



April to May 2018 Discipleship Report (Timothy Team)



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INTRODUCTION

The months of April and May 2018 had been very exciting and yet action packed for the Timothy Team – from CDM Retreats to Bible College sessions and discipleship classes, the team has been very engaged with the Lord’s business.

As a team, we cannot thank God enough for His mercies through the month – from journey mercies for the team of travelling disciplers to the favour we enjoy on our trips. Most of our team members have been revived especially at the retreat, and we are more than grateful for what God is doing in and with our lives.

The leadership of the team is also emmersely grateful to all team members for their response to the team’s self-financing initiative. Ever since, we decided to attempt to finance our discipleship tours, there has been enough funds from the timothy team to push the work. Our appreciation also goes to CDM Financiers and all friends of the Timothy team who have been contributing every month for the expansion of the kingdom – we are most grateful.

CDM Volta Retreats and Bible Schools

From Friday the 13th of April to Sunday the 15th of April, all CDM disciples from Hohoe and beyond assembled for the first ever CDM Upper Volta Retreat – from as far as Kete Krachi, through Okanease, Nkwanta and Ashiabre areas, to the towns and Villages in and around Hohoe, men and women who have either been through the CDM teachings or yet to start assembled to hear the word of God and make decisions to assist in championing the cause of making Christlike disciples.

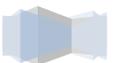
In attendance were about *fifteen (15) timothy team members*. Three (3) of these stayed for the one week long Bible College as students while three others were either facilitating or supporting the facilitating team in various other roles.

The following week, that is from Friday 20th through to 28th of April, Lower Volta had its’s share of the programs – beginning with a retreat and ending with a Bible School. Though the general turn up for the Sogakope retreat (75 registered disciples) could not match the Hohoe total of 115 registered disciples, the *Timothy team produced at least ten (10) disciples*.

TESTIMONIES FROM APRIL VOLTA RETREATS AND BIBLE SCHOOLS

For the team, the greastest joy was not the number of people that turned up, but the testimonies that the few representatives shared at the discipleship classes after the retreat. Below are a few of these testimonies.

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Prophet Jonas Dunyo

Prophet Jonas Dunyo joined the CDM Bible school about three years ago and graduated last year August. He has also been to about two CDM retreats at the main retreat Centre in Accra – Ayimensah, but coming to the Sogakope retreat in April, he had this to say:

“I have attended retreats in CDM but this Sogakope training really made an impact on my life - particularly because the teachings were in Ewe, I could understand Apostle JFK Mensah more clearly. I am very grateful to CDM for bringing this years retreat to

Sogakope”.

Mrs. Mary Kattah

Though she didn't stay through the entire retreat, Mama Mary, as we affectionately call her realized how much she would have lost if she hadn't attended.

Her lamentations were for her disciples who could not make it. She supported Jonas' view, adding that there is a certain difference that comes with hearing the word in your own dialect.



Mama Mercy Aqbavitor

She is one of the oldest Timothy team members but holds the highest score in retreat attendance in the team. Though she will be sixty (60) years on the 6th of October, she does not consider her age an excuse for not turning up for the monthly CDM all-nights in Sogakope and other programs outside her base – Mafi-Kumase.

The April Sogakope retreat was no exemption for Mama Mercy. She was very much in attendance and thanked God she did.

For her, it was a time of revival – gifts coming back to life and an energizing experience for her childrens' ministry.



DISCIPLESHIP WORK

In pursuit of the team’s target of completing the main discipleship works in Volta and Togo, **latest by the end of the year 2019**, we are poised to make every opportunity count. As such, though there were many activities in the month, we did our best to meet the disciples.

In the ensuing pages, we will highlight some of the events that took place at these meetings.

Discipleship at Lome

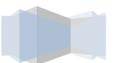
The Lome discipleship work started off with an enthusiastic team of about ten (10) disciples in 2016. A few others joined later and so we decided to create two groups, but later merged the two groups when we realized the inconsistency of members from the two sides. Then another team sprouted up from the Ephrata Bible school in August 2017, forcing us to keep two groups again. But for the second time, we had to merge the two groups owing to the relocation of some of the disciples due to work and academic pursuits.

