



*September to October 2018 Missional Discipleship Report
(Timothy Team)*

[Sept. – Oct. 2018]

➤ **INTRODUCTION**

Beyond all reasonable doubts, the task of travelling long distances to share the gospel and strengthening believers can be daunting, even frustrating sometimes, especially when participant don't turn up, but the joy of being a co-worker with God (1 Cor.3:9, 2 Cor. 5:18-20) in the harvest of souls is refreshing.

Kindly follow us as we attempt to chronicle the events as they unfolded on our trips from September to October 2018.

➤ **Terms used in this report**

- **CDM** – This is an abbreviation that stands for *Christlike Disciplemakers Movement*, which is a non-denominational equipping ministry which is dedicated to evangelizing the world in one generation and pushing the cause of Christlikeness worldwide. We at CDM use various means in our quest to accomplishing this agenda, namely, Bible College trainings, small group discipleship programs as well as regular disciplemakers retreats and other equipping conferences.
- **Disciple** – A disciple according to John 8:31 is any one who abides in the teachings of Jesus. In CDM, we admonish that every one of our disciples should go through the entire graded CDM discipleship teachings and must be capable of teaching another person or persons as Jesus commands in Matthew 28:19-20.
- **Discipler** – A discipler in CDM circles is a person who meets a committed team of believers or a believer regularly to teach them the word of God in a systematic format as it is graded in the CDM discipleship syllabus.
- **GHAFES** – Ghana Fellowship of Evangelical Students
- **UHAS** – University of Health and Allied Sciences
- **CMF** – Christian Medical Fellowship



Updates from September

Apart from a few discipleship and supervisory meetings in the Volta Region, the team's engagements at the CDM Hohoe, Sogakope, Ephrata and Lome Bible Colleges took a greater chunk of the month's schedule.



Dela with Mama Mary Kattah's disciples at Yevuyiborkope

However our Brother Eli and his Benin team had more meeting times. In the same month, he also started a new group of disciples, pupils from one of the main line disciple's school. Though Eli himself confesses, *"it's difficult teaching junior youth"*, it comes us as a tremendous development in a land such as Benin with its ministry challenges.

Even more refreshing to us is the news of mobilization efforts going on in pursuit of a CDM Bible School in Benin. As of now, the team has contacted *thirteen (13) brethren* who are upbeat for a CDM training in Benin.





Above is a cross section of Eli Hodzi's junior youth disciples in Benin

Updates from October

Though there were many other discipleship works in the Timothy team in the month of October, we'll like to feature especially the GHAFES meetings and the "Timothy Team Encounter with the Holy Spirit".

CDM – GHAFES Volta Discipleship Groups

CDM Ghana secured a partnership deal with GHAFES to disciple all its students across all the university campuses in the country, and being a part of the CDM family, the Timothy Team was given the mandate to work directly on the GHAFES students in Volta Region – specifically Ho and Hohoe.

Our team members, Majeste Kouame and Annette Omaboe were directly assigned to work on the Ho and Hohoe GHAFES members respectively.

Ho-Technical University

Out of a total of about thirty expected members, fifteen attended the first meeting. Subsequently, it has been a big hurdle getting the students for discipleship. Their scheduled meeting days are packed with many other fellowship programs at the expense of the discipleship program. After the first meeting in the early days of October, Dr. Majeste Koame has only been successful meeting the HTU brethren



once for 30minutes.



Our first GHAFES-HTU Campus meeting

With examinations starting soon, discipleship may struggle even more until next semester.

UHAS/CMF, Ho

The UHAS and CMF joint meetings have been more impressive, says Majeste. There is a stable turn up of about fifteen (15) students at each meeting. However, within the fifteen, there are always new faces to make up the number. He however admits that about seven (7) out of the total number are consistent, showing up at all the meetings. They have completed “*Disciplemaking*” and due to start “*New Birth*”.





