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Update on New Harvest Missions International Activities in Togo West Africa - Second Quarter 2015

Dear Friends and Partners,

It is another wonderful opportunity for me and the entire team of NHMI to share with you what God is doing through us in West Africa. It is our belief that God has remained faithful to you over the past few months. We thank God for your investment in us through your prayers and financial support. We hope this provides you with a fresh update of the return on your investment.

Highlights of what the Lord has done through you for the church and NHMI in Muslim West Africa

During the period under review, God graciously enabled us to facilitate and participate in the following:

Partnerships and Networks

NHMI has sought to nurture existing and explore new mission partnerships. We must confess that the first quarter of the year 2015, was very busy for us both in the states and West Africa. We started with NHMI new board meeting as we continued to foster new network relationships between U.S and West Africa. We greatly value the continued partnership with MTW, Pathway learning formerly known as Global church advancement, Evangelical Presbyterian church of Togo, Niger and Burkina Faso and many other churches and organizations both in U.S and Africa. In pursuing our partnerships and fundraising efforts we continue to visit churches in several states, preaching and also sharing NHMI vision, current projects, and the challenges of our ministry in West Africa.

In early January, we hosted a team of four community development interns from Strasbourg France for short term mission encounter at Anie. They came to work with NHMI as we continue to explore Alliance academy Christian school Project. For the months of January and February, they worked with Gabriel surveying, researching and working with various town officials, teachers, parents the region and the city of Anie laying a better foundation for the upcoming project of Alliance Christian Academy School. The presence of the team had a huge impact on the ground and we are looking forward to more in the future.

Small Business startup loan program in Togo West Africa



Microloan Team Leaders in Togo

Empowering church and community to be economically stable, spiritually transformed.

I'm happy to report that our recent trip to Togo West Africa was very productive and successful. We thank you for your prayers and financial support. As you might already know, most of churches planted by NHMI/ACDI in Togo are either in Muslim regions or in the areas typically overlooked by the national government and evangelical missions groups. NHMI is working with these 'outcast' groups by focusing attention on the peoples' physical and spiritual needs. The majority of these churches are in poor rural areas. These communities are living below poverty level in part because of unprecedented

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Microloan Partners & Trainers from U.S.

economic crises suffered over the past several years. Job opportunities are limited to the extent that parents often cannot support their families' needs. To find a stable job, people are migrating in large numbers to the capital city or other urban or suburban communities in order to obtain the financial resources to support their families more adequately. Those who remain in the villages also, of course, attempt to create means to earn a more adequate income. However, the reality is, that in both rural and urban areas, churches planted are often suffering from serious financial deficiencies. The monetary contributions given at Sunday worship services are minimal to sometimes nothing. Those who are fortunate to have jobs are often not able to support themselves adequately, much less be able to help meet the financial needs of a church planter or pastor. NHMI believes that one of the ways to help the

churches to become self-sustaining is to practice a holistic approach by offering church members self-employment opportunities via micro-loans/ micro-enterprise. This approach has the potential to empower church members, families, and communities by obtaining and sustaining a steady source of family income for a better future. That is why during April 13-16, 2015, NHMI launched for the first time a small business startup loan program in Togo.

There are over 50 Christian micro-entrepreneurs representing four regions where NHMI has convened in the city of Lomé, Togo for the seminar at NHMI/ACDI headquarter in Lomé. The response of the participants was overwhelmingly positive and the seminar was regarded by participants as one of the most important initial steps in empowering churches and communities for the spiritual growth and evangelistic outreach in West Africa. This seminar was taught by three retired American businessmen from Carriage lane Presbyterian Church, of Peachtree city, Safe Harbor Presbyterian church of Maryland and Crossroads Presbyterian church from Delaware. During the seminar, they covered various topics including:



Small business seminar participants and Microloan candidates in Togo

Biblical foundation for business, God-given relationship between income and work, the biggest barrier to small business success, responsibility and ownership, personal development, stage of a business, coming up with personal business idea, determine the market and marketing, setting right price, how to develop a business plan, basic accounting and finances, business ethic, what to do with business profit etc. they brought with them during the seminar, their gifts of wisdom, expertise and experiences to the church in Togo. Slowly but surely, candidates started submitting their business plans. To date, 35 candidates have completed their application and business plan waiting for the opportunity to join the program with their first Microloan. We will need \$ 14,380 to run the entire program and to turn the hope of families, churches and communities into a reality. We are asking the Lord to grant us with 50 individual partners who will be willing to join us in prayer and support. Your special donation of any

amount will help us meet that goal. With \$250 or more we can fund an average annual loan and help families and communities work their way out of poverty. Please join with NHMI as we provide the poor with tools of hope.