Currently, we have a relatively stable number of seven (7) disciples out of our many attempts.



At the last meeting, we managed to end our long road on the foundations, hoping to begin the teachings on “Spiritual Growth” in the next meeting.

Out of this team, we have brethren who have volunteered to visit Benin monthly to teach there what we have been teaching them – Rebecca Nove and Eli Hodzi are the volunteers.

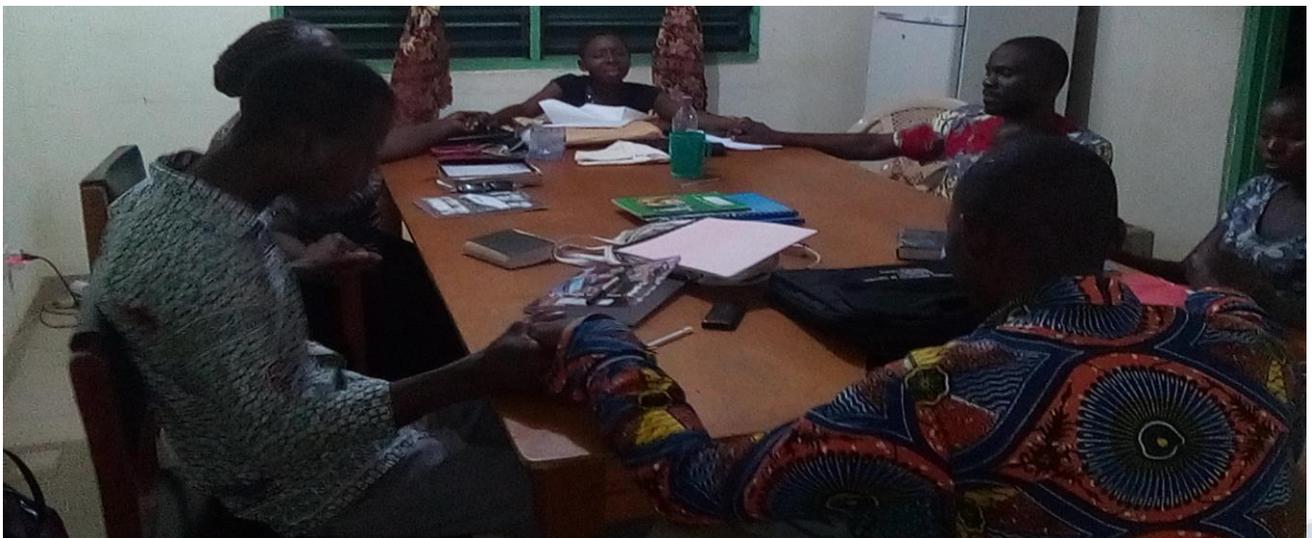


Rebecca herself has been very instrumental in the Lome discipleship work. Below is a picture of her and her team as they handled “Water Baptism”.



Discipleship at Sogakope

The work in Sogakope has gone through many hard times, but a stable team of four (4) disciples has remained from the earlier initiatives. By reason of the April 2018 Sogakope Bible School, another team of four (4) disciples has evolved. These brethren have had at least two meetings already – thus finishing the preparatory work and gearing towards “foundations”.



Among them are two Evangelical Presbyterians who are poised to make a change in their local assembly, a young prophethess from GCCI and a trained teacher who fellowships with Global Evangelical Church.



Discipleship at Mafi-Kumase

The consistency and interest from the Mafi-Kumase team is phenomenal. From the groups we started in 2016, the Mafi-Kumase team, though a semi-literate team, has shown tremendous commitment – recording the highest retention rate so far.



The team has a stable set of six disciples. Fortunately, this group also finished the “foundational teachings” at the last meeting. All members of this group are from the Great Commission Church international. Five of the members have completed the Bible School but yet to graduate, while the youngest team member, Patricia, is about entering the third level in the Bible School.



