

UPDATE ON EMA MINISTRY 2022

Salutation from the Director's Desk

The Director, the Evangelical Missionary Alliance (EMA) Board, and the National Executive Committee of the Good News Bible Church (GNBC) humbly extend greetings to you Beloved Friends and Partners in this ministry. We deeply appreciate your prayers and financial support to the ministry of EMA. We continue to praise the Lord for this collaboration with us in building the Kingdom God in the lives of people who would have faced eternal damnation when they exit this world. As the mission and evangelism wing of the GNBC we are determined to make an appreciable contribution to the fulfilment of the Great Commission given by the Lord Jesus Christ in Matt. 28: 19, 20).

Thank you so much once again for helping us to do so. We remember you in our daily prayer. We also continue to pray for your partnership with us to grow from one level to another in the Name of Jesus Christ. The church planters on the field are preaching the Gospel and lives are being saved and transformed in Jesus name. Those who make a confession of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour take a step further to make a public declaration of their faith through baptism. In deed we rejoice to have you as ministry partners. We once again humbly want to share the modest gains and challenges in the ministry with you.

This is a recap of the various missionaries working under EMA: Michael Ayuekambe, George Babawedoe, Peter Dawuni, Edward Adalimbe, Joseph Agana, John Awe Kampale (Burkina Faso), George Akumzidi, David Neindow Chimsi, Emmanuel Yakijo, Elijah Adii, Charles Kpeglo (Togo), Thomas Kojo and of course Rev. Thomas Abugah (EMA Director) Please pray and continue to partner with us as we intend welcoming 7 more missionaries into the EMA family before the end of the year to boost our church planting efforts.



Rev. Thomas Abugah, EMA Director.

Foreign Missions:

Charles Kpeglo: In the previous update for the last quarter of 2021, reference was made to the new ministry in the Republic of Togo. In September 2021, Charles Kpeglo obeyed the call to relocate to the Southern part of Togo, Dono, to evangelise and seek to plant churches under the Good News Bible Church umbrella he graduated from our local training school called Good



News School of Mission & Ministry. Through his ministry a church plant has started. Charles recounts how the beginning was difficult for him. However, with much prayer and dependence on God, the Lord is giving him some success. He says, “At the beginning, the understanding of the Gospel was very low but now they are catching up... they now come more for prayers and Bible study than before.” He also referred to the problem they encounter, which is a place for their meetings. The shed under which they meet is not able to keep off the rain water and the older people are not able to attend meetings when it rains heavily. They are praying for a more secured structure on the land for church meetings and a living place for himself. Besides Tsevie and Donor, there are other towns and villages in Togo that will be targeted with the Gospel. One issue that calls for prayer is the safety of Charles travelling across the bus stop to his ministry location that involves a security risks. On his return to the village from Ghana

in January this year, he hired the services of a motor rider popularly called ‘Okada.’ He laments how he was robbed in the process. We need prayer for his protection. There is still another ministry opportunity at a small town called Tsevie. EMA has in mind to place a church planter here when we have the human and material resources. There are very few evangelical church groups in this part of Togo.

Above: Charles Kpeglo after his graduation from Bible School.

John Kampale in Burkina Faso

The other foreign mission ministry is located in the southern part of Burkina Faso, in Tangasugo. This Burkinabe town shares borders with Ghana at Manyoro. John Awe Kampale continues to minister here. The Burkinabe authorities have no restrictions as far as preaching the Gospel is concerned. That part of the country is a ripe field for church planting. John has already visited towns such as Kamanchilo, Chibeli Gono and Chibeli Kolo. He had teamed up with Apostolic, Assemblies and Baptist local churches to do evangelism. In such a venture a group was started at the former but the traditional authorities refused to allow them to put up a structure and to have an organised church. To them it is against their tradition to allow foreign religions to be planted in their land. John still visits these believers to share the Gospel. John plans to hold an evangelism crusade on June 1st at Chibeli Kolo and converts here will be organised into a local church. His ministry was hampered by lack of accommodation in this foreign town where rooms are not easily available for rental. We praise the Lord and appreciate the good will of our partners who made donations for the construction of our mission house that had laid in ruins for the past years. These donations have enabled us to reconstruct the mission house with a roof on. John is preparing to move in to occupy the house when louver blades are fixed to the windows of the

hall and living room and the floors cemented with concrete. We are trusting the Lord to provide the funds for this last stage of construction.

