glad the Lord has associated you and us in this soul saving business?

At **Hope Baptist Church**, Dapaong, since the inaugural services on February 12<sup>th</sup>, the Lord has been giving "the increase". The attendance we have had on the Sundays that followed was actually beyond our expectation. Providing seats for everyone and organizing kids' Sunday school became a problem; I mean a good one. We would like to break the kids Sunday school into two classes but we have no room even for one. There is a need for kids' Sunday school material. The teachers who are very young in the Lord are having a hard time handling the kids. Please be in prayer with us for good solutions to these good problems. Bro. Emmanuel, our co-worker here needs our prayers as he considers getting married. He also needs a motorbike for the ministry. In April, a young man of about 17 years old who made a profession of faith while we were there in February passed away accidentally. While this was a mournful time for his family and the church, we believe he is with the Lord.

We are praying for the church building for the brethren at Lassa. The name of this embryonic church is the **Word of Life Baptist Church**. Our goal is to finish the construction work we started a month ago and then launch an evangelism campaign by October or November. We would like you to pray with us for the Lord's provision in the construction work. The land we purchased for the church here is on a rocky hill. While this is an ideal place to have a church building, it gives us more work and more expenses. We are praying for \$5 000 to complete the construction work.

We are still asking the Lord to provide land for our second embryonic church, **the Way of Heaven Baptist Church** at Kétao. For the meantime, the brethren here hold their Sunday morning and Thursday evening church services in a rented room. The problem is, the place is not appropriate for worship. Let me remind you that this is my home village. This large village holding one of the largest markets in Togo has no Baptist Church. A good number of people here claim to be Catholics whereas they still worship idols overtly. We would like you to pray for the Lord's direction and provision in the establishment of this new church.

In October, **the Redeemer Baptist church**, Davié, will be having its third anniversary. Last Friday I met the coming baptism candidates. It was a blessing to listen each of these seven (7) ladies and gentlemen giving their testimony of conversion. This is how we make sure they are really saved before baptizing them. Their baptism is scheduled on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>. Bro. Fofu and Charles are doing a discipleship work in order to establish the faith of these new converts. Please be in prayer with us for the spiritual and numerical growth of this church.



As you can see this picture, the church building in construction is almost ready for the mezzanine's concrete at Avinato (Madjikpeto). To do the concrete, we need about \$8,000. We are currently raising funds to this end. A couple of church members including the song leader, had road accidents in these last months. Please be in prayer with us for the brethren here. They made up their mind to pray more. Thus, after each Sunday morning services they stay and pray up to twelve.

Bro. Tasmare, our co-worker at **Faith Baptist Temple, Notsé**, would like us to thank the Lord for adding new converts to the church these last months. He said the teaching on "Giving" by Bro. David has revolutionized their offerings. They gave beyond their budget whereas they never reached before since the beginning of this year.

At **Good News Baptist Church**, the emphasis is put on evangelism this year. In order to implicate the whole church in this endeavor, the church was divided into four groups. Thus, every week there is a group on duty.

The brethren at **Good Shepherd Baptist Church** are currently mobilizing their means to make the cement blocks for their future church Temple. Our goal here is to start the church temple construction by 2018. A lady and two girls are found to be possessed with demons. Bro. Raphael is currently working with them. He and his wife got a new baby-boy on April 7<sup>th</sup>. This is their third boy. They are planning to have a Bible conference in the beginning of June on "The Spiritual gifts".

At **Savior Baptist Church**, we are doing all that is in our power to get the Church ready for both the Temple dedication and the autonomy. We are planning these two events for December, knowing that we will not be able to come to the end of the building finishing work. This is our missions' basis: while all other churches being planted become independent, we will keep leaning on this church to continue our missions work. We invite you to join us on this occasion. We expect Dr. Steve Williams, HBM missions' director, Kris, his wife and Abbey their daughter. One of our goals is to reach an average attendance of 300 hundreds adults. To this end we are putting a great emphasis on door-to-door soul winning. Please pray that our Lord makes all this possible.

The Redeemer House kids are doing well. Last month, we received a total amount of \$374 designated for the orphanage. Such an additional support is of a great help. Thank you for helping us to help the girls and boys at the Redeemer House.

I have been feeling a kind of pressure or burden to write books in French. I have just finished my first book entitled The Path to Divine Blessing and Prosperity. This is to address prosperity Gospel by showing the scriptural view of blessing and prosperity. I am currently writing a book entitled Disciples' Makers. As you can guess, this is on Evangelism.

At our Bible Institute this quarter, I am teaching Revelation III, Creation versus Evolution and II Timothy. Please pray that the Lord help me to publish these two books. I need wisdom and spiritual insight to write as many books as the Lord will direct me. Justine's diabetes is not stable at all. As a result she has infection very often. As I write you this Prayer Letter she is hospitalized for infection and malaria. Please pray for her. Joash is doing well with his college studies in Canada. Lemuel and Eliel are doing well too.

Here is April average attendance:

CHURCH	APRIL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE				NEW MEMBERS
	SUNDAY MORNING		SUND. EV.	WED. EV.	
	Adults	Children			
Savior Baptist Church	282	143	131	122	13
Good News Baptist Church	138	80	80	64	
Good Shepherd B. C.	90	77	46	49	05
Conqueror Baptist Church	100	96		39	10
Faith Baptist Temple	79	61	44	40	
Redeemer Baptist Church	41	66		41	
Hope Baptist Church	51	67	90		

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