Gabriel Ditsa

One of the impressive personalities in this group is Evangelist Gabriel Ditsa – He just finished his course work at the Sogakope Bible School and has also completed his Bible summary in Ewe and getting ready to satisfy the remaining requirements for a Bible School graduation in August this year. He was also at the retreat and assisted the preacher (Apostle JFK Mensah) with Bible reading in the Ewe language. Being his first retreat, ever since he joined CDM last year, he was filled with excitement beyond expression.

Discipleship at Ho

Being the regional capital of the Volta region, Ho is quite a busy town with corresponding busy disciples. With two teachers, a medical doctor and an insurance agent in the team, alongside a



a trader, it is challenging getting a convenient meeting date that suits all these brethren. Thus, instead of two meetings or even three for others, the Ho team meets only once in a month. This has actually reduced our pace. However, we have a stable team of six (6) disciples and we are beginning “growth” in the next meeting to the glory of God.

Discipleship at Hohoe

For the discipling team (Dela and Evangelist Jeremiah), Hohoe is our central town and our base for the Upper Volta work, as such, we meet one team of disciples before moving up north and on our return, another team of disciples.

Currently, we have a team of disciples who are solely teachers and are based outside Hohoe township – this group has a stable membership of three (3) disciples and a larger group for those based in Hohoe township – which has a stable membership of five (5) disciples.



Unlike April, where we had about eight (8) disciples showing up for the Hohoe based team and two for the teachers group, the May meeting was a fiasco – at most three disciples for each of the two groups was our turn up. However, the bigger group has started “growth” and the smaller group is yet to.

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Discipleship at Okanease

Okanease is another promising grounds for discipleship – with a team of Pentecost elders and members who are themselves already zealous – our meetings are just refreshing. Similar to Mafi-Kumase, these disciples are predominantly semi-literate, except for our contact person, Lydia, who is a teacher at the local basic school.

The setting is very rural – so remote, you can hardly get telecommunication network, but very fertile for ministry. The closest town to Okanease is Asukawkaw.

From Asukawkaw to Okanease is not motorable - tricycles and motor bikes are the only means of transportation.

Though it was a short teaching, lasting for at most, an hour and a half, we were able to finish new birth with the team present, ending with a demonstration and a time of ministration, led by Evangelist Jeremiah Brempong.