Peter Dawuni: As discussed in our previous report, Peter has boosted his effectiveness in evangelism and church planting by going through an evangelism and church planting training session called The Timothy Initiative (TTI) - disciples making disciples. It will be recalled that the Apostle Paul instructed Timothy to pass on the instructions he Timothy received onto faithful and reliable men who will be able to do same to other people (2 Tim. 2:2). Peter recounts how he is using what he learnt to expand his evangelism and discipleship making programme. He has organised a group of 25 persons each in Kubugu and Yageba who meet once each week for Bible study and prayer. The result is that these hear the Gospel and are making decisions for Christ. The faithful ones are expected to share their testimony with their neighbours. Peter Dawuni and Joseph Agana organized a joint baptismal services for some new converts during the Easter. A total of sixteen converts made a public declaration of their faith on Easter Sunday. This area has a good number of Muslims and it will seem interesting to have converts from the Islamic background declaring their faith publicly. As discussed in the previous report, the new group at Kpatorigu had a problem with meeting regularly but has not been left out. Peter continues to give them the needed encouragement. One of the reasons for poor attendance is that other denominations have beautiful chapels when they have none. Peter reports that these chapels referred to are empty with no people in them on Sundays. Even though the essence of church buildings cannot be underestimated, these denominations engage in 'chapel evangelism' but GNBC do Gospel evangelism. Plans are in place to provide this group with a place for meetings.



Above is Peter baptizing converts on Easter Sunday.

Joseph Agana has a ministry in Gyadem. This is a village where the leadership of EMA have helped to renovate a living room for his ministry. This is encouraging. There is also another preaching point at Buyenga which he visits for evangelism. It was a viable preaching point that started with seven members but some of them have traveled so Joseph is trying to revive it. The group at Sageya has suffered a setback due to lack of leadership. He no longer visits this group because of his ministry in the aforementioned places. Joseph has been encouraged to train leaders to cater for this group so that he can concentrate on his role as a church planter. We continue to mourn and to pray for the Lord's consolation for Joseph whose elder brother, Charles passed on a few months ago and is yet to be buried. On 10th May, he also was hit by another sad news – the passing on of a step brother called Anakweng, an old time faithful member of our church in Kunkwa.

Edward Amolikado also organized a convention during the Easter at Yipabongo where he is stationed. There are several believers ready for baptism but this could not be done due to lack of water since all our baptisms are done in the water bodies such as rivers and dams. He is planning for it to be done during the rainy season when water will be readily available. He describes how his ministry in Taantoosi is reviving the group. The other new ministry areas are Zukweni and Wontobile in the Mampruli speaking area. The EMA Director has recently talked to Edward about his ministry and he is seeking for a relocation. However, this will be looked into against his age. We are praying for God's guidance as we deliberate on this issue. Please pray that God will provide a Timothy for Edward as he is aging.

George Akumzidi a veteran missionary plans to move from the Bulsa DCCs to target Dogoniga with the Gospel. He has also recently made a survey of Chuchuliga – Naansa Old Market area, a community situated about five kilometers away from the town. George is preparing to move to this place to engage in evangelism with the ultimate aim of planting a local church. He has baptized ten converts in his ministry this year.

Michael Aketado: Michael and Comfort are stationed at Kasoa, a fast growing town in the Central Region of Ghana. There has been no considerable changes in his ministry programmes. The groups he started as discussed in our previous report have now been growing again after the storm of Covid 19 has passed. They can now meet freely to worship the Lord. The lands for chapel construction at Winneba and Swedru will be put to use as the groups pray and gather funds for the projects. Having place of meetings for these existing local churches here is of outmost concern to Michael and he continues to share this with the leadership of the GNBC. The most difficult places in Ghana as far as land acquisition is concerned includes the Central Region. Here, all land is vested in the Republic of Ghana and a buyer ends up paying double portions for a piece of land – to the chief and then to the State or even buying litigated land. With all these issues, Michael is doing his work as a church planter. Pray for funds for Michael as he intends furthering his theological education.

George Babawedoe: George continues to do ministry in the Enchi and Dadieso areas in the Western Region. Though a difficult terrain, God is still moving in His redemption plan! The church plants in Nyame Boame with an average of thirty five people meeting each Sunday; and

Allatakrom within average of forty-five that meet on Sundays. They continue to grow numerically and spiritually. The Kweku Attakrom group that was recently revived is also growing under the care of Jonah Funah, the brother of George. Where he is stationed is so remote such that public means of transport between towns and villages is very scarce. In time past, EMA had procured two motor bikes, one after the other, for his use. These are no longer there and for the past ten years, George bought a personal motor bike that he uses for the ministry. The distances between ministry locations is wide. This means that he travels an average of fifty kilometres one way during each visit to Nyame Boame and Allatakrom, the new group started a couple of years ago. The response to the Gospel has so far been good. George plans to target some towns and villages, including Sefwi Dwenasi and Wiawso with the Gospel. The bad roads in the area is the cause of the several motor bike accidents he got involved in time past and now. In the last week of April 2022, George had a fatal motor bike accident on his way to ministry at Allatakrom that nearly made him incapacitated. It affected his waist region and limbs making it difficult for his movement. Please be praying for George's safety as he travels on these roads.