Northern Togo Partnership Initiatives

NHMI is currently fostering a partnership with the Evangelical Presbyterian church of Togo With the purpose of discipling communities in the northern regions of Togo where Islam is prevalent. This strategic partnership is aimed at planting more Reformed churches and working in collaboration to empower families, communities and churches through microfinance, saving programs and provisions for integrated holistic services. By leveraging the strengths of these two reformed organizations in Togo, the goal of planting reformed and covenantal churches in the northern Togo can be more effectively accomplished. We had opportunity to drive 20 hours round trip to Kara with our guests.



The next day we drove another three hours to a remote village called Broukou where we witnessed firsthand the evangelistic outreach work by EPC. The trips were tiring in a van with a broken air-conditioning on bad roads but it was eye opening to come to grips with the reality of the nature of our ministry in predominantly Muslims regions. One particularly vivid experience came when we attended a worship service on Sunday and sat face to face with many new converts and interacted with them.

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West Africa Bible and Theological education new campus building project



The picture in front, shows the scope of WATI New campus project underway in Lomé Togo. As you can see, this is going to be a functional and structurally sound complex.

For the 55 churches in Togo, there are only 42 pastors and church planters. This means that the average Togolese pastor is leading at least two to three churches, and many remain untrained. By the year 2025, NHMI/ACDI plans to plant 100 churches with two presbyteries in Muslim dominated regions of Togo. For these churches, they will need new pastors and church planters. When finished, this campus will not only train new pastors, but will also provide training for those presently serving the church. It will equip these leaders in West Africa with biblical and sound theology, pastoral ministry and church planting skills needed to mature the church in West Africa and raise up the next generation of pastors trained in Reformed Theology.



This new campus building project is designed to build a permanent campus facility in Lomé the capital city of Togo. Last time I was in Togo in October 2014, we held a ground-breaking ceremony for the new campus in the presence

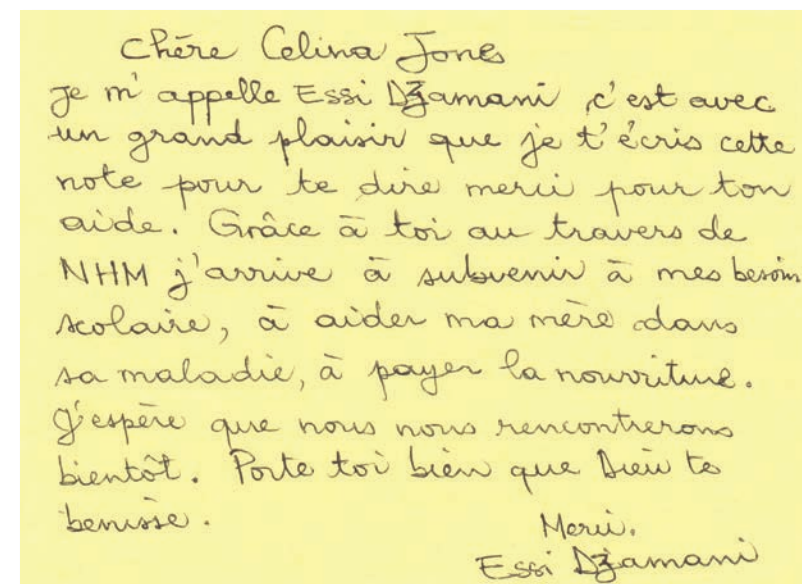


of many church leaders to celebrate with us. On our most recent trip, I could scarcely believe the contrast I saw. Instead of open dry, grassy field, the first phase of the project was underway as you can see in the pictures. Buildings are sprouting up in every direction. Seeing those walls going up gave me great joy and hope for the project. However, \$210,000 is still needed to build the entire campus and sustain it for years to come with things like an administration building, a chapel, and dormitory housing 50 students in place, a library, guesthouse, offices, classrooms and a kitchen facility for students. We are asking friends of New Harvest Missions International to help us. When the campus project is completed, we will begin administering a Bachelors and Masters of Arts program in French to serve 100 students. We are making good progress on the buildings; the ground-work has been laid for administration and classrooms and the budget for phase one is \$ 80,000. However, we are not quite to the halfway mark of the total necessary resources to complete the buildings. Providing facilities and materials to adequately train leaders and pastors is imperative to the future of the church in Togo West Africa.