Demonstration - Leading a person to Christ



Ministrations by Evangelist Jeremiah at Okanease



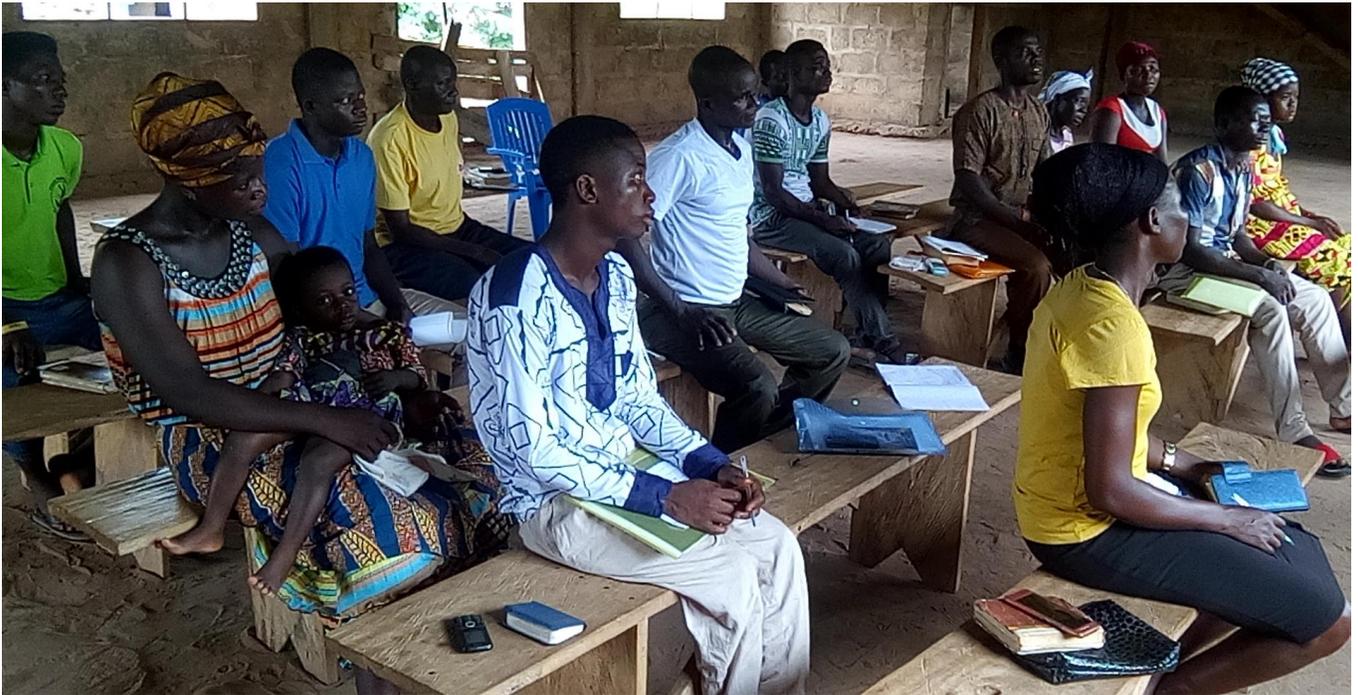
Corporate prayer time at Okanease

Discipleship at Ashiabre

By far, the Timothy rural folks seem to be more responsive to our mission – even though they are challenged with our most comfortable language of transmission – English. The Ashiabre team is in this circle. Though they are privileged to have many churches (Pentecost, Christian Church, GCCI, Assemblies of God, Global Evangelical Church and other prayer camps), they lack systematic teaching of the word of God with transforming power. So, there are many church goers but few disciples.

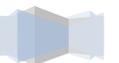
The main social problem here is teenage pregnancy – referring to this menace, one of the disciples, John Blafom, sarcastically, said, *“in Ashiabre, children give birth to children”*.

But the morning session drew quite a crowd – a mixture of semi-literates, literates and others who have never been to school.



General Class: A cross section of attendees

The team therefore decided to subsequently separate the group depending on their levels of assimilation. So, fixing an evening meeting, we handpicked the more educated brethren and charged them to come earlier than the bigger group for a more intense training – *five (5) disciples came – one teacher, one nurse (yet to be posted), two literate farmers and a business man.*



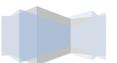


The smaller group of disciples.

These we charged to work on the larger group of disciples and oversee the work in the Ashiabre area.

In the evening, we had a time of prayers and ministrations with the entire team, closing around 8:30pm – about thirty (30) people came.

We departed the following day to meet the Nkwanta and Breweniase team.

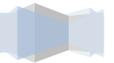




Getting ready to leave Ashiabre – Dela and the team



Getting ready to leave Ashiabre - Jeremiah and the team



Discipleship at Nkwanta

After brother George Asinyo, one of the first CDMBC Hohoe students, came for his first retreat in Accra in August 2016, we thought it was necessary to start a discipleship work in the Nkwanta area. Even though it has taken us close to two years, we had our first meeting this month.

He (George) had mobilized two other brothers, Godwin and Daniel to the Hohoe Bible school in April and together, they brought three other brethren, making our number six (6).



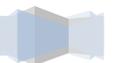
But we could not teach – we only spoke about what CDM is what we intend doing in the Nkwanta area. At least four of the brethren were leaders of their local churches and another a headmaster of a local preparatory school.