UHAS – Hohoe



Being a new ground, UHAS-Hohoe discipleship is a start-up initiative for both GHAFES and CDM. There were seven (7) students at the first meeting but the numbers have obviously dwindled to five (5), or less on some days. However, it is evident that the disciples are getting on well with Annette’s teachings. They are still warming up at the “preliminary stages”.



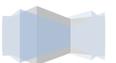
Encounter with the Holy Spirit

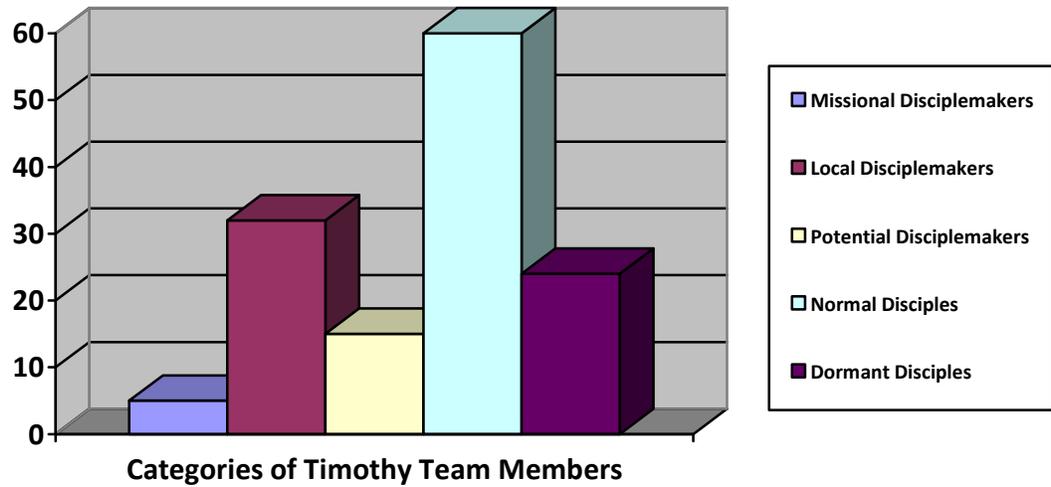
After two years of working together as a team in the Volta region of Ghana, Togo and now Benin, we have come to learn certain strategies the hard way. One of these is the need for intensive prayer and leadership of the Holy Spirit in discipling. Though we have been praying, the fervency had been a little challenging since we could hardly come together except during our main CDM retreats which come off in Accra twice in a year.

▪ *The need for a Timothy Team Encounter with the Holy Spirit*

A critical look at our membership revealed that:

1. Out of the *One hundred and thirty six (136)* members, **only five (5)** whom we designated the **missional disciplers** were available to tour the rest of the disciples to strengthen them regularly.
2. Then again, out of the one hundred and thirty six (136), only **thirty two (32)** were actively involved in discipling at their various locations. This category of people we designated the **local disciplers**. This group, as critical as they are, only occupy *23.53% of our total population*.
3. Another team of **fifteen (15)**, that *is 11%* of our population, who are passionate about discipling but had no disciples to their credit are also worth noting. This group, we called **the potential disciplers**.
4. Now, what caught our attention even more is that a greater proportion of our disciples, that is **sixty (60) disciples**, constituting about forty four percent (**44%**) of our population are very active at meetings but have no disciples though they have been with us long enough to start reproducing. This group, we designated the **normal disciples**.
5. Finally, we also realized that a number of our own were losing interest in the training, some came once a while, others had travelled outside of town or country and still others were busy with academic work. **Twenty four** of this kind were seen in our records, constituting **17.65%** of our population. This category we called the *dormant disciples*.





Diagrammatic expression of team member categories

Based on the above statistics, we decided to engage the members in an intensive prayer festival at zonal levels to *awaken the sleeping giant in our fallen soldiers*. Two of these programs were organized, one in Sogakope for the lower Volta zone and another in Hohoe for the upper volta zone – below are details of the events, dubbed – **“Timothy Team Encounter with the Holy Spirit”** or **“Encounter”** for short.

