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Harvest Baptist Missions
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Dear Pastor and Brethren,

December 2018

Our ministry activities have been so dense these last two months, that we can only highlight some key events.

Pastors training at Kpalimé

Two days Pastors training at Kpalimé helped me to realize that much is given to me in terms of training compared to these men of God. One preacher said this: "How could we know these things if someone like you does not teach us?" I am so thankful to the Lord for giving me such a privilege to share some of the things He took time to teach me with these men of God.

Bible Institute

Teaching a class on Evangelism, "Evangile & Evangélisation" prompted me to ponder a lot on the subject. Please, pray with me so that my next book on the subject entitled "Faiseur de Disciples" (Disciples Maker) be edited by February 2019.

The Williams in Togo (November 9 to November 18, 2018)

It had been a privilege for us to receive the Harvest Baptist Missions Director, Dr. Steve Williams and his wife Kris and their daughter Abbey. This is Steve and Kris' second visit and we wanted them to see, feel and experience as much as possible of what the Lord is doing.

We thank God for giving them health and strength they needed to carry out all the activities on the very busy schedule we had for them under such hot weather. They arrived on late Friday evening and on the following day from 8 am to 12 Steve and Kris conducted a married conference at Savior BC. Their teaching on "*Developing Oneness in Marriage and Ministering to Your Spouse*" no doubt challenged and changed many lives. A lady among the 220 participants bore testimony that the teaching solved her problem

Sunday 11/11 in the morning, Dr. Steve taught in Sunday school and then preached at Savior BC on "Having a Proper Biblical Response During Times of Trial, Suffering and Difficulty". In the evening, he delivered the same practical message at Good Shepherd BC.

Monday 11/12 we got on the road to Dapaong. After 8 hours of driving, we arrived at Dapaong located in the North of the country and had a baptism services late in the evening. Early in the next morning, we had a church services at Hope Baptist Church (one of our young missions' churches). After the church services, we got

back on the road and reached Kara, our next destination by noon. We were able to visit our two embryonic churches' sites.

On Wednesday 11/14, we drove back to Lomé by 3 pm. Just a time to eat and take shower and drove to Davié for the Wednesday evening services at Redeemer BC. The Redeemer House orphans were so happy as each one of them received a bag containing various gifts from the hands of Kris, Abbey and Steve.

Thursday 11/15 in the morning, we took our guests to our capital city market where they were able to get some souvenirs made in Togo. Around 4:00 p.m. we got on the road to our next church, Faith Baptist Temple, Notsé. Our return to Lomé was by night around 10:00 p.m.

On Friday 11/16 in the morning Bro. Steve and Kris conducted training sessions with the Church Leadership Teams. After a time of questions and answers on various topics in the combined session, Bro. Steve taught on *"Basics on Biblical Counseling"*. During the split session, Kris taught wives on *"Being an Encouragement to Your Husband in Ministry"*. These sessions brought unto all of us a lot of light on the subject of counseling and equipped us to be effective as we deal with people.

Saturday 11/17 was a special day: Savior Baptist Church celebrated the autonomy services. During these five hours of celebration, five choirs from our mission's churches sang, praising and giving thanks to God for bringing into existence Savior Baptist Church. The 385 participants were blessed by the song from Kris and Abbey. Again Bro. Steve shared a message entitled *"How to Be a Good Church Member"* and proclaimed the autonomy of the Church.

On Sunday 11/18 in the morning, Bro. Steve taught and preached at Good News BC. Kris and Abbey on their part ministered to the Church through their song. In the evening after ministering to the brethren through their teaching and song at Conqueror Baptist Church during the evening church services, the Williams family headed back to change and get to the airport. This concluded their busy stay in Togo.

We are so thankful to the Lord for bringing the Williams family to Togo to minister unto the saints. Their coming to Togo has been a great blessing to our mission's churches, our missionary team and ourselves. Their practical teachings and preaching as well as their songs helped and blessed us tremendously. In each of these churches they gave out candy to the kids and some personal hygiene items to many of the adults. The following feedback stand as testimony: At Savior Baptist Church, a man came to me after Bro. Steve Preaching and said: "This message is of great value". At the end of the services at Good Shepherd BC, a girl came to Bro. Raphael and said: "This message came at the right time for me."

We are grateful to the Williams and all of you who contributed one way or another to this trip.

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." (Hebrews 6: 10)

I am adding Bro. Steve's latest prayer letter in its entirety as it shed some additional light on their impressions of their recent visit to Togo as well as their insights about all that the Lord is doing here. If you would like them to share any more detailed information at your church, don't hesitate to give him a call as he would be happy to give an "in-person" update on our behalf.

To all of you our partners in the Lord's work in Togo, we want to say THANK YOU for your continued support. We wish you a blessed Christmas and a Great New Year! *The Laodima Family*



Pastors' Training at Kpalimé



Kris, Steve, David and the new baptized, Dapaong



The Williams, Claire and the Redeemer Orphans holding the gifts they just received



Kris and Abbey singing at Savior BC



Autonomy celebration at Savior BC



Dr. Steve preaching at Savior BC translated into French and Ewe



Sis. Kris with the Ministry Leaders Wives