Elijah Adii: Elijah is stationed in Koforidua, the capital town of the Eastern Region of Ghana. As earlier mentioned in the previous update, he started a church plant here so far the EMA Director has assisted him to baptise more than ten converts, most of whom are still with the church. This group is growing numerically and spiritually. Elijah has trained one leader who has been assisting him in ministry and this is going on well. This leader is call Michael Mahama. Michael is enthusiastic to serve the Lord in this regard so he has enrolled at a local Bible School to be equipped for ministry. Michael caters for the church here when Elijah has to visit Nkawkaw where a new church plant is located. The membership in this group is growing gradually, and now has an average attendance of 30 each Sunday. Elijah is discipling the group and training some key members to be future leaders. Last month, a joint service was held for the two groups at Nkawkaw and Elijah reported that it was great and joyful. Their greatest need is a place for meetings. They presently meet in someone's uncompleted building. We continue to pray and humbly ask for prayer for this need of a meeting place (Church building).

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS TO THE DAGOMBA PEOPLE



Having being converted from Islam to Christianity 20 years ago, brother Neindoo is Serving as an indigenous missionary to the Dagomba and komkomba people in northern Ghana. The Dagomba people are predominantly Muslims whilst the Konkomba people are Animist. As a former Muslim, Neindoo heart desire is to see many Muslim come to faith in Jesus Christ and so planting churches in the villages where Jesus is less known is his joy.

Neindoo, through personal evangelism, visitation and engaging opinion leaders with the good news, showing the Jesus film in the Dagomba language, he is able to reach the people for Christ. Evangelism and the Jesus film show are very effective during the dry season when farming activities are less.

Last month, 6 Muslims came to faith in Jesus Christ through Neindoo's ministry. It was such joy that I could witness these conversions as a result of an outreach to the village of Naasoni 2 months ago. These new believers have been integrated into the churches and are currently undergoing discipleships, the main problem though is that some of them cannot read and write and so getting them to read the Bible is going to be my next task.



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Also few weeks ago it was such a joy that a persecuted family of 7 who were fleeing from their village (a Muslim dominated village) because of their recent conversion into Christianity found refuge in brother Neindoo. Having heard of their precarious situation, Neindoo graciously welcomes them into his community and is currently discipling and taking care of them. They are very excited to be part of the church community.



Join Neindoo in praying for the Muslims in the north east part of the northern region so that they can see and embrace the light of Jesus. Pray that the new converts as well as the persecuted families will find their needed strength and joy in the Lord! Also, do pray for Neindoo motorbike which is his only means of transportation to

the scattered villages. The bike is in a deplorable state and would urgently need replacement for effective outreach.

Brothers and sisters I thank you for your prayers and financial support over the years, like apostle Paul I encourage you with this word from the Scriptures, 'But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.' (2 Corinthians 2:14).

SERVING THE PEOPLE IN THE NEGLECTED COMMUNITIES WITH THE GOSPEL - IMMANUEL YAKIJO

Immanuel is a missionary serving the people of the Nanumba North District in the Oti Region of northern Ghana. The people in the region are very poor and made up of both Muslims and Traditional believers. Both their religious and geographical backgrounds as inhabitants of these communities are deprived. Many individuals in these communities for the very first time are hearing the name Jesus and the works he came to do. This implies that there are still possibilities that some people will die without meaningful hearing the good news, hence the urgency for brother Immanuel to carry the great commission to his people!

Through the missionary work of Immanuel and other team members 3 churches have been planted and he is currently working and nurturing 2



fellowships which will soon become churches to the glory of God. With the church plant, Wakilu a native of one of the communities that Immanuel had planted the churches shares his excitements and gratefulness for their salvation as follow, "If not for the coming of Immanuel, our entire village would have missed the Good News and heaven. He brought us the Good News

and the Good News is positively changing our lives and the way we do things now in the community. Love and concern for one another in our neighborhood is very obvious now! Praise the Lord! This year to the glory of the Lord, Immanuel had baptized 30 people who graciously confessed Jesus as their Lord personal saviour.