Lower Volta Encounter at Sogakope

One of our members, Prophet Jonas Dunyo, hosted the Lower Volta edition of the Encounter. Himself, being the overseer of a church, “Mighty Intervention Ministries”, the organization of our one-day prayer festival had no hitches at all.



Attendees at Encounter 2018, Sogakope



A total of **thirty five (35)** disciples came from Lome-Togo, Ho, Anloga, Vume and Sogakope township. In addition to fifteen other members of *Mighty intervention Ministries*, we had a rounded figure of fifty (50) participants for our prayer, intercession and ministration time. Beginning at 8am with prayers, the program lasted till 4pm after receiving the prophetic ministry of Dr. Majeste Kouame, who spoke on the theme, “Being filled with the Spirit”. We had a fast breaking meal, after which each disciple departed for their various destinations.

It was an all francophone affair as Mama Christine Nove interprets Majeste’s sermon from English to Ewe.



Prophetic ministration session

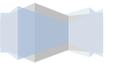
Upper Volta Encounter at Hohoe

Under the organizational intelligence of Annette Omaboe, Mrs. Patricia Brempong, Pastor Samuel Gedzeve and Evangelist Jeremiah Brempong, the upper Volta edition of the Encounter was simply “Spirit filled”, though we struggled with our musical team.

The Hohoe Encounter was a two day meeting, starting on Friday evening and ending on Saturday afternoon. Disciples came all the way from Nkwanta, Ashiabre, Okanease, Breweniase, Jasikan, Anfoegah, Likpe and Hohoe



Prophetic Ministration session at Hohoe Encounter





township – *exactly thirty five (35) disciples* were in attendance, making it easier for the guest preacher to minister to all present.

Apart from the organizing team, who wished they had done better, all other participants were filled with encouraging testimonies of the Lord’s visitation over the two-day encounter with the Spirit of God.

The brethren enjoying their meals together after the program.



Evangelist Seth Kunkpe and his disciple, Reuben Adekplorvi feasting at the Hohoe Encounter

Going forward

- *Yearly Zonal Prayer Festival (Encounter with the Holy Spirit)*

After the **Encounter**, response from the entire team supported a yearly prayer festival as of “Encounter”. But due to the deplorable nature of the roads linking Nkwanta area and Hohoe, we decided to split the northern part of Volta further into two zones (*for Timothy Team’s purposes*), namely:

- a. Mid-Volta – which will cover all of Hohoe area up to and including Jasikan and Kedjebi
- b. Upper-Volta – which will now cover all of Nkwanta, Breweniase, Kpasa and Dambai areas.

By this arrangement, disciples will not have to spend so much money commuting to Hohoe for our yearly *Encounter*.

- *Vision 10-19*

Vision 10-19 is a call to action – a desperate action to finish all Timothy Team discipleship initiatives in Volta Region, Togo and Benin latest by **October, 2019**.

As part of the strategies to accomplish this vision, we'll try our best to:

- a. Raise more **missional disciplemakers** – that is, disciplemakers who are ready to move outside their comfort zones.
- b. Train more **local disciplemakers** – that is, those who are able to raise other disciples from within their localities.
- c. Organize monthly training and leadership workshops, dubbed "*Discipleship Boot Camps*" for **our missional and local disciplemakers**, besides our small group discipleship meetings.
- d. And most importantly, pray more.

- *Discipleship Boot Camps*

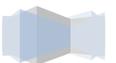
Ideally, all discipleship classes in the CDM family are supposed to be meeting at least once in a week, but due to the wide expanse of our coverage as a team, at our best, we are only able to meet our disciples per location once in a month.

By this strategy, *it will take the team four years, four months* to complete the training which should be completed in a year.