Bridge of Hope - Children Sponsorship recent activities and Children thank you notes

The new school year for 2014-2015 set in the motion a series of visits to the children we are sponsoring. The school year started in September and our visits are timed to coincide with the school calendar. The visits are undertaken by Mr. Gabriel Awoute who is the staff of NHMI in Togo and in charge of the bridge of Hope program and Dr. Robert who is the health care provider for the children. In total, the visits take about two to four weeks and they cover over 450 miles.



Dear Celina Jones,

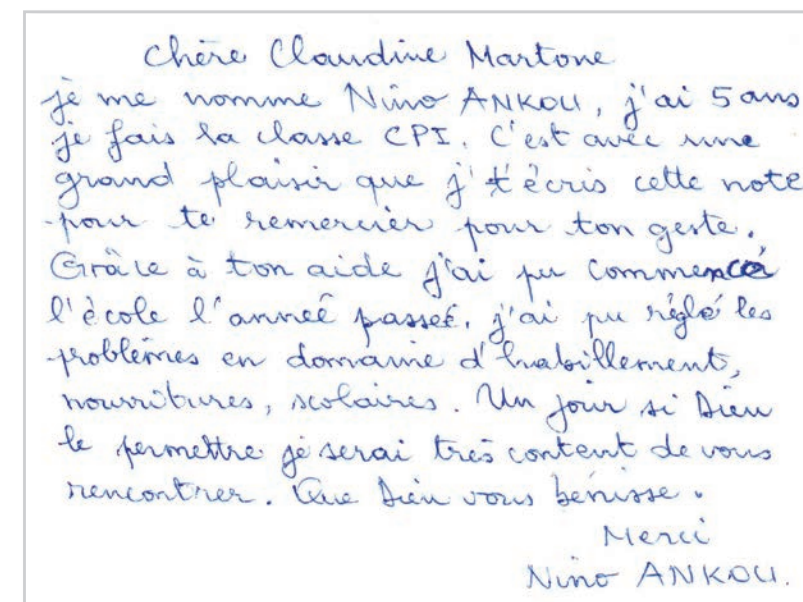
"My name is Essi Dzamani, and it is a great pleasure for me to write you this first letter to thank you for your love and care and accept to support me for my schooling. Through your support that comes to me each month from NHMI I'm able to take care of my tuition, pay my lunch at school and other school needs that my parents can't do for me. Your support brings us a lot of joy at home and allows us to eat each day. We thank you and thank God for your love. I hope to meet you one day Thank you a lot and many blessings."

Your daughter Essi.

Dear Claudine,

"My name is Nino Ankou. I have asked my mom to write this letter for me. I told my mom to tell you that I have now my school uniform, school supplies my ABC textbook. You provide everything I need so I can attend school. You make my mom happy. Thank you for loving me. Hope you will come to see me one day and I will show you all my drawings."

Your son, Nino



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The main purpose of the visit was to gather as much information as possible about the progress of each sponsored child. Monitoring the progress of the children we support is not an easy task. Togo is a small country but the children we support are located with parents or guardians in at least 15 different towns and villages in three districts. Add to this the difficult terrain and bad roads and sometimes adverse weather conditions and it can easily be understood why the regular contact we think is necessary is just not possible with the resources we presently have. The secure handling of school fees can be a major difficulty and we are seeking to communicate directly with the schools involved and avoid any unnecessary temptation that is a real problem where poverty is so prevalent. Having visited approximately 90 children over a three-week period we quickly discovered the difficulties associated with such a massive undertaking. However, there are many positive reports to share with you too and the following is a short update that encourages us to try and give an opportunity in life to as many underprivileged and vulnerable children as possible. Brother Gabriel, held a meeting not only with the children themselves but where possible, with their parents, guardians, education representatives, healthcare providers and the church leaders, pastors and church planters. During these times the children and the parents are given guidance in a number of personal and spiritual matters.

