

August 12, 2021

Dear Pastor and Brethren,

If you never suffer for the Savior, you are not serving Him as you should. I believe serving sacrificially is part of the service to our Savior. When we got on our mission field in Togo in March 2005 after eighteen months on deputation, our goal was to be able to plant ten new churches in ten years. Reaching such a goal requires of course a team work. It was not long before we realize that such a goal was actually impossible. Nevertheless, we never give up, for we concur with Hudson Taylor that *“There are three stages in every great work of God: first it is impossible, then it is difficult, then it is done”*. After sixteen years of our team hard labor, with your faithful support, the Lord brought into existence ten churches (two became autonomous, two effectively started in the course of 2021). Although we got a great deal of trouble with team work, we still believe that the only way to get the church planting work done in a short time is the team work. We would like you to be in prayer with us for each one of these churches. Our current team is made up of eleven men and their family: (1) David, (2) Raphael, (3) Fidèle, (4) Didier, (5) Charles, (6) Kouma, (7) Dosseh, (8) Kossiselmom, (9) Elisée, (10) Marc, (11) Koffi.

### **1. Savior Baptist Church, Vakpossito, Lomé**



Located in the central suburb of Lomé, Savior Baptist Church is our Mission basis. It became autonomous in November 2018. The average attendance in July 2021 is 193 adults and 96 children. We are praying for the church building completion, dedication, numerical and spiritual growth. Many church members moved far away from the Church and having hard time to attend the Church. For the same reason, some of them left the Church.

### **2. Good News Baptist Church, Adetikope**



The church here is located at 21 km from Lomé. It became autonomous on January 1, 2021. Due to the Covid-19, the Church is not yet reopened. Currently, Sunday morning services are held in 19 houses. They have made up their mind to reopen the Church, regardless of the government decision in the coming weeks. It is our prayer that the reopening be done without the government interference.

### **3. Conqueror Baptist Church, Avinato, Lomé**



Located at about 20 km down town Lomé, CBC was officially reopened in November 2020. This area is known for its voodoo worship; the illiteracy rate is very high and poverty very rampant. July average attendance is 91 adults and 98 children.

### **4. Good Shepherd Baptist Church, Yokoé, Lomé**



GSBC is located in the Western suburb of Lomé. The picture shows the construction work progress. Officially, due to the Covid-19, the Church is not yet reopened. Up to now, we continue to conduct our Sunday and Wednesday services via WhatsApp. Besides, seven house services are held every Sunday. We are planning to reopen the Church, regardless of the government decision by Sunday August 22. Please, be in prayer with us for the construction work and the church reopening.

### 5. Faith Baptist Temple, Notsé



FBT is located at 90 km from Lomé. This picture shows the level of the construction work. The average attendance in July is 56 adults and 32 children. This church started the primary Christian school since 2018. We would like you to be in prayer for the church construction and the school.

### 6. Redeemer Baptist Church, Davié



RBC is located at 30 km from Lomé. The attendance on Sunday August 8 is 44 adults and 28 children. Please, pray for the church growth and the construction work.

### 7. Hope Baptist Church, Dapaong



Started in February 2017, HBC is located in the upper north at 526 km from Lomé. The average attendance in July is 28 adults and 27 children. Please, be in prayer for bro. Elisée and his wife: they got married in Avril 2021.

### 8. Word of Life Baptist Church, Kara



Located at about 450 km from Lomé, WLBC came effectively into existence in December 2019. Three months later, Covid-19 showed up and brought the church activities to the standstill. This had a negative impact on the church growth. The average attendance in July is 13 adults and 22 children.

### 9. Way of Life Baptist Church, Kétau



We effectively started this church three months ago. Due to Covid-19, we couldn't organize any evangelism campaign. So far, we had no inaugural services. It is located in the north at about 492 km. There is an urgent need to construct a place of worship. The average attendance in July is 16 adults and 21 children.

### 10. Rock Baptist Church, Davié-Kpétamé



Starting this church is but a divine appointment. We just followed the Lord's direction in going out soul winning. Surprisingly, a couple of people responded to the gospel. The average attendance in July is 30 adults and 11 children. We are also planning on starting a Christian school here. For the meantime, we are constructing a building for the church services that will be used later for the school. Please, pray for the Lord's provision.

Please, do remember the Redeemer House kids (5 girls and 9 boys, from 7-17 years old). They will be very soon resuming the school. This is the pick time in terms of expenses.



On July 2017, we had our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Lord allowed us to go on trip to Paris, France, where we took this picture. We are looking forward to our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July next year. Lemuel is flying today to Pittsburg State University, PA for his pre-medical studies. We are so thankful for the scholarship he earned. We still have to pay around \$15,000 per year to cover his expenses. Please, be in prayer for him!

Thank you for being such wonderful supporters!

*The Laodima Family*