We decided therefore to engage the **local disciplemakers** and the **potential disciplemakers** for a more intensive training to complement the small group discipleship meetings in order that these category of members, having been well trained, could assist us in training the rest, thereby reducing our workload and the completion period of our trainings.

The *discipleship boot camp* is therefore an intensive training session for our reproducing team of disciplemakers. These boot camps will be piloted at five locations this November and December, namely:

- Sogakope – for the lower Volta team
- Hohoe – for the mid-Volta team
- Nkwanta – for the upper Volta team
- Lome – for the Togolese team and
- Nungua – for the remaining Accra disciples



End of September – October Financial Report – Please find below our statement of income and expenditure for the two previous months.

October 2018 Financial Report				
Cash-Inflow				
Contributors		Remark	Amount (GHC)	
	Mighty Intervention Ministries		100	
	Mrs. Georgina Mensah	<i>for Anfoega work</i>	500	
	Oscar Gokah		200	
	Solomon Akowuah		200	
	TT1002		30	
	TT1011		50	
	TT1015		10	
	TT1016		20	
	TT1017		500	
	Two-man Joint Contribution		250	
Total Contribution for October 2018 Discipleship				1860
Cash-Outflow				
Date	Activity	Disciplers on the move	Cost per Person (GHC)	Total (GHC)
6th Oct.	Sogakope Encounter			350
Volta North Discipleship - 1st Tour (7th -14th Oct)				
7th Oct.	Hohoe Based Group - 5pm	Eli HODZI and Dela	30	60
8th Oct	Okanease group - 2pm		23	46
9th Oct	Ashiabre Group - 11am		27	54
Feeding at Sogakope				22
10th Oct	Breweniase Group - 10am		6	12
11th Oct	Return to Hohoe		17	34
12th -13th Oct	Food	Encounter 2018, Hohoe edition		250
	Venue			60
	Banana for breaking Fast (35 disc)			25
	Errands			16
	Mattresses Hired			61
	Extra Water			4
Eli Hodzi				200
Volta North Discipleship - 2nd Tour (15h - 19thOct)				
15th Oct	Okanease group - 2pm	Ps. Samuel Gedzeve and Eli Hodzi	23	46
16th Oct	Ashiabre Group - 11am		27	54
17th Oct	Breweniase Group - 10am		6	12
	Nkwanta Group - 2pm		6	12
18th Oct	Kri, Pawa and another		15	30
19th Oct	Breweniase Group - 10am		6	12
	Nkwanta Group - 2pm		6	12
	Return to Hohoe		17	34
Feeding per discipler on the move				50



<i>Cash-Outflow</i>				
Day, Date	Activity	Disciplers on the move	Cost per Person (GHC)	Total (GHC)
<i>Eli's Return Trip to Togo</i>				
	Transport to Lome from Hohoe	Eli HODZI	50	50
	Medicine		15	15
<i>Anfoega trip</i>	Feeding for the team	Ps. Sam	15	15
	Transport		35	35
<i>Lower Volta Discipleship (18th - 21st October)</i>				
18th Oct	<i>Sogakope Group 1 - 10am</i>	Dela		
	<i>Zico teachers group, Anloga - 3pm</i>		22	22
	<i>Sogakope Group 2 - 7pm</i>			
19th Oct	<i>Mafi Kumase Team - 9am</i>		22	22
	<i>Ephrata Group - 3pm</i>		30	30
20th Oct	<i>Ho Based Group - 10am</i>		35	35
21st Oct	End of trip (report) meeting with Apostle JFK - Accra		27	27
	Medicines for Dela		40	40
	Feeding at Lower Volta		63	63
<i>Total Expenditure for October 2018 Discipleship</i>			<i>GHC</i>	<i>1860</i>

Note: Contributing Timothy Team members are identified by unique IDs.

Conclusion

Thank you very much for reading.

Do pray with us, as we endeavor with the entire CDM family to *reproduce Christlike disciplers*.

God bless you!!