As the only trained leader in the district and having understood that the sustenance and healthy growth of the churches depends on good and qualified leadership, Immanuel is currently investing much of his time in training and discipling young leaders, first generation Christians who will deepen and enroot the gospel in their communities.

It is Immanuel desires to fulfill 2 Timothy 2:2, 'And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.'

Please pray for Immanuel to be able to replace his motorbike which serves as his only means of transportation to the villages for outreach. Also, pray for Immanuel family as some of them have had malaria and are now recovering. However, brother Immanuel is



consoled with this words from the word of God, 'No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.' (Romans 8:37). Once again, we are very grateful to you all who have being praying and financial supporting us in reaching out to the people who really need the good news!

'Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.' (John 1:12).

Over the last 2 months this scripture has been a great inspiration to me and my ministry. It gave me an open heart in reaching out to the Muslims in the villages knowing that through Christ every one including the Muslim is given the right to become a child of God should they believe!

My heart is full with joy as we celebrate 4 Muslims (3 Women and 1 Man) giving their lives to Jesus Christ in this period of reporting despite the intense pressure and rejection from their families and friends. They made their decisions to follow Jesus in separate ministry events and situations to which I am very grateful to the Lord. One of the conversion stories worth sharing is the story of Hamdia.

Sister Hamdia, a middle age Muslim woman from a revered Muslim family gave her life to Jesus through one of our personal evangelism outreach last month. According to Hamdia, after hearing for the first time Matthew 11:28, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." the burdens that she has been nursing and carrying in her heart for many years suddenly found relieve in this Bible verse, I instantly had unspeakable joy and satisfaction in my heart, nothing could explain the experience than Jesus and so I accepted Jesus the messiah as my Saviour.

The Muslim family of Hamdia upon hearing her conversion are not taking it easy with her decision to leave Islam, they are doing all that they can to frustrate her. Her uncle who is a local Imam and is staying in the same house with Hamdia and her husband is preventing us and any other Christians from visiting Hamdia. Though Hamdia is pregnant at this moment the extended family have withdrawn all their emotional and physical support from her. In fact, last week she was admitted at the hospital and all her siblings both boys and girls were told not to visit her or extend any form of practical help to her in her difficult moment. It took one of our ladies in Christ to stand in the gap for her family. Majority of the family members have openly declared that they will no longer eat her food since she is now considered as infidel (unclean).

It is a very difficult moment for Hamdia as she is going through humiliations, intimidations and all kinds of persecutions in the hands of her own family. But in all these situations, Hamdia believes that the same God who took her burdens away is still able to shield her from all the troubles and storms that she is going through now.

Please join us in praying for sister Hamdia's faith journey, pray for her health as well as the health of the unborn baby. Pray that we will be able to offer her the necessary support and the company that she needs. Please pray that we may be a source of encouragement to her as her biological family nest is completely torn at the moment!

Do pray for brother Kojo and Ruth as they are expecting their first child in few month time. Also, do pray for the replacement of Kojo's 11 years old worn out Motorbike as this Bike is currently no longer reliable in carrying them to a distance mission field.

To our faithful friends who are praying and financially supporting us we want you to know how much we appreciate your partnership, indeed, 'For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.' (2 Corinthians 2:15).

Prayer Requests:

1. Please, praise with us the Lord's love and goodness to the ministry of EMA.
2. Pray for the upkeep of the missionaries in the midst of challenges.
3. Pray as we need \$ 8000 to replace most of the missionaries Motor Bikes
4. Ask the Lord to supply the educational needs of the children of our missionaries.
5. The foreign missions demand a lot. Pray for the Togo and Burkina ministries to grow.
6. Pray for those ministries in places with difficult terrain, notably George Babawedoe and Charles Kpeglo. Ask God for security and protection.
7. Resistance and adversity towards the Gospel is common in most communities. Ask the Lord to make a breakthrough for the ministry of John Kampale in Burkina Faso.
8. Pray for the Board and for the ministry of the Director as they Plan to restructure the ministry.
9. Ask the Lord for the supply of finances for the ministry.

As we pray for committed missionaries to join the ministry as the work expands, so do we also pray for financial support to enhance their work. May the Good Lord help us. Many thanks again to all of you, our Beloved faithful partners and may the Good Lord richly bless you in your work and ministry. Shalom!

Together as bound servants of Christ,

Rev. Thomas T. Abugah (EMA Director)

For and on behalf of the General Overseer

July 25th 2022