Discipleship at Santrokofi

Santrokofi is one of the towns CDM has selected for missional discipleship work this year and Evangelist Jeremiah Brempong is the head of this project. After our upper Volta trip, we met a team of three (3) men and young man for our first meeting. We handled “Christlikeness”. Below are pictures from discipleship at Santrokofi.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Close to Nkwanta is Breweniase – here, there is a GCCI elder, called Ebenezar Segla who himself has been to the Hohoe Bible School, he and another member. So, speaking to him, Evangelist Jeremiah tasked him to organize the CDM faithfuls in the area for discipleship but he understood the message wrongly and got his entire church ready for ministration.

Beneath are pictures of Evangelist Brempong ministering



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray with us that:

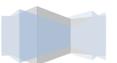
1. Our consistent disciples will remain faithful to the end
2. Our consistent disciples will start reproducing
3. There will be more CDM workers across Volta, Togo and Benin from the Timothy team.
4. Every team member will continue to grow spiritually.

TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR JUNE 2018 DISCIPLESHIP

Tentatively, the budgeted amount for June 2018 discipleship is **GHC946.00**.

Out of the above figure, Ghc320.00 has been allocated for feeding, Ghc50.00 for contingent expenses and the remaining Ghc576.00 for transportation.

Please find the details below:



Day	Date	Cost Item	Transport		Transaction Detail	Cost/ Team Member (GHC)	No. on Team	Total Amount (GHC)
			From	To				
Friday	1st June	Transport	Accra	Ho	Transport for Dela	20	1	20
		Transport	Ho	Kpalime		15	1	15
Friday	1st June	Transport	Hohoe	Kpalime	Transport for Evang. Jeremiah	15	1	15
Sunday	3rd June	Transport	Kpalime	Lome	Dela and Evang. JFK	15	2	30
Wednesday	6th June	Transport	Lome	Porte Nove, Benin	Dela, Evang. JFK and Eli Hodzi (Return journey)	100	3	300
Wednesday	6th June	Transport	Lome	Sogakope	Dela and Evang. JFK	15	2	30
Thursday	7th June	Transport	Sogakope	Mafi- Kumase	Dela and Evang. JFK (Return journey)	20	2	40
Thursday	7th June	Transport	Sogakope	Anloga	Dela and Evang. JFK (Return journey)	20	2	40
Friday	8th June	Transport	Sogakope	Mafi- Kumase	Dela and Evang. JFK (Return journey)	20	2	40
Friday	8th June	Transport	Sogakope	Anloga	Dela and Evang. JFK (Return journey)	20	2	40
Saturday	9th June	Transport	Sogakope	Ho	Dela and Evang. JFK	14	2	28
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Monday	11th June	Transport	Hohoe	Asukawkaw	Dela and Evang. JFK	15	2	30
		Transport	Asukawkaw	Okanease	Dela and Evang. JFK	5	2	10
Wednesday	13th June	Transport	Okanease	Asukawkaw	Dela and Evang. JFK	5	2	10
		Transport	Asukawkaw	Dambai	Dela and Evang. JFK	10	2	20
Wednesday	13th June	Transport	Dambai	Ashiabre	Dela and Evang. JFK	10	2	20
Friday	15th June	Transport	Ashiabre	Nkwanta	Dela and Evang. JFK	5	2	10
		Transport	Nkwanta	Breweniase	Dela and Evang. JFK	6	2	12
		Transport	Brewenuase	Nkwanta	Dela and Evang. JFK	6	2	12
		Transport	Nkwanta	Hohoe	Dela and Evang. JFK	15	2	30
		Transport	Hohoe	Wegbe	Evang. JFK	3	1	3
Saturday to Monday	16th - 18th June	Fuel	Wegbe through Hohoe	Santrokofi	Evang. JFK (Return trip)	20	1	20
		Transport	HEPSS	Hohoe Township	Dela and Samuel Gedzeve	8	2	16
Tuesday	19th June	Transport	Hohoe	Accra	Dela	27	1	27
Miscellaneous Expenses						50		50
Feeding for travelling disciplers						Dela		15
						Evang. Jeremiah		15
						Eli Hodzi (<i>For Benin discipleship</i>)		20
Total Budget for June 2018 Discipleship (GHC) ----->>							946	