We are almost at the end of 2014- 2015 academic year. There are three terms each year with breaks in between. The kids finished their first and second terms of the school year with a break in December and March. They are given exams at the end of each term to show their progress. We received reports and the results of the children's exams from their teachers. We are proud to report that 80% of the kids we are sponsoring all did an excellent job on their exams and end of term results. The last and third term is scheduled at the end of July. This will coincide with students changing grades. This may be also a period of anxiety for the students as they wait for the exam results. Please keep praying for your kids for better result and for them to move onto the next level. Failing to meet the required standards would mean repeating a grade or possibly leaving the school. During the visit of Mr. Gabriel, the kids have been given the opportunity to write you a thank you letter. As you know the official language in Togo is French so all the kids wrote in French and our staff took time to translate the thank you notes in English. We thank you for your patients since this is the first time for some of the children to write. We have translated in general terms what they wanted to say to you in English so that you will be able to read it and understand. The next school year of 2015-2016 will start in September. School fees are due by then. If you would like to sponsor more children, please consider giving \$30 per month or \$360 per a year or any amount you wish to give to help toward the tuition for a child. Thank you to everyone who has been so generous in supporting this vital ministry.

We are Announcing our new website, please help us spread the word to others.

We announcing New Harvest Missions International new website to better connect with our donors, and partners around the world. The new website is simple and intuitive. There are tips along the way, drop-downs search-engines and links. It is easy to use and full of interesting and helpful resources check it out for yourself at www.newharvestmissions.org Donors and partners and those who are interested in our ministry can read about who we are, what we do, where we work, ways to serve, donate, news, contact, galleries. You can also read our past and current quarterly newsletters, give online or make pledges on the site. Please help us spread the word to others.

Social Media

You will very soon be able to join us on our Facebook page and YouTube to see more pictures and read more stories about what God is doing through NHMI as a result of your support. We will let you know when that becomes available

Prayer requests and challenges

We need your prayers as well as your gift. You can also bless our ministry financially and impact many lives in Muslim West Africa. Here are some ways you can pray for NHMI

1. Support Economic development projects and transform lives and communities:

Over 50 micro-entrepreneurs candidates in Togo have completed their application and business plan, waiting for the opportunity to receive their first Microloan capital to start or expand their business. Your gift will provide these candidates in Muslim West Africa with the opportunity to work their way out of poverty. An average initial Microloan in Togo typically ranging from \$50 to \$1,000. This will fund an average annual loan. You have an option to cover a full amount or a portion of \$100-\$200 to support an entrepreneur in Togo. We are also praying for \$14,380 to run the whole program. With your gift, people will receive a Microloan, business training, personal coaching, and participate in a savings group to ensure their success. 14,380 is too much for most of us to give at once. But together, with any size of a gift, we can be a blessing to our brothers and sisters in Muslim West Africa.

2. Prayer for the upcoming October trip to West Africa

In October, four leaders of Microloan program will be traveling to rural villages of Togo. During this trip, they will be visiting micro entrepreneurs in their villages who are striving to develop small businesses to support their families, continue the ongoing training in small business development and marketing.

3. Pray and support West Africa Theological Institute campus construction project

The budget for phase one of West Africa Theological Institute project is \$80,000. As the construction process continues, we are urgently in need of meeting our budgeted goal so we can acquire the resources needed and continue the development of the new campus construction project. Would you prayerfully consider if God would have you join Him in what He is doing in Muslim West Africa by helping meet the budget of phase one of the construction project? A gift of any size is greatly appreciated. You can give to this project online by visiting our newly built and secured website at www.NewHarvestMissions.org and click to donate, choose the project theological education and leadership development project and make your donation or mail a check to New Harvest Missions International

4. Child Sponsorship program

Please continue to pray for our child sponsorship program. This program is growing each year. We have forty children still on waiting list for sponsorship this year. Please pray for the Lord to cause more donors to give generously to Bridge of Hope Program.

5. Northern Togo Partnership Initiative

Please pray for this new partnership relationship between New Harvest Missions International and Evangelical Presbyterian church of Togo. Ask the Lord to grant us Wisdom and also for the leaders and staff involve in this partnership. Ask the lord to grant NHMI staff safe traveling mercy and good health as they will be traveling to various villages in the Northern Togo for almost 10 hours and also spend four weeks in the most prevalent Muslim areas in Togo.

They will be working with the village churches and 11 district pastors in the area in Microloan project, organizing savings groups, church planting and outreach activities.